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NECROLOGY

Paul Mercer Cousins, Jr., 1931-2005

Longtime Emory University Librarian, Paul Mercer Cousins, Jr., died on Dec. 12, 2005, at his home in Decatur, GA, of complications of multiple myeloma at the age of 72. Following graduation from Emory in 1953, Mr. Cousins entered the U.S. Navy for two years. He then taught English at the Darlington School for two years before returning to Emory where he earned a Master of Librarianship in 1958. After a one-year stint as a reference librarian at Hampton-Sydney College in Virginia, Mr. Cousins returned to Emory in 1960 for the next 32 years, retiring in 1992 after serving in a variety of high-level positions for the Emory Libraries in serials, circulation and administration.

Paul Cousins help usher Emory University's libraries into the modern age. During his career at Emory, he coordinated efforts to apply new machine techniques to library operations by developing the first punch card automated system for acquisitions and was involved in the move to an online catalog at Emory. He also planned the move of the collections and operations from the original Candler Library to the new Woodruff Library in 1969, a building which he helped design. His positions included Associate University Librarian, Assistant Director of Libraries (serving for one year as Acting Director), Associate Director of Libraries, and finally, Director of Fiscal and Administrative Services.

"Paul was dedicated to Emory, extraordinarily knowledgeable about every aspect of Emory libraries, well known and respected across campus, patient and good humored always, a gracious and generous person, a person whom everyone trusted and on whom we all depended for so much. All of us who knew him have such warm and treasured memories of him as colleague and friend. Paul loved baseball and travel and had enjoyed his retirement immensely, only slowing down a year or so ago because of illness," said Linda M. Matthews, Vice Provost and Director of Libraries at Emory.

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ARKANSAS

The board of the Arkansas Library Association held a retreat February 3 - 4 at the Ozark Folk

Center in Mt. View, Arkansas. In addition to regular association business, the board addressed the association's mission statement, worked on long-range goals and plans, and enjoyed social activities. Association president, Diane Hughes, is in charge of the retreat.

The Arkansas Library Paraprofessional (ALPS) will hold their annual conference May 17-18 in Little Rock. One of the highlights of the conference will be a visit to the Clinton Presidential Library. This year's scholarship fundraiser will be "The Perfect Purse Silent Auction."

FLORIDA

USF LIBRARIES TWO-MILLIONTH VOLUME EMPHASIZES SPANISH HERITAGE

As the University of South Florida prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary, the USF Libraries marks its own milestone: the addition of the two-millionth volume. Housed in USF Tampa Library's Special Collections department, the special edition of Miguel de Cervantes' *Don Quijote de la Mancha* was presented to USF President Judy Genshaft and Dean of USF Libraries, Derrie Perez, during a recent trip to Spain.

The two-volume work was commissioned by the provincial government of Asturias in Spain for the 400th anniversary of this popular classic novel and includes specially produced brilliantly colored plates and essays from contemporary Spanish authors. The President of Asturias, Vicente Alberto Álvarez Areces, presented the beautifully bound and illustrated volumes in honor of the collaboration between USF Libraries and the Fundación Archivo de Indianos and its Museo de la Emigracion located in Asturias. Former recipients of this work are the King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sophia of Spain and the Prince of Asturias.

The collaboration between USF Libraries and the Fundación Archivo de Indianos came about as a result of the Libraries' large collection of important documents and photographs relating to Spanish, and specifically Asturian, immigrants in Tampa. Ybor City and West Tampa were major destinations for emigrating Spaniards because of the establishment and rapid growth of the local

cigar industry. The Fundación and its Museo de la Emigración in Asturias have entered into a cooperative agreement with the university where archival materials pertaining to the immigration of Spaniards from Asturias to Tampa are shared among partners. More information about the partnership can be found at www.lib.usf.edu/spain.



Pictured Above: USF Library System Dean Derrie Perez and USF President Judy Genshaft accept *Don Quijote de la Mancha* from the President of Asturias, Spain, Vicente Alberto Álvarez Areces.

USF Tampa Library Celebrates USF's 50th Anniversary with "The First 50 Project"

In Celebration of USF's 50th Anniversary and the release of the coffee-table book, *University of South Florida: The First 50 Years*, the Tampa Library has created a series of educational, reflective and thought-provoking lobby displays for 2006.

A total of seven displays will highlight the university's growth since its inception in 1956. A complete listing of the display themes and installation dates can be found in the First 50 Project companion pamphlet.

The second display, *Growing Pains* will be viewable through March. It depicts images that show the university saw some of its greatest

growth during troubled times. As concerned citizens, students often made their opinions known through activism, awareness campaigns, and protests. The so-called "Shorts Riots" began the tradition of activism, which grew during the Vietnam War and renewed itself as issues arose, such as apartheid and cuts to education spending.

As a part of the First 50 Project, the library partnered with the USF Bookstore to produce a collector's set of bookmarks to coincide with the display themes. As each theme is introduced, a new bookmark will be made available at the USF Tampa Library and the USF Bookstore. Quantities are limited.

To keep up with changes and view portions of the displays, visit the First 50 Project website, www.lib.usf.edu/First50.

Andy Huse, a Special Collections' Librarian who worked on researching USF's history alongside Mark Greenberg for the 50th anniversary book, played a major role in developing the project. The photos and artifacts he selected offer a glimpse into USF's past to compliment the book.

USF Libraries Key in New Karst Initiative

The USF Tampa Library is partnering with the USF Karst Research Group and 18 other organizations around the world to develop the Karst Information Portal. This portal will act as a web-accessible, open-access, global link between researchers, teachers, government agencies, and members of the public with current research concerning karst geology. The goal is to support a virtual scholarly community that will advance karst research, facilitate informed decision-making, and develop future research agendas.

What is karst and why is this project important?
The word "karst" refers to an area of irregular limestone in which erosion has produced fissures, sinkholes, underground streams, and caverns. As residents of Florida, this research is especially important as much of the area under our state consists of karst geology that houses the Florida aquifer and provides much of our drinking water. What you may not realize is that karst formations occupy approximately 10 percent of the Earth's landmass and are home to 25 percent of the world's population. The importance of these formations is due primarily to their sensitivity to environmental pressures that are compounded by the effects of globalization and their relationship to

issues of water quantity and quality. Forty percent of the entire world's groundwater drinking supply is inaccessible because of a lack of information about karst geology.

The 18 organizations developing the information portal, led by the National Cave and Karst Research Institute, the University of New Mexico University, and the University of South Florida, met on January 18-20 in Carlsbad, New Mexico to discuss the strategy and the implementation plan. USF Libraries Technology and Technical Services Director **Todd Chavez**, a founding and lead member of the project team, attended the meeting and will coordinate the Library's involvement in the project including services such as technology, cataloging, assessment, researcher access, digitization, copyright coordination/consultation, and GIS Services. This project promises to further our aim of achieving ARL quality collections through serving a unique interdisciplinary niche for researchers throughout the globe. To learn more, visit www.lib.usf.edu/KIP where Chavez has developed a website to track the process and progress of the project.

GEORGIA

Emory University's Special Collections and Archives Has a New Name—Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, or MARBL

In 1911 Emory acquired its very first collection of manuscripts, a collection of papers related to the Wesleyan Methodist Conference and to the cofounder of Methodism John Wesley. The gift of the Joel Chandler Harris collection in 1927 led to a corner room in Emory's original library, the Candler Library, being designated to house that collection of books and manuscripts of the Georgia-born author. A few years later, in 1940, the Special Collections Department was formed when the library acquired the Keith M. Read collection of Confederate books and manuscripts. Much has occurred since those modest beginnings; the Special Collections and Archives Division now holds more than a thousand distinct manuscript collections, well over 100,000 rare books in a wide range of fields, and operates in collaboration with the Emory University Archives. More than seven hundred researchers visit each year, often staying for days or weeks at a time.

Plans for the construction of a new building dedicated to housing and supporting the use of Emory's rare and unique research collections called for a new name that better reflects the nature of the collections and the range of work that the division supports. With these considerations in mind, the Vice Provost and Director of Libraries, Dr. Linda Matthews, is proud to announce that Special Collections and Archives will now be known as the Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library (MARBL, for short). The new email address is MARBL@emory.edu; the telephone number remains the same at 404-727-6887, and for the time being, the location remains on Level 10 of the Woodruff Library, 540 Asbury Circle, Atlanta, GA 30322.

Emory University Libraries Awarded Grant for Second Phase of Access to Major Irish Literary Archives

The Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library (MARBL) at Emory University, in partnership with University of Delaware; the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at University of Texas, Austin; Washington University in St. Louis; and Wake Forest University, has been awarded \$34,000 from the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation to support the second phase of the *Access to Major Irish Literary Archives Project*. During the first phase of the project and with the support of the Delmas Foundation, Emory and Boston College worked together to develop the Irish Literary Collections Portal (www.irishliterature.library.emory.edu). During the second phase, Emory will expand the portal with at least 41 additional finding aids, conduct a survey to identify and add to the portal key companion collections at smaller repositories, and disseminate the technical expertise and tools gained through the first phase of the project.

During the first phase of the *Access to Major Irish Literary Archives* project, Emory University and Boston College encoded 64 finding aids with Encoded Archival Description (EAD) which enabled researchers to access archival finding aids on the Web and to perform very precise searches within and among finding aids. These finding aids have helped scholars locate materials and discover connections among collections in different institutions. The portal created in Phase 1 has greatly increased access to these distinctive collections and has generated a high volume of visits from researchers who, for the first time, can search for relevant research materials across widely scattered research collections.

The project will use EAD and eXtensible Markup Language (XML) for encoding as well as other specialized tools such as Perl scripts. Emory is a

leading expert in Irish Literature and hosts one of the finest Irish literary archives in the world encompassing the Irish renaissance and many of Ireland's finest contemporary writers. Among its holdings, Emory has the letters, manuscripts, and related papers of W. B. Yeats and his circle, and the literary archives of Thomas Kinsella, Michael Longley, Derek Mahon, Paul Muldoon, and Edna O'Brien, as well as a significant collection of the correspondence of Seamus Heaney.

Susan Potts McDonald, Coordinator of the Arrangement and Description Unit, and Stephen Ennis, Director of MARBL, at Emory, will plan and provide oversight and consultation for the work. A half-time project archivist will be hired for one year to coordinate the second phase of the project. McDonald also will work closely with staff at the University of Delaware to train staff in the use of EAD and Perl scripts. With support from the proposed grant, the University of Delaware will hire a graduate student as a half-time project archivist to convert paper-based legacy findings into electronic format and encode them in EAD. Emory and its partners expect to complete the second phase of the project in one year. For more information, please see <http://irishliterature.library.emory.edu/doc-home>.

KENTUCKY

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

This year our Kentucky Public Library Association Legislative Committee, made up of 20 library directors statewide, has chosen as their theme, "Libraries Build Communities"

Over 2 million Kentuckians are registered at their local public libraries. Kentucky's libraries are trying to serve this large and geographically diverse population, but local resources are stretched to the maximum. Only 4 % of local library budgets come from the state while public schools receive 50.5% state support and our public postsecondary institutions receive 50%. In order to address the needs of library users across the state, it's critical that we have a greater investment from the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Each year the Legislative committee arranges a day in Frankfort at the capitol for librarians and library supporters to visit with their legislators in an effort to inform and rally for libraries and support the funding requests. This year Library Legislative Day was Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Kentucky's funding requests for 2006 Legislative Session are the following:

PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION FUND – creating a sense of place and a place to meet, learn and relax

Kentucky's public library facilities are 539,718 sq ft short of minimum standard and 78 of the existing buildings are over 20 years old. As major institutions for bringing communities together, libraries need more and better space to address an information driven economy and a bewildering array of educational, cultural and social challenges facing us. It would take nearly 95 million dollars just to address the minimum square foot standards shortfall. Using local government bonding capacity, we could accomplish 25% of this unmet need in the biennium. Request is *\$1 million in 2007 and an additional \$1 million in 2008.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT AND EQUALIZATION FUND - building resources and services for learning, earning and nurturing families

This program was established to assure quality and equity in contemporary library and information services to improve early childhood development; support lifelong learning opportunities; enhance economic development; enrich cultural resource opportunities for all Kentuckians; and, expand adult education and adult literacy programs. Although the statute became law in 2000, it has never been funded. Request is *\$6 million annually* to help local libraries provide the services listed above.

LIBRARY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND – educating professional staff for 21st century information services

Kentucky ranks 45th in the number of librarians with master's degree education. Nationally it is estimated that over 46% of librarians will retire by 2008. Clearly we need to be recruiting and educating new professional librarians for our state. To accomplish this, we are requesting a modest beginning of 10 scholarships in 2007 and 20 in 2008 at \$5,000 each in order to help Kentucky meet its growing need for a new and diverse professional library workforce. Request is *\$50,000 in 2007 and \$100,000 in 2008* to get this critical program started.

MOBILE AND VIRTUAL ACCESS – serving the information and knowledge needs of a geographically diverse population

Kentucky is still primarily a rural state and our people are spread over a broad geographic region. We need to restore funds used to continue our historic bookmobile program as well as the grants we give for access to resources in the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL). Request is \$275,000 annually to help overcome the problems of an aging bookmobile fleet. Of our 101 bookmobiles on the road today, six are over 17 years old and another 29 are between 10 and 16 years old. KYVL serves all Kentuckians, but it is a critical resource for teachers and students in our P-16 education programs. Request is \$111,100 annually to restore funding cut from that program.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2005 KLA/KSMA conference was held at the Galt House East in Louisville during September 14-17, 2005. The theme, *Study the Past, Experience the Present, See the Future @ Your Library*, was brought to life by the many fine poster sessions, presentations and general sessions that were offered. All of these were arranged or led by Kentucky public, school, academic and special librarians. Attendance was strong, with approximately 800 participants. The new KLA website allowed many participants to register online, a first for our association, and it was a process that went smoothly and bodes well for future conferences. The 2006 conference will be held September 27-30 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. The theme is *KLA Celebrates a Century of Change from Carnegie to Gates*.

MISSISSIPPI

HURRICANE KATRINA RESEARCH CENTER ESTABLISHED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

University of Southern Mississippi officials believe the school's newly established Hurricane Katrina Research Center will provide researchers and others with a definitive source for information about the worst natural disaster to hit the United States.

The Katrina Research Center will serve as a repository that collects, preserves and provides both physical and virtual access to documentary evidence related to Hurricane Katrina. Faculty and staff at the university are already working to build a comprehensive archive of research materials in a variety of formats, including photographs, oral

histories, architectural records, and storm and recovery video, among others. A formal announcement of the center's founding will be made in early 2006. The Katrina Research Center is actively seeking donations of the aforementioned items and others to house in the center, which will be located in University Libraries. "The Katrina Research Center offers the university a unique and extraordinary opportunity to both preserve artifacts and narratives associated with the storm and to give research faculty a conduit to share their Hurricane Katrina-related research with a broad audience," said Dr. David Butler, a Southern Miss assistant professor of economic development who is helping with the development of a business plan for the center.

The Katrina Research Center will also sponsor traveling exhibits and conferences, as well as provide researchers the opportunity to examine documentation that captures the event from a personal standpoint. It will also provide faculty and staff who may be developing research with a vital collection of resources. The storm's impact on Mississippi will be the primary focus of the center, although other information about Katrina's effects on the Gulf South will be available. Those interested in making contributions are asked to also consider donating such items as scientific data; government and planning documents; before-and-after (storm) photos; art; organizational records; literary works; sound recordings; Web site information, including message boards, Weblogs, etc.; journals or diaries; and printed items such as flyers or posters.

For more information, contact University Libraries at Southern Miss at 601.266.4241 or visit Katrinaresearchcenter@usm.edu

NORTH CAROLINA

NCSU Libraries Unveils Revolutionary Endeca-Powered Online Catalog

The NCSU Libraries announced today the first library deployment of a revolutionary new online catalog. Leveraging the advanced search and Guided Navigation® capabilities of the Endeca ProFind™ platform, the NCSU Libraries' new catalog, which is located at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/catalog/>, provides the speed and flexibility of popular online search engines while capitalizing on existing catalog

records. As a result, students, faculty, and researchers can now search and browse the NCSU Libraries' collection as quickly and easily as searching and browsing the Web, while taking advantage of rich content and cutting-edge capabilities that no Web search engine can match.

After submitting a search, users are presented with a list of matching results ranked by relevance and are offered several navigation refinement options based on characteristics of the materials in the results set. Navigation options include topic, author, genre, language, material type, format, and availability. Sorting options include publication date, title, author, call number, and popularity. To help users understand the navigation choices they have made, the application displays a "breadcrumb" of the refinements selected that allows backtracking and broadening of search results. Catalog users can also browse the entire collection by subject, without issuing a search at all, which is a feature that no other library catalog supports.

Endeca's approach to information retrieval mimics the human discovery process by integrating the two most common means of finding information online – searching and browsing – allowing people to continually adapt and hone their search based on their own determination of relevancy. The NCSU Libraries' new catalog allows users to browse their results along pre-defined facets with context-specific values automatically generated from the results set itself. These dynamic navigation schemes and search refinement options are made possible by the Endeca ProFind™ platform, which takes advantage of all of the relationships in the catalog data and how those relationships themselves relate to each other. Resembling what librarians call "faceted classification," this data-driven approach reflects the multiple ways any resource can be described, rather than its location in a rigid hierarchy of categories.

SOUTH CAROLINA

C-Span2 Book TV Tour



The C-Span2 BookTV bus visited the Hughes Main Library in downtown Greenville on January 11. Kindergarten students from Tigerville Elementary School learned about how BookTV shows are made from Scott Crosby with C-Span.

Greenville County Library System Receives Gates Foundation Grant

The Greenville County Library System is pleased to announce it is the recipient of a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The \$58,500 grant will pay for the replacement of 44 public use computers in seven library branches as well as the upgrade of public computer software.

The grant money is important because library users rely on more than 300 library system public computers for Internet access, database research, word processing, job searches, health research, small business research, email, and standardized test preparation. Many people use these free

computers because the library provides the only Internet access available to them. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant helps fund the update and replacement of computers that are used nearly every hour the library is open. For more information about the Greenville County Library System, visit www.greenvillelibrary.org and visit www.gatesfoundation.org for more information about the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

In addition, the Greenville County Library System was honored in the Best of the Beat, awards given

by a local weekly publication. The library was voted "Best Place to take the Kids (Rainy Day)."

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Legislative Day was held on **February 28**, See <http://www.tnla.org/> for further information.