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Fri. & Sat.:

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sun.: Closed

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Memorial Day Weekend

Sat.-Mon. May 26-28;

Independence Day

Wed. July 4



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NEWSLETTER OF
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A Message from the Director

By Rebecca Boslian

Welcome to Spring/Summer Trimester! We're taking advantage of the time we have before Fall Trimester to enhance library service. We hope you'll like the way the library is changing. We are trying to bring together services to make it easier to get assistance when it's needed, and we're trying to provide some additional quiet study areas away from the activity and business areas of the library. We've moved equip-

ment and furniture; we have new photocopiers, new reader printers and new laser printers.

Please give us feedback on how we're doing in providing you with the services you need. We have a survey at the circulation desk that can be picked up and filled out - it is also available on the library's Website (www.govst.edu/library/survey.htm). If you don't want to take the

couple of minutes of time it takes to fill out the survey, please use one of the comment cards available at the circulation desk, and drop it into the suggestion box. We carefully examine the comment cards and the survey responses to evaluate our services and are committed to continuously improving them. We want to know how we're doing, and we need your input to determine that.

E-Reserves and Faculty Services Pages

By Paul Blobaum

The University Library now offers faculty the option of having material digitized and placed on E-Reserves for access at anytime via the Internet. Your subject specialist will help you identify and select material, and will work with you to build your E-Reserve shelf using WebCT. More information is available from the Reserve page at <http://www.govst.edu/>

[library/reservematerials.html](http://www.govst.edu/library/reservematerials.html).

E-Reserves are very popular at other universities, and we hope that GSU faculty will also see how electronic resources can enhance the educational experience.

A new feature of the library's Website is a page that brings together all the ser-

vices that the library offers to GSU faculty. Additionally, we have new forms, so that you may request Interlibrary Loan articles, dissertations, and RUSH articles via the library Webpage!

Explore the Web page at <http://www.govst.edu/library/facultyservices.html>.

Questia

By Diane Dates Casey

Perhaps you have seen the ads circulating at GSU for a new Internet service called Questia. At the Questia Website (<http://www.questia.com>) the service is described as a supplement to an academic library's collection in the humanities and social sciences. As a result, students at a distance, either local or outside

the region, can access materials online. However, this service is not free; users must subscribe.

Before making a financial commitment, contact your program's library subject specialist to learn about the online resources that are already available to you online

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Not only does the GSU University Library offer electronic books, full-text journal articles and reference resources, but the library staff is ready to provide you with personalized assistance targeted for students at GSU.

Conference Highlights Challenges & Opportunities in the Information Age

by Nancy Shlaes

Thanks to a Professional Development Grant from the Alumni Association, I had the unique opportunity to attend the Special Libraries Association's (SLA) international conference, Global 2000 in Brighton, England. This was only the second such event in the last seven years and attracted more than 700 professionals from 56 nations. For a week in October in this south coast seaside town, delegates were treated to spectacular keynote addresses, insightful breakout sessions and an

exhibit hall loaded with the latest from the information industry.

The conference highlighted five major themes: collaboration, innovation, competitive intelligence, professional training, and global alliances. Each morning of the conference began with a session speaker who elaborated on one or more of these themes. The speakers were Dame Stephanie Shirley of the Information Technology Company, Yves-Michel Mart of the Business Intelli-

gence Company in Europe, and communications specialist Chantal Cuer. Following each speaker's address, conferees continued discussion by participating in strategy sharing sessions. During the afternoons, attendees chose from a variety of educational sessions focused on special librarianship, including digital library projects, intellectual property issues, networking and future global information challenges.

Among conference partici-

pants, 23 were Global 2000 Fellowship recipients whose conference attendance was subsidized by SLA. One recipient probably had more excitement than he bargained for. On his flight from Saudi Arabia, Muhammad Yaqub Chaudhary was a passenger on the Saudi Airline jet hijacked the Saturday prior to the conference. Thankfully, all passengers and crew members were unharmed; Mr. Chaudhary arrived at the conference safely.

New Biology and Criminal Justice Databases Available at GSU

By Ann Glascoff and Nancy Shlaes

You can now search in two new databases: BIOSIS Previews and Criminal Justice Periodicals Index (CJPI). Both were made available in January on the library's Web page at <http://www.govst.edu/library/acs.htm> and added to the library's already extensive list of online resources.

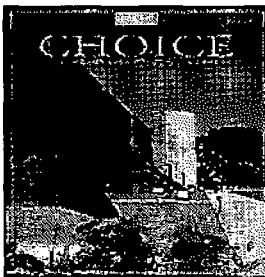
BIOSIS Previews replaces

the library's print subscription to Biological Abstracts and began coverage with January 2000. This database is the ultimate compendium for current life science information focusing on vital biological and medical research. BIOSIS not only contains abstracts to articles found in 5,500 scientific serials but is enhanced by including refer-

ences to meetings, books, and U.S. patents (1999 forward).

CJPI, like Criminal Justice Abstracts, indexes and abstracts more than 190 journals covering a broad range of criminal justice issues. In addition, however, CJPI provides complete coverage of full-text articles in 45 of its indexed

journals, making this the first place to go for full-text articles on criminal justice. Titles in CJPI focus on both practical and theoretical issues in crime, criminology, etc. The online full-text coverage of journals in CJPI both augments our print collection and enables us to replace print journals with their online versions.



GSU Library was recently selected for the April 2001 cover of CHOICE Magazine.

CHOICE is a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries and is recognized as an essential tool for collection development in academic settings.

Library Online Guide Has it All

By Colleen Waltman

In an effort to assemble as many library resources in one place as possible, the GSU library faculty and staff worked hard to develop an online guide, available through the GSU library menu; the address is <http://www.govst.edu/library/onlineguide.htm>.

This guide not only provides access to the myriad of online resources available through the library, but also gives information and instruction about using these resources. While intended primarily for distance education students, the guide should be useful to all GSU faculty, students and staff. Additionally, this guide includes an instrument to assess its usefulness, as well as a link to a survey for distance education students.

Writing a Research Paper: Virtual Resources

By Diane Dates Casey

Scan the left sidebar on the Library Main Menu Website to unearth a real gem – Writing a Research Paper (<http://www.govst.edu/library/researchpaper.html>). From this Web document you are a click away from a treasure house of information that will help in writing a research paper.

A link to the subject specialists' list enables you to contact the information specialist for your program to assist with your library research. Under Writing Assistance you find a link to GROWL – Governors State Regional

Online Writing Lab (<http://www.govst.edu/users/gsas/owl/>), where you can submit papers online for suggestions on improving the thesis, organization or structure.

Need examples of citations in your favorite style? It's here along with links to grammar sites, dictionaries, thesauri, and encyclopedia. Among those sites is the *Oxford English Dictionary*, as well as *Encyclopedia Britannica*. For a virtual reference shelf that would be the envy of any student, try Writing a Research Paper.

Do You Mean You've Never Heard of Us?

By Que Owens

What is the Acquisitions Department? In the simplest terms, we acquire resources needed for the library collection. These resources include books, videos, software, kits, tests, and music CD's. In order to acquire these resources acquisitions staff members — Que Owens (Department Head), C. Amy Smith, Joanne Fields-Daley, Jamie Weeks, and Laura Gu — conduct extensive bibliographic searches, as well as maintain a close professional relationship with hundreds of vendors, publishers and producers. Fortunately, this department is full of individuals trained in attending to every detail. At the first sign of discrepancies, our department head is promptly notified and

takes the necessary steps to clear up the situation.

Our department is also responsible for receiving and processing all donations. The items not added to the collection are placed in the annual library book sale, a big event for our department, because we get to mingle with the GSU community. The book sale is also the GSU community's chance to see that there is life beyond the Reference and Circulation Departments in the library. While it is true that we are tucked away in the back of the library, we are completely in tune with its needs. We are a small department, but have been fortunate to enjoy the enthusiasm of student workers and volunteers.

Ten New Book Titles

By Helen Benos

HISTORICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NURSING

Mary Ellen Snodgrass

REF. RT31.S661999

CRIMINALISTICS

An Introduction to Forensic Science

Richard Saferstein

HV8073.S22001

STALKING, HARASSMENT, AND MURDER IN THE WORKPLACE:

Guidelines for Protection and Prevention

Bernadette Schell

HV6594.S342000

THE UNCERTAIN MIND

Individual Differences in Facing the Unknown

Richard M. Sorrentino

BF697.S6742000

STEALING TIME

The New Science of Aging

Fred Warschofsky

QP86W371999

INTERPRETING WEIGHT

The Social Management of Fatness and Thinness

Jeffery Sobal

RA645.O231551999

THE DIGITAL DILEMMA

Intellectual Property in the Information Age

National Research Council

KF2979D542000

LIVING YOUR DREAMS

Gayle Delaney

BF1091.D381996

SOBERING TALES

Narratives of Alcoholism and Recovery

Edmund B. O'Reilly

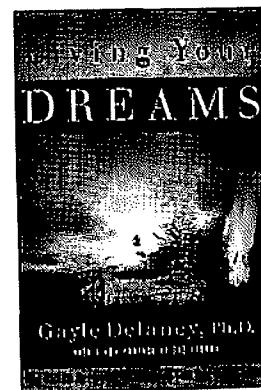
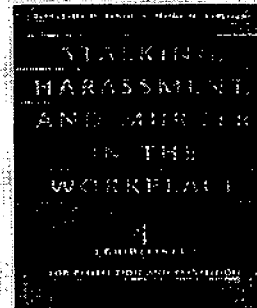
HV5279.O761997

SHAMANISM

The Neural Ecology of Consciousness and Healing

Michael Winkelman

RZ401.W562000



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www.govst.edu/library

More Favorite Websites

by Mari Ellen Leverence

#1 www.strongwomen.com/ Learn about weight training benefits. Increase bone density while toning your muscles. Contains animated exercises and a FAQ section.

#2 www.adoption.com/ Search this Reunion Registry to attempt finding lost birth relatives. Join the chat room. Check new laws on adoption and find information on the adoption process.

#3 www.pamsmith.com This Website offers multiple tips on healthy living and good nutrition from energy coach Pam Smith. This is the leading nutritionist's "living well" site.

#4 www.monster.com Are you a new college graduate looking for that first job or maybe just for summer employment? Check this site for great information on getting the right job and choose from 500,000 job postings. A resume zapper will send your vita to thousands of prospective employers.

#6 thesimpsons.com/ Do you love the Simpsons? Did you know it is the longest running television series—not just the longest running cartoon on television? Check out this interactive site with discussion of the episodes and your favorite characters.

#7 www.expedia.com Just in time for Spring break and summer vacation planning. Try this for recommended hot spots to visit. Get the flight plans set, find your cheapest rates, peruse cruise packages, etc.

#8 www.nationalgeographic.com This site contains amazing photography and is full of information about different peoples, cultures, and issues from all around the world. Brought to you by National Geographic Inc.

#9 www.homefair.com Want to see the varying cost of living for many cities in the United States? Check this national salary calculator before you move to that new job—be sure your new salary will cover the standard of living before you relocate.

#10 www.americanheart.org The American Heart Association offers much information about heart disease. Take the heart risk assessment quiz. Read all about the low-salt cookbook and dietary recommendations.

Contesting Apartheid by Donald Culverson: A Review By Ann Glascoff

Donald Culverson, university professor of Political and Justice Studies since 1998, is the author of *Contesting Apartheid: U.S. Activism, 1960-1987*, which was published in 1999 by Westview Press.

His book focuses on the involvement of activists in the U.S. who worked on organizing opposition to the apartheid policy in South Africa. Using organizational records of the American Committee on Africa (ACOA) and the Washington Office on Africa (WOA), as well as private papers of Prexy Nesbitt, Culverson describes political events in the governments of the U.S. and South Africa during the time period covered. He notes how the spread of protest activity increasingly influenced U.S. business and government dealings with South Africa, particularly in the area of divestment.

The events covered by the book are arranged into nine chapters. Culverson explains anti-apartheid activism in terms of social movement theory, which he calls revised political press theory. He sees activism's effectiveness as "derived from an expanding structure of political opportunity" in the context of changing international configurations of power. The book is illustrated with photos and will be of interest to students and scholars studying the history of apartheid.

Featuring Faculty Authors

by Mari Ellen Leverence

Congratulations to Dr. Mercedes Herrera Graf, professor of Psychology, who has worked at GSU for the last ten years. She has many publications about women in American history who have served in wartime. Recently, Graf's book, *A Woman of Honor: Dr. Mary E. Walker and the Civil War*, was published by Thomas Publications in Gettysburg, Penn. In this book she chronicles Dr. Walker's life as a medical doctor during the Civil War. Moreover, she is the only woman who has even been awarded the Medal of Honor for valor during war.

Because of her book, Dr. Graf was invited to appear on The History Channel as the resident expert on Dr. Mary E. Walker during the filming of a feature presentation for television. Can't wait to see it!

Courses Enriched with Library Services

By Nancy Shlaes

Need help teaching and/or developing the information and technology components of your program's writing or WebCT course? Or do you simply want to enhance your class with library instruction, assignments, or electronic reserves? Visit <http://www.govst.edu/library/libfacservices.html> and check out the different ways to integrate the library into your course. The subject specialist assigned to your program is dedicated to working with you to provide the best library services and resources possible. To further investigate what the library can do for you and your students, contact your library subject specialist (<http://www.govst.edu/library/subject.html>).