



# LibraryNotes

For Harvard Library staff

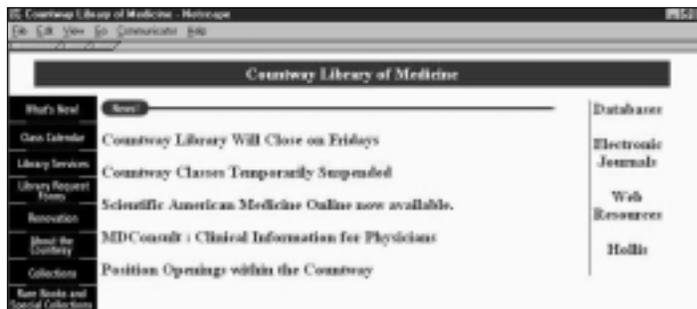
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## Clicking On Medicine

The Countway Library of Medicine's Web site is a comprehensive resource designed to meet the wide-ranging needs of today's physicians, researchers, and students of medicine, dentistry, and public health. The growing reliance on evidence-based medicine, the relative speed in which researchers contribute important new information, and the desire of health-care providers to be on the cutting edge of technology and treatment, all combine to make quick, easy access to the latest and best information a priority for the Library's constituency. For Countway Web-site users, help is often just a click away.

The site features links to the following pages: Electronic Journals, Databases, and Web Resources. From the Electronic Journals page, users have access to more than 240 titles, ranging from *Abdominal Imaging to Zeitschrift fur Kardiologie*. The Databases page offers an equally large number of selections. Some, such as CHID Online (The Combined Health Information Database) and Physician Data Query, are available directly, while others, such as Cancerlit and Bioethicsline, are available through provided search tools (in this case, OVID and PubMed, respectively). The Web Resources page,



The Countway Library of Medicine's Website can be found at: [www.countway.harvard.edu](http://www.countway.harvard.edu)

likewise offering a large and diverse number of selections, is organized into nine categories, including Basic Sciences; Grants, Writing, and Publishing; and Health Care and Society. Resources to be found here include the Health Care Financing Administration, the Harvard-MIT Data Center, the Global Emergency Medicine Archives, and BreastCancer.Net.

Two of the site's newest resources are MD Consult and Scientific American Medicine Online (SAM Online). MD Consult allows users to search, among other things, 36 medical textbooks, 46 clinical journals, practice

guidelines, patient information handouts, and drug information. SAM Online provides access to a medical textbook, covering a host of topics from cardiology to rheumatology.

While users and staff alike look forward to the completion early next year of the Library's renovation—a renovation that will position the Countway to meet the information challenges of the next century—there is no doubt that, by harnessing the promise of today's technology, the Countway Web site is already well ahead of the millennium curve.

## Geographic Information Services

The Harvard Map collection of the Harvard College Library was host to an open-house on GIS Day, November 19. A series of presentations were held to introduce people from across the Harvard community and beyond to Geographic Information System (GIS) applications in a number of different fields and to acquaint them with the various GIS services provided by the Harvard Map Collection. GIS specialists from across Harvard University were available and shared details on a variety of activities.

A GIS is a computer-based tool for mapping and analyzing objects and events. The system combines the power of a database with the visualization capabilities offered by maps. Used to solve problems in such areas as environmental protection, pollution,

health care, land use, natural resources, conservation, business efficiency, education, and social inequities, GIS provide a unifying framework for analyzing and understanding the world around us. Although geographic analysis and mapping are not new, a GIS performs these same tasks better and faster than manual methods.

Computer mapping is becoming more and more popular at the Harvard Map Collection as news about available resources and services spreads. GIS Services, which provides a selection of tools for the analysis of spatial data, is useful both to researchers using their own data and to those wanting to analyze existing information. Researchers from fields as diverse as Public Health, Education, and Law regularly consult the U.S. Census data CD-ROMs in

order to understand demographic trends. Recent projects with students have involved the analysis of election results in India, patterns of poverty and their correspondence with asthma rates in Roxbury, and elevations on the Peloponnesian Peninsula in Greece for historical reconstruction. The Harvard Map Collection is also involved in several ongoing development projects, including one of the first interactive online atlases in the country. Since 1996, the *Massachusetts Electronic Atlas* has been a popular destination for Internet surfers from around the world. Accessed by about five thousand users a month, the *Atlas* has a variety of data on Massachusetts that can be

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# Carolyn Fawcett, 1944–1999

Carolyn once described her work as “the cumulation of attention to myriad little details, hardly rocket science, but, over time, I think that the results are significant.” Many are the library users who delight in those significant results, whose scholarly lives are made easier and calmer because of Carolyn’s attention to the myriad little details.

It was somewhat improbable that Carolyn would find her career in Widener Library, just across the Yard from Radcliffe, where she received her B.A. degree in 1965. From Radcliffe, she went on to Florence as a Fulbright Fellow for two years, and from there she progressed to England, where she received her B.Phil. from Oxford University in 1969. Along the way, she also was named a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, but was not able to accept that award. Instead of returning to her native Washington, D.C., where she had been born on May 23, 1944, she tied her future to Widener and Harvard.

Her library science degree from Simmons College, supported by her experience, enthusiasm, and solid education, led to her appointment as Bibliographer of the History of Science in the University Library in 1970. Only three years later she became Selection Specialist in the College Library, rising rapidly to the position of General English Language Book Selector for all English-speaking countries. *All of them*. As one of the senior bibliographers in Widener, Carolyn mentored new staff and young graduate students alike.

Those who lined up at Carolyn’s desk for advice on numerous topics ranged from freshmen to Nobel Laureates, because all knew that Carolyn had the answers and would give them freely. No person was too minor for Carolyn; no question was too facile. Some years ago Barbara Halporn, Head of Collection Development, described Carolyn as “the key person in building the Widener collections. It can be said unequivocally that the library and the Harvard community would be much the poorer without her long and dedicated service.”

Carolyn’s friend and closest colleague, **Nat Bunker**, Warren Bibliographer for Americana, shared these memories:

“For almost thirty years, I worked with Carolyn in Collection Development. She was my partner and, most importantly, my friend. I marveled at the quantity of work she accomplished as she added to the library several hundred thousand books of interest to Harvard scholars and students. She also found time to review an endless succession of gift

books, to take on her share of massive library projects, and to pursue the time-consuming negotiations needed to acquire microfilmed copies of manuscripts and newspaper files requested by faculty and students.

Carolyn often referred to herself, with justifiable pride, as a ‘full service’ book selector. And no one who remembers her dashing to D-North to retrieve an uncatalogued book for a professor, or hurrying to the Harvard Bookstore to purchase an urgently needed book for a student or library colleague, will ever think of her as anything else. Carolyn would always stop whatever she was doing to answer a question, clarify a procedure, expedite a book order, or do whatever was necessary to satisfy the person seeking her help.

But Carolyn’s sense of ‘full service’ went far beyond collection building and other library matters. To all, she offered her friendship and understanding, and she tirelessly gave support to those of us who, in time of personal difficulty, needed her to hear our problems, to console us in our grief, and to lift our spirits with her wonderful humor. In the language of the day, Carolyn was always there.

And when she was there no more, it seemed to her friends as if some breakdown in the natural order of things had taken place, as if the sun had somehow failed to rise, so accustomed had we become to her constant presence in our lives. In shock, we could only pause to share with each other memories of her goodness, and to ask: Who will help me, listen to me, laugh with me now?”

**Bernard Bailyn**, Adams University Professor Emeritus, recalled Carolyn’s “perfect radar” and service to scholarship:

“Carolyn Fawcett went so far beyond her duties in a broad area of acquisitions that she became a colleague over the years on all sorts of problems of bibliography, availability of materials, searches, and the mobilization of library resources. She had some kind of perfect radar for knowing where everything was, should be, or would be, and she was efficient to a remarkable degree. Above all, she was fun to work with. For many years, I would insist, in view of some small item I had spent hours looking for, that Widener was simply an empty shell, a mere set of walls and shelves with nothing in it, to which she would respond by instantly, and apparently effortlessly, locating the thing, saying nothing, but raising an eyebrow. She was charming, always agreeable, and efficient beyond any expectation. For people doing research in any of the areas she handled so wonderfully well, the Harvard College Library will never be the same without her.”

Carolyn’s unflinching cheerfulness and commitment were legend, and were particularly appreciated by **Richard Thomas**, Professor of Greek and Latin, who worked closely with her:

“Widener, as we have all felt in the past days, will not be the same without Carolyn. Her cheerful presence, her incomparable critical judgment, and her uncompromising commitment to building and maintaining this great research collection—these are qualities that Widener, and Harvard, can ill afford to lose. And with the loss of Carolyn we have indeed lost much, on the human and personal level as on the professional. Carolyn knew that what she did mattered, she understood her place in the tradition that she inherited from the great Harvard librarians who have served, silently and outside the spotlight, in the mission of providing Harvard’s researchers, student and faculty alike, with the resource that has made this building the place in which we most hunger to spend our time. Widener will indeed not be the same, but there is comfort in another reflection: Widener would not be what it is today had we not been so blessed and privileged that this wonderful person chose to devote her life to our library. It remains for all of us, as we continue in our work in this special place for which Carolyn did so much, to keep her selfless example before us.”

Perhaps what touched people as much as Carolyn’s dedication to the library was her concern for people, expressed here in the words of **James Engell**, Professor of English and Comparative Literature:

“Carolyn cared about books, ideas, and people, and for her there was no priority among these, because they each implied and involved the others. All of them she advanced, fostered, and helped in the place that provided a roof for them all—Widener. Not only was her spirit ubiquitous, she herself seemed to be as well: in the stacks, at her desk, in the corridors, outside in the Yard, always working with books, ideas, and people, and making them—and the institution she loved—better, more intelligent, more complete, more humane. I felt privileged and lucky to be able to turn to her on matters of acquiring books or getting advice on which ones to acquire, on consulting about our departmental library, about improving the collection in British literature, culling and strengthening it. How one person could have had all those talents is hard to imagine. She did. To lose her is really a multiple loss. We, and even those who come after us years from now, shall always remain indebted to her.”

The way Carolyn worked, and the impact that she had on the collections, is illustrated by the comments of **Michael McCormick**, Professor of History:

“Carolyn Fawcett was a rock. Quiet, unobtrusive—until she perceived some threat to the collections—and solid to the core, she was utterly dedicated to making the Widener collection of British materials remarkable even to those of us who are privileged to use it daily. On this rock, scholars of this and successive generations will build with confidence and gratitude. They can be sure that they will have all that imaginative, resourceful, and searching scrutiny could discover and obtain. It is a tragedy for us all, and for those future scholars, that her years were not longer.”

Respect was something that Carolyn returned in kind. Her selfless approach engendered affection and helped launch careers, as recounted by **June Rutkowski**, Serial Records Librarian:

“My first job out of college was as a bibliographic assistant for Carolyn. I worked for her for nine years. During this period she gave me, and all of her assistants, encouragement and freedom to explore career options and enjoy our personal lives. She treated us with respect and easily won our affection and loyalty. She was a dear person and an exceptional role model: professionally, through her commitment to HCL’s collections and patrons; and personally, through her kindness, generosity, good humor, and integrity.”

**Mark Kishlansky**, Frank B. Baird, Jr., Professor of History and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, found in Carolyn a kind of librarian like none he had known before. “When I first met Carolyn Fawcett,” he writes, “she asked me what I was working on and how she could help. Both questions startled me. I had come from a university in which librarians and professors fought a cold war over shrinking budgets and competing priorities. Whatever the state of her budget, Carolyn always led me to believe that my priorities were hers. We had many conversations in her crowded work space about new media, which projects were worth purchasing, what should be rushed, and what waited for. She also took an interest in my students and was remarkably helpful to a number of them when microfilm purchases meant all the difference between a completed and a languishing dissertation. She was unfailingly helpful, kind, competent, cheerful, courteous, and professional. Indeed, if I had one word to apply, that would be it—unfailing.”



# Digital Acquisitions

One of the key aims of LDI is to provide expertise and technical assistance to libraries, archives, museums, and research projects involved in collecting or creating digital resources throughout the University. In providing access to electronic materials, libraries must negotiate specific rights and obligations with each publisher or information-provider. These contractual agreements ensure that the needs of the Harvard community are properly served. The Digital Acquisitions Coordinator, **Ivy Anderson**, serves as a resource to the Harvard community in the areas of licensing and electronic publishing. Working with the Digital Acquisitions Committee of the University Library Council, Ivy is available to negotiate license agreements with publishers for resources, and to review and consult with librarians on contracts that they individually negotiate.

To assist library staff in the negotiation and management of licenses, the Digital Acquisitions Committee recently drafted a document titled *Harvard University Library Guidelines for*

*Licensing Electronic Resources*. The document has been approved by the University Library Council and the Office of the General Counsel, and will be distributed broadly in January.

When an institution licenses electronic products or services, the vendor typically provides a proposed contract. The *Guidelines* stress the importance of librarians not signing such contracts without carefully reading them first, and also urges librarians to be ready to negotiate with vendors over objectionable or missing clauses. The latter is particularly important in today's environment, where the norms of electronic licensing are still being established.

The *Guidelines* highlight some of the key issues to be considered when a Harvard library licenses electronic information or services. The document then discusses these issues, suggests desirable provisions, and provides sample contract language. The document also includes strategies for license management. The *Guidelines* are not, however, intended to cover licensing comprehensively, nor does it obviate the need to get additional advice when appropriate. In such cases, librarians

are advised to consult the Coordinator for Digital Acquisitions or the additional sources of information whose contact information are described.

Licensing issues addressed include:

- Users—defining authorized users and preventing access by unauthorized users
- Uses—copyright and fair use, protection of databases, limits on use (e.g., reserve materials, patron location, and interlibrary loan), archiving, and perpetual-use rights
- Access Control—security, patron privacy, monitoring uses, and technical approaches to access control
- Warranties—performance, service availability, intellectual property rights, and content

Other topics addressed by *The Guidelines* include compliance with ADA requirements, statistics, treatment of click-wrap licenses, and appropriate use of the Harvard name.

For more information on the availability of *Harvard University Library Guidelines for Licensing Electronic Resources*, contact Ivy Anderson (ivy\_anderson@harvard.edu), or watch HULINFO for further details. The

*Guidelines* will be presented to the library community at the January Brown Bag Luncheon meeting, scheduled for January 13 in the Lamont Forum Room.

## MEMBERS OF THE DIGITAL ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE

- Jeffrey Horrell**,  
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Law School Library
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## HOLLIS Updates

### CHANGES IN TELNET AND DIAL-UP CONNECTIONS

The November 14 system upgrade ("OS/390") had a small but very visible effect on the behavior of remote connections to the HOLLIS Public Catalog system. Before the upgrade, a small piece of software called Simmware handled the selection of terminal type (emulation) in a process that was invisible to the user. Unfortunately, incompatibilities between OS/390 and Simmware forced the removal of that handy bit of software. Now, those who telnet to HOLLIS are presented with an initial screen:

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EZY4206I IF KEYBOARD IS
LOCKED USE CTRL-R TO
UNLOCK 17:44:58 ON 12/03/99
ENTER VT100, VT282, OR TTY
TO CONTINUE
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The user can just press Enter to proceed to the more familiar menu con-

taining HOLLIS. The first instruction in this new message was important in the first few days because, depending on the telnet client, the keyboard might lock after each enter, or after a PF key was depressed. That problem has since been fixed, but it may be useful to continue to remind users how to free their keyboards, should they lock.

Dial-up connections to HOLLIS have been similarly affected. However, the dial-up user of HOLLIS must manually select a terminal type at the "ENTER VT100, VT282, OR TTY TO CONTINUE" prompt in order to proceed.

In early December, OIS will incorporate these changes and reissue HOLLIS network and dial-up connection instructions.

### HOLLIS VENDORS AND PAYMENTS

The new Accounts Payable system implemented in July has had significant impacts on maintenance of vendor

information in HOLLIS and the timeliness of payments to vendors. What follows is a description of the new Web-based vendor change-request process and a status report on payments to vendors. If you have questions, contact Julie Wetherill or Tracey Robinson in OIS.

### NEW VENDOR REQUEST FORMS

The setup of vendors in HOLLIS and in Oracle is a much more complex task than in the past. To facilitate this process, all vendor change requests must now be submitted using Web-based forms available from the OIS Web site. The vendor setup section of the site offers a form and instructions to request setup of a new vendor, changes to an existing vendor, and assignment of an APSITE number for a HOLLIS vendor. All requests are processed by staff in Widener Book Accounts. If you have questions about

these requests, contact Book Accounts (bookacc@fas.harvard.edu)

### STATUS OF PAYMENTS TO VENDORS

The University now requires that full business and tax information be on file before corporate vendors are paid. The instrument used to collect this information is a detailed vendor-registration form that each vendor must fill out and return to the AP office. (An Acrobat PDF version of this registration form is available from the Adapt ABLE Web site.) The process to collect this information began before the July transition to new AP processing, but to date there are vendors (both domestic and foreign) for which critical information is lacking. In these cases, AP puts payments on hold until the information arrives.

There are increasing reports from the libraries of vendor non-payment.

# Personnel

## THE COUNTWAY LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

**Marion E. Hampton** has been appointed Collections Maintenance Librarian. Among other things, Marion is responsible for the shelving and maintenance of over 46,000 items per month from the Library's collection. Marion has a B.A. from Wayne State University, an M.P.A. from Eastern Michigan University, an M.L.S. from the University of Michigan, and, most recently, a J.D. from Rutgers University. Before law school, she was the Director of Technical Information Services at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. She has also been an Assistant Director for Administrative Services at Texas Tech University and an Assistant Professor of Learning Resources and Technology at Eastern Michigan University.

**Susan P. Lieberthal** is the new Document Delivery Librarian. Susan oversees the Document Delivery department, which consists of four staff members and which processes over 36,000 transactions per year. Susan has a B.A. from Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, South Africa, and an M.S.L.I.S. from Simmons College. Previously, she was the Reference Librarian at the Boston law firm of Mintz, Levin. She has also worked as the Associate Director of the Learning Resource Center at Mount Ida College and as a Cataloger at Simmons College.

## THE FRANCES LOEB LIBRARY

**Leslie Johnston** has been appointed Head of Instructional Technology and Library Information Systems. In this position, Leslie manages all information

systems for the Library, coordinates the development of applications for the Library's digital information and archiving initiatives, develops digital Library collection resources for use in classroom teaching, and oversees system support and maintenance. Leslie has two degrees from UCLA, a B.A. in Anthropology and an M.A. in Archaeology. She served on the board of directors of the Museum Computer Network from 1992 to 1999, was that organization's president from 1996 to 1997, and is currently editor of their online newsletter, *eSpectra*. Before coming to GSD, Leslie was the Academic Technology Specialist for Art in Academic Computing for the Stanford University Libraries. She has also worked at the Historic New Orleans Collection and at the Getty Research Institute. Leslie is a member of MCN, VRA, and ASIS.

**Ursula Scholz**, Evening and Weekend Supervisor & Reference Assistant, has accepted a position as Interlibrary Loan Librarian at Loyola University, in Chicago. Ursula will be greatly missed by the Library.

## HARVARD DEPOSITORY

**Sean Keegan**, **Rachael Lane**, **Lisa Ledoux**, and **Donald McKinney** are new Temporary Depository Operations Specialists, responsible for, among other things, sizing, sorting, counting, and scanning new items into the Depository database, as well as retrieving, sorting, and refiling circulating items. Sean has a B.A. in English from Framingham State College and an M.A. in Liberal Arts from Mass Bay

Community College. Previously Sean has worked for R.H. Long Motors, and Peapod Inc., both of Framingham, as well as for the Joseph Malone for State Treasurer Campaign Team. Rachael graduated magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College, where she earned a B.A. in English. Rachael worked her summer vacations from Mount Holyoke at the Depository, and has also worked for the McGraw Hill Companies, in Boston, and Mt. Ivy Press, in Newton. Lisa attended Plymouth State College, the Community College of Rhode Island, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Before coming to the Depository, where she worked one college summer, Lisa taught preschoolers in Bellingham. Donald has worked for the James Ferrera Co., in Canton, Star Fisheries, in Tempe, Arizona, and Bristol Farms, in Rolling Hills Estates, California, among others.

## UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

**Patrick Lynch** is the new Records Management Assistant. Patrick's duties and responsibilities include accessioning archival records, assisting the Records Center Coordinator, and maintaining RMO databases. Patrick has a B.A. in English from Eastern Connecticut State University. He previously worked as a publicist for Rounder Records, in Cambridge.

## OFFICE FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS

**Patricia Hatch** was recently appointed Training & Documentation Specialist. In this job Patricia designs and delivers training for library staff in the use of

automated systems developed and maintained by OIS; she also provides ongoing service and support to staff using said systems, as well as develops and maintains user documentation, including reference manuals and guides. Patricia earned a B.A. in Public Administration at Suffolk University, and an M.S.L.S. at Simmons College. A former Serials Assistant at the Law School Library, Patricia has also worked as a librarian at Emanuel College and, most recently, at the Institute for Business & Home Safety, in Boston.

**Maureen Drisceóil** is a new HOLLIS Programmer Analyst, responsible for providing systems development, programming, and technical support for HOLLIS, as well as systems analysis, testing and debugging, implementation, and ongoing support. Maureen has a B.S. in Management Information Systems from Northeastern University, and an M.A. in English from the University of Massachusetts at Boston. Before coming to Harvard, Maureen was a Systems Analyst for MODIS Inc., in Burlington; she has also been a Systems Analyst and a Senior Programmer for NYNEX, in Boston.

## BOTANY SERVICES

**Steven Riel** has been appointed Technical Services Librarian in the Botany Libraries. Steven previously worked as Senior Serials Cataloger in HUL's CONSER Office.

# Notes and Comment

• *Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony*, the new documentary film by Ken Burns, which recently aired on public television stations around the country and which also features several images from the Schlesinger Library's collection, was previewed at the Schlesinger Library on October 18. Following a lively discussion with Burns led by Professor **Lizabeth Cohen**, Howard Mumford Jones Professor of American Studies, and Susan Ware, Editor of *Notable American Women*, the audience adjourned for a reception and to view the exhibition of original suffrage manuscripts, memorabilia, and posters.

• On October 24, **Ruth Edmonds Hill**, Oral History Coordinator at the Schlesinger Library, and her husband, Dr. Hugh Morgan Hill, known widely as Brother Blue, received a Peace & Justice Award from the Cambridge Peace Commission. Ruth Hill was honored for sharing "her discoveries and detailed pictures of past lives through authoring pieces in *Notable Black American Women*, *The Black Women Oral History Project*, and *Women of Courage* as well as through the Schlesinger Library."

• Harvard Law School Library hosted a presentation by **Graham Greenleaf**, Professor of Law, University of New South Wales Faculty of Law, on November 16. Professor Greenleaf described the Australasian Legal

Information Institute ([www.austlii.edu.au/](http://www.austlii.edu.au/)), which provides free Internet access to Australian legal materials. AustLII publishes public legal information; that is, primary legal materials (legislation, treaties, and decisions of courts and tribunals); and secondary legal materials created by public bodies for purposes of public access (law reform and royal commission reports, etc). AustLII also maintains a large list of links to law sites around the world.

## EXHIBITION

*Curators Choice: Recent Acquisitions in Special Collections*

Through January 31, 2000  
Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Caspersen Room, 4th flr.,

Langdell Hall, Harvard Law School Library

**Steven R. Smith**,  
[smith@law.harvard.edu](mailto:smith@law.harvard.edu)

Features recent additions to the Law School Library's collections of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Art and Visual Materials. Ranging from a 1597 English deed to an issue of 1930s *Naturalists' Magazine* that discusses sunbathing and the law, the items exhibited reflect the depth and diversity of the Law Library's Special Collections. Particularly noteworthy are selections from a recent gift of letters written by Felix Frankfurter, a copy of the first law book written in the New World, and a generous sampling of printed constitutions and bylaws of American fraternal and social organizations.

**GIS**

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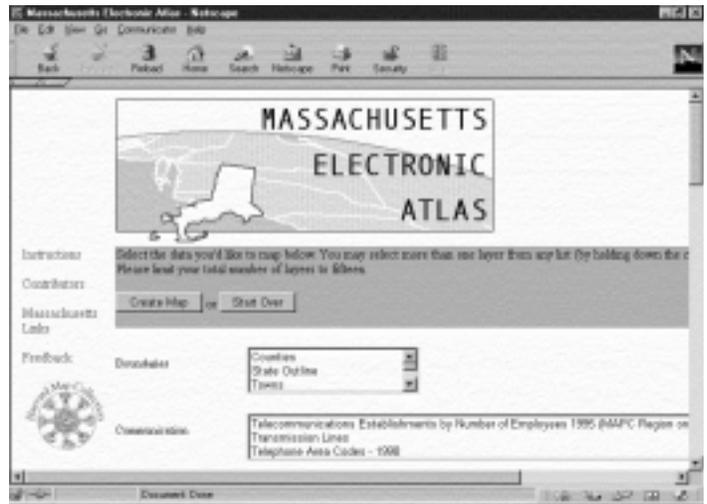
mapped and downloaded. Data categories include crime statistics, health data, and locations of underground storage tanks to abandoned cranberry bogs. The *Atlas* was and continues to be created through partnerships with various public and governmental organizations that gather pertinent data.

The Map Collection is also developing three other online applications. A Boston atlas will be based on the Boston Children and Families Database, soon to be released by the Boston Persistent Poverty Project. Similar to the *Massachusetts Electronic Atlas* in form and function, the "Boston Atlas" will contain a wealth of information about Boston and its neighborhoods. Closer to home is the new Harvard campus map that is being developed in partnership with Harvard Planning and Real Estate and the Office of University Information Systems. This Web site will let students get information about a building by clicking on the map, find their destina-

tions by typing in the name of the building, find out what departments and offices are in each building, which bus stops are nearby, and other related information.

The third online application will be the most ambitious of the three: Geodesy is an online catalog of global geographic information coupled with an interface that will let users analyze data and create maps. A project of the Library Digital Initiative and developed in cooperation with the Graduate School of Design, Geodesy will benefit the entire Harvard community by creating a place where anyone can go and search for data in their study area. Geographic information will be available at a variety of scales, from global to city-level, and will contain a variety of themes, such as population, politics, economy, and environment.

These projects provide a base for members of the Harvard community to explore GIS as a tool for their own applications. The Harvard Map Collection will continue to be the place for people to learn how GIS can help them.



**The Massachusetts Electronic Atlas available from the Harvard Map Collection Web site at <http://icg.harvard.edu/~maps/>.**

For more information on GIS contact Harvard Map Collection staff **David Cobb**, **Bonnie Burns**, and **Martin von Wyss**, or see the website, <http://icg.harvard.edu/~maps/>.

*Over the coming months, Library Notes will report on other GIS services in Harvard libraries.*

## Harvard University Library Council Meeting Summaries

June 1999–September 1999

### JUNE 1999

**HOLLIS II Update**—Dale Flecker updated members on the progress of HOLLIS II implementation.

**PIN Update**—Dale Flecker reviewed discussions within the University to assign personal identification numbers (PINs) to the members of the Harvard community. As envisioned, the PIN system would work in conjunction with current Harvard ID in providing access to a variety of services. The Faculty of Arts and Sciences began using PINs last year.

**Update on Buildings**—Nancy Cline reported on the Widener Stacks Renovation (WSR), and Tom Michalak reported on the Baker Library renovation plans. Charles Willard reported that the project at the Divinity School Library is on target and construction will start in 2000 and run for two years. Judith Messerle reported that the Countway Library renovation project is half finished. Barbara Graham reported on the completion of two additional, larger modules at HD.

**LDI: Review of First Year**—Dale Flecker provided the ULC members with a review of LDI's first year. He distributed an outline of the status report on infrastructure development.

He highlighted Catalogs, Naming Services, the Digital Repository, Access Management Systems, Reformatting, and Acquisitions.

**ULC Public Services Committee**—Tom Michalak summarized the work of the Task Force on the Simplification of Circulation Policies. He noted that the task force looked at Loan Periods, Book Limits, Renewal Limits, Overdue Grace Periods, Fines, Blocking, and Recalls. Consensus was reached and recommendations were formed for each area except Overdue Grace Periods, Fines, Blocking, and Recalls.

### JULY 1999

**HOLLIS Plus: the Next Generation**—The ULC was joined by members of the Task Force on the Next Generation of HOLLIS Plus to review the findings of the task force and to discuss future steps. Michael Fitzgerald, Task Force chair, provided an overview of the work and recommendations of the task force. The ULC thanked the members of the task force for their work and asked that the report be made available for comment to the library community (<http://hul.harvard.edu/cmtes/ulc/hpng/>).

**Proposal to Restructure Automation Committee**—In March, the ULC discussed the automation committee structure and reviewed a proposal intended to better reflect the changes currently underway as a result of the emerging digital library. Dale Flecker described the proposed structure, noting that the primary goal is to establish a locus for monitoring the individual new systems

under development while also addressing the relationships between them. The ULC discussed the proposal and approved the new structure. It also decided that beginning September 1999, meetings would be extended by an hour. The additional time will be devoted to automated systems issues.

### SEPTEMBER 1999

**IFLA Update**—Tovah Reis joined the ULC to report on plans for the IFLA 2001 Annual Conference, which is to be held in Boston. Ms. Reis represents the Medical Library Association on the National Organizing Committee (NOC), and also serves as chair of the local planning committee. She described the activities of the two committees and discussed ways that HUL might contribute and participate. The members of the ULC discussed Harvard librarian involvement, noting that many may have language skills that will be of particular use. Sidney Verba suggested that a small task group be convened to coordinate HUL participation.

**HOLLIS II Status Report**—Tracey Robinson, Assistant Director in the University Library for Systems Management, joined the ULC and reviewed a status report on the HOLLIS II project.

**Library Portal**—Lydia Ievins, Caren Smith, and Robin Wendler, all from OIS, joined the ULC to discuss two issues related to planning the Library Portal: selection of networked resources and library information.

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Accounts Payable is now trying to expedite payments by using information from the old AP vendor file to complete the corresponding Oracle vendor records. OIS suggests that libraries contact AP to determine status.

**HOLLIS WEB—LOOKING TOO GOOD?**

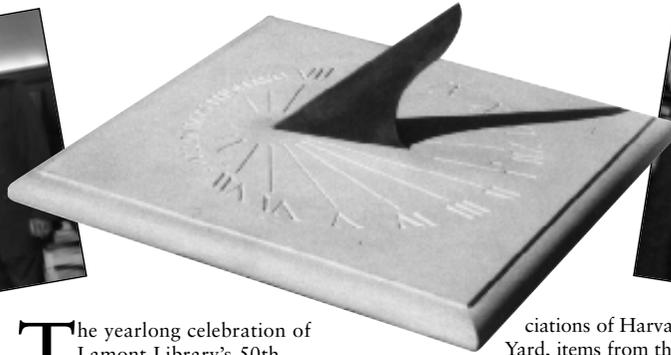
The new HOLLIS Web interface, introduced in September 1999, is a big improvement over its predecessor—such an improvement, in fact, that some users have been fooled into thinking that HOLLIS itself is Web-based. Since its debut, OIS has received sporadic reports of HOLLIS Web performance problems. Problems should be reported to Caren Smith.

### NEW OIS WEB SITE

The long-awaited facelift for the OIS Web site is now in progress. In November a new version of the Web site (<http://hul.harvard.edu/ois/>) made an unpublicized debut. Highlights of the new site include a new operations bulletin board, Web-based request forms for HOLLIS vendor updates, and a new electronic newsletter covering OIS activities.

Refer questions about the HOLLIS Report to Julie Wetherill in OIS, or visit the OIS Web site (<http://hul.harvard.edu/ois/index.html>).

# Lamont Celebration



**1. Dudley Garden and sundial renovations:** Merle Bicknell, Manager of Harvard Yard Facilities, A. Paul Seck of Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Landscape Architects - Michael Van Valkenburgh, Charles Eliot Professor in Practice of Landscape Architecture at the Graduate School of Design, oversaw the garden renovation. A. Paul Seck was an associate who worked with him on this project. William J.H. Andrewes, David P. Wheatland Curator of the Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments, and designer of the Dudley Garden sundial.

**2. Poetry reading Stratis Haviaras, Curator of the Henry Weston Farnsworth Room and the George Edward Woodberry Poetry Room, Donald Hall, Poet Laureate of the Lamont Library 50th Anniversary, and Heather E. Cole, Librarian of the Hilles and Lamont Libraries**

The yearlong celebration of Lamont Library's 50th Anniversary is coming to a close. Lamont opened its doors in January 1949, thanks in good part to major donor Thomas Lamont, '92.

From the Opening Event reception on January 7 to the Memory Book Contest, it has been a festive year of fun, interesting, and in some cases downright quirky commemorative events, contests, and parties. Highlights included:

- The Name the Alumni Contest, in which current students were asked to identify photographs of past students such as Supreme Court justice David Souter '61 and singer Bonnie Raitt '72;
- The Donald Hall '51, Poetry Reading;
- 50 Years of Junk Food, a tribute (of sorts) to the not-so-healthy-but-nonetheless-yummy dietary preferences of generations of undergraduates; and
- The Garden Party, an event and re-dedication ceremony in honor of the newly restored Dudley Garden.

The fall semester opened with a "Where at Harvard?" contest that taxed the visual acuity of an eager undergraduate contestant group. The year's celebrations conclude with a "HOLLIS Hunt" contest and a final food event, "Take Lamont Home with You," which coincided with reserves holiday check-out day on December 20.

Exhibits were mounted throughout the year, celebrating Women in Lamont, the work of the Anniversary laureate, Donald Hall, the literary asso-



The opening reception. Heather Cole, Sidney Verba.

ciations of Harvard Yard, items from the Lamont video collection highlighting Hollywood productions from 1949, and the illustrated timeline of Lamont's history. The most prominent exhibitions traced the events of the Anniversary year in photographs.

Lamont's Web page ([www.hcl.harvard.edu/lamont](http://www.hcl.harvard.edu/lamont)) records the Anniversary events and provides a Memory Page now filling up with recollections of life in Lamont. At the end of the year, prizes will be awarded for entries in several categories, but the page itself will remain available indefinitely for ongoing contributions.

Most of the Anniversary events were of the lighthearted variety, but Lamont was proud to host Harvard College Library October 29 Freshman Parents' Weekend event. Carried out on the theme of "The Undergraduate Library in the University Library Setting: Keys to Success," the event brought 250 parents to the library to hear presentations from key members of HCL's reference and instructional staff. Classic world cuisine (the same as served in the dining halls) was provided by Crimson Catering.

Also as part of the festivities members of the Lamont family to a reunion dinner, which included tours of the building and remarks by Nancy Cline, Sidney Verba, and Lansing and Ted Lamont.

The success of the Library's celebration is credited to the hard work of the Anniversary Group: Scott Britton, Head of Circulation Services, Lynn Sayers, Administrative Assistant and Events Co-ordinator, and BethAnn Zambella, Reference Librarian—all assisted by many contributing members of the library staff.



50 years of junk food.



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