
Simmons College Libraries Newsletter

Fall 2000

Library Jeopardy à la Beatley by Denise Davis

Beatley Library was peppered with posters during the month of October. First-year students had a chance to put the posters' content to work via the libraries' first season of "Library Jeopardy" held in conjunction with the required Multidisciplinary Course (MCC). Based on a model developed by librarians at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, Simmons librarians produced an adapted version for use in Beatley Library.

Students took self-guided tours of Beatley library, facilitated by the large posters that explained the different services and functions of the library. All the answers on the Jeopardy board came from information found on the posters. Students' "tickets" into the Jeopardy game room included a book they had checked out during the library tour, thereby insuring that all students had used the library catalog and delved into the stacks with a purpose! Book topics were provided by MCC Coordinator, Professor Mary Jane Treacy, and ranged the gamut of subjects the students are exposed to in the course, from immigration and civil rights to feminism and religion. Topics were displayed on index cards attached to the "Library Catalog" poster and students chose a card while viewing the poster during their tour. Once everyone had checked out books and viewed all the posters, play commenced in the library browsing room.

Two sections of MCC played simultaneously,



Students learn about the libraries' online catalog and choose a topic to search.

lending a friendly competitive spirit to the proceedings. Round one of Jeopardy consisted of categories such as "Information Pyramid," "What's Where," and "Getting Help." Double Jeopardy continued the learning process, complete with Daily Doubles. "Beatley Basics," "Smart Cookies," "Web-o-Rama" and "Techno-how" categories further ignited the students' interest. The lively games ended with everyone a winner, both in knowledge gained about the library, and as recipients of Simmons College Libraries mugs. The mugs can be filled with coffee in the Fens Cafeteria at a discounted rate.

Congratulations to the ultimate winners of the Jeopardy Tournament, Professor Louise Cohen's MCC section. The libraries would like to thank ARAMARK and Barnes & Noble for their generous contributions.

Thanks MCC students and faculty - all were good sports! See you next year!

What's New at Beatley Circulation?

by Bernadette Rivard & Meg Ragland

New Staff at Beatley Circulation
 The Circulation Staff and student workers welcome you to Beatley Library. Stop by and say hello! The Circulation Supervisor, Bernadette Rivard and the Circulation Assistant, Meg Ragland, would be pleased to assist you in any matter concerning the library. We can renew your books, locate a book, or help with your course reserves. We have 19 fabulous student workers this fall. You can reach the Circulation desk by calling 617-521-2786.

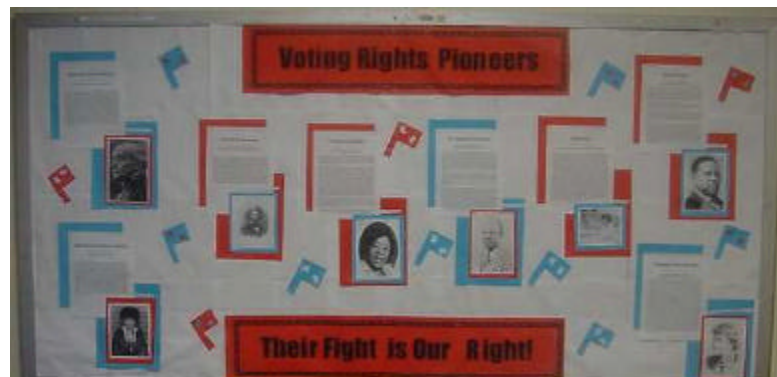
Book Sale

In early November the Beatley Library held an Art Book Sale. The sale books consisted of duplicate copies, books not currently used to support the curriculum, or outdated items. The sale was a success and will enable the library to purchase new materials. As we prepare to integrate the Graduate School of Social Work Library's collections into Beatley Library in early 2002, we will have additional sales of materials from other disciplines.

Book Displays

Beatley Circulation Staff have created many interesting displays and bulletin boards to highlight current topics and events using materials from the libraries' collections. For example, during relationship violence awareness week, the library and Betsy's Friends collaborated on a display of our books with a series of statues profiling victims of relationship violence. We create displays on all kinds of topics, from witchcraft to voting rights. Do you have an idea for a book display relating to your organization or event? If so, contact Bernadette at x2781 or via e-mail bernadette.rivard@simmons.edu. She'd be happy to work with you to promote your organization or event and at the same time highlight the libraries' resources on the topic. Thanks to all who have contributed ideas and creativity to our displays!

Do you have an idea for a book display for your organization or event? If so, contact Bernadette at x2781 .



*"Voting Rights Pioneers"
 Bulletin Board in the Lobby of Beatley Library*

Top Ten Research Resources

by Patty Durisin & Vivienne Piroli

10. **Encyclopedia Americana***. Find articles on anything from medical ethics to capital punishment, complete with links to related articles in the encyclopedia, Web sites, and a bibliography of more resources to track down.
9. **Internet Public Library**. <<http://www.ipl.org/ref>> Part of the “Invisible Web” where you’ll find annotated, evaluated Web sites arranged by subject area, chosen by librarians. Kind of like Yahoo, but much better!
8. **The American Heritage dictionary of the English language, 4th edition, 2000**. <Beatley Reference PE1628.A623 2000> A fabulous new dictionary, enough said!
7. **Statistical Universe***. Statistics on almost anything ever counted.
6. **JSTOR***. This fully searchable database of scholarly journals provides full-text access from their first issue of publication up to the most recent five years. It gives access to the contents of over 123 journals in areas ranging from African-American studies to mathematics to sociology and more.
5. **Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe***. Looking for full-text newspaper articles? An opinion of a court case? A corporate financial report? A comprehensive profile of Massachusetts? Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe has it all!
4. **Expanded Academic ASAP***. A mix of popular magazine and scholarly journal articles on any topic you may be researching. Many full-text articles are available.
3. **Encyclopedia of Associations**. <Beatley, CRL, GSM, SSW Reference HS17 .G332> There's an association out there for everything! Find one on your topic and check if that association has a Web page, publishes a magazine, or provides data.
2. **The CQ Researcher***. The perfect place to start your research because it covers current and controversial issues, providing complete summaries, insight into all sides of the issues, bibliographies and more.
1. **The Reference Librarian**. Make a research appointment with a reference librarian to go over your topic, search strategy, and any questions you have about finding information or using the library. The Reference Librarian can recommend the perfect resource for your research.

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 Beatley Library – Vivienne Piroli, 521.2752
 Career Resource Library – Laura Saunders, 521.2510
 GSLIS Library – Linda Watkins, 521.2824
 GSM Library – Denise Davis, 521.3851
 GSSW Library - Gianna Gifford, 521.3905

*Available from the Libraries Web page, under the Resources category, or from the Quicklist.
 <<http://www.simmons.edu/resources/libraries>>

Who's Who at the Simmons College Libraries

There have been many staff changes this semester at the Simmons College Libraries. Keep this list handy and contact us whenever we can help with your information needs!

** Indicates new or newly promoted staff. Congratulations!*

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Beatley Library

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Pat Miller Career Room at the GSM Library

by Caitlin Warde

The Graduate School of Management Library has a special collection of career materials geared toward women MBAs. The career collection includes over 250 books, articles covering career trends and career information, journals, newspapers and handouts. Despite the growing proliferation of excellent career information available over the Internet, there remains a great demand for this resource collection by the GSM students and alumnae.

The book collection covers a range of career topics such as insider information on business careers, insights on industries, dozens of sample resume books, an excellent collection of interviewing guides, self assessment and career exploration books, resources on work/life balance and much more. Some of the GSML's most popular career books include: *Is That Your Best Offer: How to Negotiate a Higher Salary and More Perk*; *HBS's Career Guide to Management Consulting*; *Vault Reports Guide to the Top Investment*



GSM Students Working in the Pat Miller Career Room

Banking Firms; National Business Employment Weekly's Cover Letters; Executive Resumes; and The Insider Guide to the Biotech and Pharmaceuticals Industry.

An outstanding collection of 'hot topic' files is also a part of the career collection. The files include articles that are culled from leading business journals. Topics in these files include 'women and the glass ceiling', 'salary information', 'women and work' and 'rankings of the best companies for women'. You will also find recent issues of the following journals: *Women's Business*; the *Boston Globe BostonWorks* section; the *Boston Business Journal*; and *Barron's*.

Come explore this special collection - it is open to the entire Simmons community. You just might discover an exciting career!

The Pat Miller Career Room was named for alumna Patricia Louise Miller, who attended the Graduate School of Management in 1976.

New Staff at the GSM Library

There are two new faces at the GSM Library, Denise Davis and Caitlin Warde. Denise has been at Simmons since she began the GSLIS program in 1995 has worked her way up to be recently promoted to GSM Librarian. Caitlin Warde is new to the library staff; she is the new GSM Library Assistant. Denise and Caitlin will make a great team to serve the GSM community.

Best wishes to former GSM Librarian, Margaret Shue as she begins a new facet of her career as a knowledge manager at Korn Ferry International, an executive search firm. We'll miss you Margaret!

Literary Criticism "Preserved"

by Patty Durisin & Bernadette Rivard

While reviewing books in the library stacks, Ilze Olmsted, Associate Director for Collection Development, came across the following relic of Simmons Library history.

History of Modern Culture, by Preserved Smith, was reviewed by both library staff and library users at an unknown date, probably in the early 1930's. Take a look at the book in the Beatley Humanities Room, call # CB357.S6 v.1. The inside cover records the unusual review.

The librarian's review:

"Smith writes with a vigorous, forthright style; but the book will not prove easy reading save for the mature. No chapter can be singled out for special commendation as all are good. Let the reader be guided by her particular interest. After reading a chapter or more put your initials below and indicate your opinion of the book by a +, 0 or -."

The reader's reply, signed only as "J":

"History will prove Smith a fool, a shyster and a conman. After all, who can trust a "half-Preserved" author whose pedantic style simply masks the fact that he knows nothing. This book cannot be recommended to the mature, the immature or even the unborn, due

to its in-depth lack of truth. As page drags to chapter, and chapter to volumn(sic), the reader will find himself dozing in sweet slumber, leaving this crackpot Smith and his wordy works far behind."

"...This book cannot be recommended to the mature, the immature or even the unborn, due to its in-depth lack of truth..."

"J" probably never imagined that her comments would be "preserved" into the year 2000!

Have You Seen This Person? by Betty Havrylik



Marilda Martins Coelho, Intern at the GSLIS Library, has numerous professional development goals and she is extremely committed to reaching them.

Marilda comes from Belo Horizonte, Brazil. She received a Bachelor's Degree from the School of Librarianship at the Federal University of Minas Gerias in 1992. Since then, she has worked at a bank library and for the Minas Gerais Government Center of Science and Technology in technical, reference and managerial capacities.

Marilda has come to live, work, and independently study in Boston for a year to become familiar with American librarianship and improve her English skills.

Upon her return to Brazil, she hopes to pursue a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science and seek a job that will put her skills and experience to good use.

While at Simmons, Marilda has done research work on the Web, assisted in preparing journals for binding and participated in bibliographic instruction sessions. She has also completed the Reserve Desk Assistant training program.

In addition to working full time off-campus, Marilda is studying English at the Harvard Institute of English Language Program.

She will be leaving the GSLIS Library in late November to begin an internship at the Alumni Library at Wentworth Institute. She plans to volunteer for the IFLA conference in August 2001 before returning to Brazil.

The Simmons College Libraries' Staff wishes to thank Marilda for her work and wish her well in the future!

News from the College Archives

by Claire Goodwin & Liz Boucher

Etruscan Revival Pendant Added to Collection

A recent addition to the archives is a beautiful, old pendant necklace. This piece was discovered buried deep in the Bursar's vault by Diane Hal-lisey, and its origin and provenance remained a mystery for over a year. Research and a bit of luck led us to a letter sent to the College in 1934 from Henry S. Rowe, the husband of Anna Simmons White Rowe, detailing the presentation of the delicate necklace to the students of Simmons College.

Anna was the granddaughter of John Simmons, and she had received this necklace from her aunt, Mary Ann Simmons Buffum, when she married Henry Rowe in 1873. Some Simmons family history: Mary Ann was John Simmons' oldest child. She married William Buffum, an archeologist, and they spent most of their married life in Europe, seeking rare pieces of amber in Rumania, Sicily, and the Baltic States. Buffum bequeathed his collection of amber, one of the world's most valuable, to the Museum of Fine Arts in 1901.

Back to the necklace! We had it appraised by Skinner Gallery in Boston. Here's what they told us: the style is perhaps Etruscan revival, ca. 1860, in perhaps the Castellani style. [Castellani was an Italian jewelry designer; thus, it could be that Mr. and Mrs. Buffum bought the necklace in Italy during their "amber" travels.] The necklace has a 14-karat gold chain and an 18-karat Alpha/Omega pendant, with an amphora drop. The design is enhanced by the micro-mosaic blue and white porcelain inlay. The necklace is housed in its original satin-and-velvet-lined leather case.

When Simmons College accepted this lovely gift in 1934, it was intended that the Student Government Association president, as a representative of all of Simmons' daughters (students and alumnae), might wear the piece "on all formal occasions and will be transmitted by her to her successor. . . ." It appears the Bursar's vault might have been the most readily available safe place for the SGA to keep the necklace between "formal occasions."

Now that we know where it came from, we're hoping to find out who might have been the last SGA president to wear the necklace!



*Etruscan Revival Pendant Added to
Archives Collection*

New Staff

Hopefully you have had an opportunity to meet Elizabeth (Boucher)Copenhagen, our new Assistant Archivist/Records Manager. Liz, a recent GSLIS graduate, started in mid-June and is a full participant in the assorted activities of the Archives. If you are planning a move to the new building, you'll be hearing from Liz to find out how the Archives can help with your move. Please stop by and meet Liz if you haven't already.

Library Web Page Has A New Look

by Megan Fox

As you have noticed, the Libraries launched a new Web page in September! We hope the redesigned pages provide easier, faster access to our extensive services, events and resources.

Easy Navigation

Across the top of every page, you can easily access contact information, staff listings, and hours. You can also begin a keyword search of the catalog using the search box at the top right of the screen. Under the Simmons College Libraries banner, we have added mouse-over menus that make a ton of information available with the click of your mouse. "Resources" includes Find Books, Find Articles, Databases, Online Reference Shelf and Search the Web. "Services" is organized by user groups, so that students, faculty, staff and alumnae can quickly access services specifically for them, such as Interlibrary Loan, or ILL for short (ordering a book or article from another library), or setting up a Research Appointment. "Training & Events" is the gateway for instructional materials provided by the library staff, such as Course Guides, as well as a Calendar of events and displays. "Branches" provides easy access to the specific resources and services of Archives, CRL, GSLIS, GSM and GSSW Libraries.

Did you know?

You can Place Holds Online

You can now request that books be held for you at the library through the online catalog. If you are working offsite and see a book you want, click on the "Request" button at the bottom of the catalog screen. Enter your name and Simmons ID number. The screen will show the book you selected. Click on "Request Selected Item" to send the message to the library! Once the books are available, we'll call you so they can be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Requests are usually filled in less than 24 hours. Questions? Call 617.521.2780.

News & Events

We also added a prominent yellow News & Events box at the top of the Libraries Web page. This area highlights new information on the Web site or about the Libraries, such as new electronic resources, special workshops, book sales, holiday hours, staff promotions, and more.

Fast Access to Resources

If you know the name of the database or electronic resource you'd like to search, the fastest way of accessing it is to use the Quicklist at the bottom of the main Library Web page (and on the bottom of each branch Web page). Choose the name of the resource from the alphabetical list and click the GO button. The latest addition to our extensive online resource collection is netLibrary, which provides access to almost 7400 electronic books (called eBooks). You can check out a netLibrary title to use on your own computer for 4 hours at a time. There is no limit to the number of books you can check out at once. NetLibrary, and almost all of the electronic resources, can be accessed from any computer that is connected to the Internet. If you would like to use these resources from off-campus, such as from home or work, you just need to set up your proxy – directions are on the Web page, right above the Quicklist.

Ask Us / Tell Us

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