A Planet By Any Other Name...

A good-natured protest march from mid-campus to Zuhl Library on September 1 reaffirmed New Mexico State University’s affection and support for its own Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered Pluto in 1930. Pluto was recently reclassified from planet to dwarf planet by the International Astronomical Union.

At the program ending the march, Library Dean Elizabeth Titus provided background on the Library’s Tombaugh Papers, given by the Tombaugh family in 2001. Dr. Herbert Beebe of NMSU’s Astronomy Department explored the scientific repercussions of the reclassification, and emphasized the research value of the letters in the Tombaugh Papers in understanding Tombaugh’s career. Patricia Tombaugh, the astronomer’s widow, was given a replica of Pluto.

Pluto’s reclassification has drawn substantial media attention, much of it focused on Tombaugh’s home base of Las Cruces. Patricia Tombaugh was interviewed by the international media, as was Dr. Jim Murphy, the head of NMSU’s Astronomy Department. Also frequently interviewed on the celestial controversy was Steve Hussman, the head of the Library’s Archives & Special Collections Department in Branson Library, where the Tombaugh Papers are housed. Hussman said of the papers, “I believe that there will continue to be a very steady use of the collection for a long time.”

Several Library staff members participated in the march. Gary Mayhood, a Library faculty member and music subject specialist, noted that Pluto is celebrated in the arts as well as the sciences (see poem “Trusting Pluto” on page 9).

Mayhood said that Pluto was not included in the orchestral suite The Planets by Gustav Holst simply because the composition was written from 1914 to 1916, before Pluto was discovered. The omission was remedied when Colin Matthews wrote a new movement honoring Pluto. Dedicated to Holst’s daughter, the work was first performed in 2000.

Astronomers worldwide have joined to protest the reclassification. Said Dr. Bernard McNamara, also of NMSU’s Astronomy Department, “The debate is not over.” Stay tuned. -- Jeanette Smith, Library Administration
Goss Exhibit Planned For Homecoming

An exhibition of photographs by Professor Arthur Goss will open in the Milton Gallery on the fourth floor east of Branson Library during Homecoming Weekend. Organized by Martha Andrews and Dennis Daily of Archives & Special Collections, the exhibit highlights the work of an early and distinguished professor at the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechnic Arts, now NMSU.

A graduate of Purdue University, Goss was hired in 1892 by NMSU President Hiram Hadley to serve as chemist for the Agricultural Experiment Station in addition to his teaching duties. Goss was a frequent contributor to the Experiment Station Bulletin. His analysis of critical issues such as irrigation quickly gained him recognition as one of the foremost agricultural chemists in the country. In 1903 Goss returned to Indiana as director of the Purdue Experiment Station.

During his time in New Mexico, Goss took the collection of twenty-nine photographs of college buildings, events and people that came to the Hobson-Huntsinger University Archives in 1999 as a gift. An amateur photographer, Goss nevertheless had a keen eye for capturing the flavor of life in Las Cruces, on the Ascarate and Gilmore ranches, the Mescalero Apache Reservation and along the borderland. One particularly charming photograph by Goss, labeled Moving Day (see at upper right) shows a small pig hitching a ride atop a burro.

The Archives & Special Collections Department will host an opening reception for the exhibition in the Milton Gallery at 4 p.m. on Friday, October 20.

-- Martha Andrews, Archives & Special Collections

Amador Family Photos Exhibited

An exhibition of photographs of the prominent historical Las Cruces Amador family, entitled “Friends of the Family,” may be viewed from September 12 to December 16 at NMSU’s University Museum in Kent Hall. The exhibit features photographs from the Library's Amador Family Papers in the Rio Grande Historical Collections. The show is curated by Dennis Daily of Archives & Special Collections.

The photos were taken by one or more of the Amador sisters, Clotilde, Julieta or Corina, but it is unknown exactly which one(s). The “unidentified woman” in the photo at right may be Josefa Islas, a cousin of the Amadors.

A recent article about the Amador Family by Dr. Terry Reynolds, the curator of collections and exhibits at the museum, features the Library’s photographs. The article is in the Fall 2006 issue of the Santa Fe magazine La Herencia. -- Dennis Daily, Archives & Special Collections

Coming Up

September 12 to December 16. “Friends of the Family: Photographs from the Amador Family Collection,” University Museum, Kent Hall

September 21, 7 p.m.. “Going Home Again,” Joan Jensen lecture. Milton Gallery, Branson Library Fourth Floor

October 3, 3 p.m. Reception for Visiting Russian Library Leaders, Library Associates Room, Zuhl Library

October 20, 4 p.m. Homecoming Reception, Opening of Arthur Goss Photo Exhibit, Milton Gallery, Branson Library Fourth Floor

October 20, TBA. Presentations by Visiting Mexican Scholars, Southwest and Border Cultures Institute. Archives & Special Collections, Branson Library Fourth Floor. Contact Molly Molloy at (505) 646-6931

November 7. Election Day/GO Bond
GO Bond On Ballot

A general obligation bond including funding for academic, public and school libraries in New Mexico will be on the ballot on November 7. The $15 million in funding requested for academic libraries is enough to purchase three library books for each full-time student attending college in New Mexico.

Passing of the bond issue will enable public academic libraries to support students and faculty by updating book and journal collections and subscribing to electronic databases. It will also enable public academic libraries to provide 24/7 access to library information for all campus-wide and distance education students, faculty and staff, no matter where they live.

The $15 million in academic bond money is included as part of a $62.9 million higher educational institutions projects bond on the ballot. Funding for public libraries and school libraries will appear separately on the ballot. The Library encourages citizens to vote in this important election.

Zuhl Amethyst Graces Library Lobby

Two pairs of amethyst cathedrals have been added to the Zuhl Collection at New Mexico State University. The pieces were the gift of donors Herbert and Joan Zuhl. One pair now graces the lobby of Zuhl Library and the other pair is displayed at NMSU’s Zuhl Museum at the Alumni and Visitors Center.

According to Zuhl Collection curator Dr. Marilyn Huff, these elongated pointed geodes stand more than six feet tall and are lined with large, deep purple amethyst crystals.

Huff described the cathedrals as “exquisitely matched” and said that amethyst of this quality and size comes only from the southern part of Brazil.

The Zuhl Collection includes world-class specimens of petrified wood, minerals, fossils and geological artifacts. For more information, visit http://zuhlcollection.nmsu.edu and http://www.nmsu.edu/~geology/zuhl/zuhl.html. The Zuhl Museum is located at 775 College Drive, and Zuhl Library is located at 2911 McFie Circle. For more information, please call the museum at (505) 646-3616. For Library hours, call (505) 646-4749.

Lecture On Family History Announced

Dr. Joan M. Jensen, professor emerita in NMSU’s History Department, will lecture on her experiences collecting family histories. The lecture, “Going Home Again: Finding and Using Family History” is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, at 7 p.m. in the Milton Gallery on the fourth floor east of Branson Library. A reception and book signing will follow.

Jensen’s most recent book is *Calling This Place Home: Women on the Wisconsin Frontier, 1850-1925* (St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2006). A specialist in twentieth century U.S. history and women’s history, she has authored several other histories. Jensen has received Fulbright awards to teach in Germany and India, and in 1993 she received the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities Award for Excellence in the Humanities.

The lecture is sponsored by the NMSU Library’s Archives & Special Collections Department. For more information, please call Archives at (505) 646-3839.
Library Donates Books to Afghanistan

The Library recently donated 411 books to the Afghanistan Sustainable Agriculture Education Organization (A.S.A.E.O.). These books will be placed in an Afghan library for use by agricultural experts and students. A.S.A.E.O. is the brainchild of Nadir Sidiqi, a Ph.D. candidate in NMSU’s Biology Department, and native of Afghanistan.

In December, Nadir Sidiqi returned to his native country after a twenty-seven year absence to attend a conference in Kabul on the reconstruction and development of Afghanistan, hosted by the nation’s Cultural and Foreign Relation Department of the Ministry of Higher Education. With him he took letters of support for his initiative from New Mexico officials including I. Miley Gonzalez, New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture; Everett Egginton, NMSU’s Vice Provost for International and U.S.-Mexico Border Programs; and LeRoy A. Daugherty, Associate Dean of NMSU’s College of Agriculture and Home Economics and Associate Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Nadir also received a letter of support from Najebullah Nazif, the head of Afghanistan’s Cultural and Foreign Relation Department.

After Nadir’s family home in Afghanistan was destroyed, his father moved his family to Pakistan. The family resided there for ten years, building a new life, and Nadir obtained an undergraduate degree from Agriculture University, Peshawar. In 1990 Nadir became a resident of California, and he entered the graduate program at California State University-Fresno while working as an agricultural inspector. He was hospitalized in Los Angeles for nearly two years following a serious accident in April 2000. After his release from the hospital, he pursued his graduate studies while wheelchair-bound, and in 2003 he received an M.S. degree from the Department of Plant Science at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona.

A licensed Agricultural Advisor, Nadir also holds a qualified applicator license from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Visit his agency, Nadir Agriculture Review Seminar, on the web at http://web.nmsu.edu/~sidiqi. -- Leilani Horton, Technical Services

The French Connection

French archivist Carine Renoux visited the Library in April as part of a group study exchange sponsored by Rotary International.

Accompanied by Las Cruces Rotarian Charles Tharp, Carine toured the Library’s Archives & Special Collections Department. She discussed archival practices with four faculty members in the department, who noted that it was a pleasure to meet Carine and compare notes with her.

Carine is the archivist in charge of cultural event management for the Public Council of Ain, near Lyons. She also toured other archives in northern and southern New Mexico during her visit to the state.
The Russians Are Coming

Five library leaders from Russia will visit Las Cruces from October 1 through 8 to meet with their Las Cruces area counterparts. The visit, sponsored by the National Peace Foundation, is made possible by a grant from the Open World Program of the Library of Congress. An afternoon reception is scheduled for October 3 at 3 p.m. in the Library Associates Room in Zuhl Library.

The Russian librarians will tour the NMSU Library and several other area libraries. The visitors will attend a Las Cruces city council meeting and meet with representatives of NMSU's Native American Program.

Also scheduled are visits to southern New Mexico attractions in the Las Cruces/Alamogordo areas.

For more information on the NMSU part of the tour, please contact Steve Hussman at (505) 646-4756. For more information on the tour as a whole, please contact local coordinator Ruth Drayer at (505) 527-8688 or radrayer@zianet.com.

Library Donates Computers to Mexico

The Library recently provided forty-eight computers to the school district in Galeana, Chihuahua, Mexico. The computers had been replaced with newer models, but were still in very good condition.

The school district is using them in computer education classes for students in elementary through high school levels. The district is very grateful for the opportunity to provide training in technology for their students. -- Carol Boyse, Systems

Visiting Mexican Scholars to Present Research

Southwest and Border Cultures Institute
Visiting Researchers: Sharing the Knowledge of Southwestern and Border Cultures

Program: Presentation of research conducted at the Library's Archives & Special Collections by visiting Mexican scholars
Date: October 20, 2006
Place: Archives & Special Collections, Branson Library
Time: TBA. Please contact Molly Molloy at (505) 646-6931

Three visiting scholars from the Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez will present their research findings at a presentation scheduled for October 20 in the Archives & Special Collections Department in Branson Library. The researchers spent time at the Library exploring resources for southwest and border humanities studies as award recipients of the Library's Visiting Mexican Scholar Award program. The program, organized by Molly Molloy of Reference & Research Services, was funded by a grant from NMSU's Southwest and Border Cultures Institute. The scholars and their research topics are:

Consuelo Pequeño Rodríguez, Professor of History. Coordinadora del Area de Estudios Culturales y de Género del Programa de la Maestría en Ciencias Sociales de la Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez.
Research topic: Intimidad y afecto entre las Amador: el papel de la correspondencia, 1863-1907. [Intimacy and affection between the women of the Amador family as expressed in their correspondence, 1863-1907.]

Susana Báez Ayala, Professor of Literature. Profesora-Investigadora del Programa de Literatura de la Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez.
Research topic: El Río Grande/Río Bravo en el imaginario literario de los escritores de la frontera norte. [The Río Grande in the literary imagination of border writers: Ricardo Aguilar Melantzon, Rosario Sanmiguel, José Manuel Garcia, and others.]

Cutberto Arzate Soltero, Professor of Linguistics. Programa de Estudios Literarios y Lingüísticos, Departamento de Humanidades, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez.
Research topic: Un acercamiento al léxico del español colonial del siglo XVI y XVII en la region de Paso del Norte (hoy Ciudad Juárez). [An approach to the lexicon of colonial Spanish of the Paso del Norte Region as expressed in the 16th and 17th Century documents in the Archivos Históricos del Arzobispado de Durango.]

For more information, please contact Molly Molloy at (505) 646-6931 or mmolloy@lib.nmsu.edu. -- Molly Molloy, Reference & Research Services
Grants Will Preserve Professors’ Papers

The Library’s Hobson-Huntsinger University Archives has received two grants totaling $4,500 from the New Mexico Historic Records Advisory Board. The first grant will support the processing of papers received from the estate of Dr. Frank Harary, Distinguished Professor Emeritus in NMSU’s Computer Science Department until his death in 2004. The second grant will target the processing of the correspondence of Daniel B. Jett, Dean of NMSU’s College of Engineering from 1938 to 1951.

Dr. Frank Harary was widely recognized as the “father” of modern graph theory, a discipline of mathematics he helped found and popularize. An author of numerous books and articles, his book *Graph Theory* (1969) is a modern classic that helped define, develop, direct and shape the field of modern graph theory. It is one of the most cited and influential scholarly works in modern scientific literature. More recently, Dr. Harary’s research included graph theoretic models in all areas of computer science including hypercube theory, fault tolerance and computational geometry, as well as graph and digraph colorability and connectivity and sum graphs. For his numerous contributions to the field, Dr. Harary was fondly referred to as “Mr. Graph Theory” by his colleagues, peers and students.

President Hugh Milton once called Dean Daniel B. Jett the “best-loved professor at New Mexico A&M.” Affectionately called “Dad Jett” by his students, Jett corresponded with hundreds of former students who served during World War II. The nearly seven thousand letters Dean Jett received and wrote currently reside among the holdings of the Hobson-Huntsinger University Archives. These vivid letters bring alive the daily activities, as well as the struggles and achievements, of the young Aggie men and women stationed abroad. The New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board grant will enable the creation of a database of information relating to the theaters of war, military assignments and participation in battles that are mentioned in these letters. -- Martha Andrews, Archives & Special Collections

Recent Grants

- This spring the Library received a gift of $12,000 from the Robert E. and Evelyn McKee Foundation of El Paso. Project director Sylvia Ortiz purchased current engineering reference materials with the gift.

- The Southwest and Border Cultures Institute awarded $1,929.14 to Susan Metcalf and Mardi Mahaffy for their project “Dia de Los Ninos/Dia de Los Libros Celebration.”

- The Southwest and Border Cultures Institute also awarded $2,000 to Susan Beck for her project “Through a Lens Starkly: Visions of the Borderland and the American Southwest in Feature Films.”

- The New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board awarded $2,000 to Martha Andrews for her project “Processing the Jett Letters.”

- The New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board also awarded $2,500 to Martha for her project “Processing the Frank Harary Papers.”

Above and at right, letter and photo detail of Sgt. Thomas Marion Palmer, NMSU ’37. Sgt. Palmer survived the Bataan Death March only to die a week after his prison camp was liberated in February, 1945. Photos, NMSU Library, Archives & Special Collections.
**Recent Gifts**

- The Library has received a gift of $15,000 from Lockheed Martin/Sandia Labs. The gift will be used for the acquisition of engineering materials for the Library's collection.

- The Humboldt Mandell/Casad Family Endowed Fund has been established for the Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections.

- The Barbara Lee Myers Special Projects Assistants Endowment has been established to support the employment of student assistants in the Archives & Special Collections Department.

- The Library has received a gift of $5,000 from the PNM Foundation to build collections on water resources. Project director Cindy Watkins will purchase needed water resources materials with the gift.

- Gary Esslinger has donated more than one thousand negatives of photos from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District to the Library. These images document the early work of EBID in this area.

**Reading Room Reopens**

The reading room of the Library's Archives & Special Collections has reopened for use. Research hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The reading room, located on Branson Library's fourth floor east, was closed for remodeling this summer.

The room was refurbished with a gift from the Caroline Stras Endowment, created in 2005 by Edward, Jo Ann and Judith Sears. The room will be named for Stras in a ceremony that is being planned. For more information, please contact the Archives staff at (505) 646-3839.

**Border Health Network Is State Winner**

The Border Health Information and Education Network (BIEN!) was named the state winner for New Mexico for the 2006 NCLIS Health Information Awards. The award was announced by its sponsor, the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. A plaque was presented to BIEN! officials by the State Librarian of New Mexico, Richard Akeroyd, and the director of the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library & Informatics Center, Dr. Holly Buchanan.

Awards were given to health information programs in the fifty states and the District of Columbia. Selection criteria included how well the program encouraged lifestyle improvement among the target population, the program's adaptability, collaboration with other community organizations and how successfully the program was able to reach out to people with low information literacy skills.

BIEN!'s mission is to increase access to quality health information in English and Spanish in the New Mexico-Mexico Borderland for consumers and health care providers.

Please visit the BIEN! web page at [http://www.bienhealth.org](http://www.bienhealth.org). The BIEN! project was originally funded by a grant from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to the New Mexico State University Library. BIEN! is sustained by generous financial support from the Border Epidemiology and Environmental Health Center and the New Mexico Outreach Office of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission.

**Library’s Grants Top $1,000,000**

Since the mid-1990s, the New Mexico State University Library has raised more than $1,000,000 in grant and gift awards resulting from successful written proposals. The awards have provided external support for many useful and interesting projects beneficial to library users and the larger community.

Large grant-funded projects include Preserving the History of New Mexico Agriculture and Life ($97,755) National Endowment for the Humanities/U.S. Agricultural Information Network; Border Health Information and Education Network ($204,000) National Library of Medicine; and Title V Electronic Classroom ($217,032) U.S. Dept. of Education, Title V, Strengthening Institutions (partnered with lead agency, NMSU College of Engineering).

A list of all funded projects, listed alphabetically by funding agency and including hotlinks to pertinent articles, news releases and project descriptions, is available at [http://lib.nmsu.edu/aboutlib/grants/GrantsPage.shtml](http://lib.nmsu.edu/aboutlib/grants/GrantsPage.shtml).
Special Collections has acquired a variety of materials in multiple formats during the last academic year, including digital publications, antiquarian books and pamphlets, maps, journals, ephemera, reference works and inscribed copies of new works by significant authors.

Among the acquisitions highlights is a series of forty-five digital editions of classic works published by Octavo, comprising such landmarks as the *Biblia Latina* (or Gutenberg Bible, ca. 1455); Shakespeare’s first folio, *Comedies, Histories & Tragedies* (1623); Robert Hooke’s *Micrographia* (1665); Isaac Newton’s *Opticks* (1704); Samuel Johnson’s *A Dictionary of the English Language* (1755); and others. A search on the publisher Octavo in the online catalog will yield a list of available titles. Other new electronic materials include the annual journal *Book History*, available both online and in hard copy, and several DVDs related to early book production.

The Las Cruces and university communities host numerous readings by local and visiting writers, and from these events Special Collections has obtained copies of books inscribed by the authors.

These works include *Midnight’s Gate* by Bei Dao, a leading Chinese dissident, essayist and poet; *The Man Who Could Fly and Other Stories* by Rudolfo Anaya, who needs no introduction among New Mexicans; and *¿Que Onda?: Urban Youth Culture and Border Identity* by NMSU faculty member Cynthia Bejarano. In addition, NMSU graduate Joe Speer, who has recently returned to Las Cruces after many years, has made available the journal he edits, *Beatlick News: A Poetry and Arts Newsletter*.

In other formats, Special Collections has recently acquired two quite interesting maps, *Carte Geographique, Statistique et Historique du Mexique* (Buchon, 1825) and *Vereinigte Staaten von Nord-America: Californien, Texas und die Territorien New Mexico u. Utah* (Meyer, 1852). Both are hand-tinted and provide fascinating perspectives on political boundaries and geographic features at key junctures in the history of the region.

As for books and pamphlets, new acquisitions include *The Extermination of the American Bison: With a Sketch of Its Discovery and Life History* (1887) by the leading naturalist and conservationist, William T. Hornaday; *The Mines of the West: A Report to the Secretary of the Treasury* (1869); and *Injurious Insects* (1908) by NMSU luminary Fabian Garcia.

The above items are just a sampling of many new additions to Special Collections, and they represent the development of both current strengths and new collecting areas. Please stop by the newly refurbished Archives & Special Collections Reading Room on the fourth floor east of Branson Library or contact Daniel Smith at dlsmith@nmsu.edu for assistance in using Special Collections materials. -- Daniel Smith, Archives & Special Collections

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**In, Out & About the Library**

- Steve Hussman of Archives & Special Collections was telephoned during the August flooding by Hatch village clerk Kathy McConnell, who was concerned about waterlogged village documents dating back to the 1950s. Following Hussman’s advice, McConnell’s workers put the documents in the freezer of a Hatch meat company. They were then brought to NMSU’s Branson Library, where they were placed in a large preservation freezer and then separated and dried. The story will appear soon in *American Libraries* magazine.

- Library staff members played an active role in Aggie Welcome Week, a student orientation program designed to ease the transition to life at NMSU. Reference & Research Services staff presented brief informational sessions on library services and resources for new students as well as their families. More than seven hundred new students participated in Aggie Welcome Week this year.

- After a summer break, Writing Center consultants will return to the Library to assist students in tackling their writing challenges during times the Writing Center isn’t typically open. Students may visit Zuhl Library from 7 p.m to 9 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday to receive one-on-one help with their writing needs. The service will be on a drop-in basis. No appointment is needed.

- Several offices of NMSU’s College of Education are temporarily housed in the Library. The Dean’s Office and the Educational Research and Budget Office are on the first floor of Branson Library, and the Learning Resource Center is on the second floor of Branson Library. The Advising Center and Distance Education Office are on the second floor of Zuhl Library.
Library Art Becomes Virtual

Zuhl and Branson libraries are not only home to large collections of books and other information resources, they also display a number of works of art. Visitors to Branson Library can gaze at the murals painted by Tom Lea as part of the New Deal arts projects in 1934, sit on the base of “A Quest for Knowledge,” the award winning sculpture by Federico Armijo outside Zuhl Library or take an up-close look at many other pieces located in and around the two buildings.

Those unable to visit the libraries in person now have the opportunity to take a virtual tour of our artwork.

Point your browser to a new page at http://lib.nmsu.edu/arttour/intro.htm and enjoy. -- Mardi Mahaffy, Reference & Research Services

Trusts Pluto

Michelle Holland, who lives near Chimayó, New Mexico, wrote this poem when Dr. Clyde Tombaugh was still alive. It was published in Fish Drum Magazine 17 (2003). Reprinted with the author’s permission.

I rely on that last little planet, energetic in the cold, dark, out there in its awkward orbit around our mediocre sun. Pacing itself, passes as a planet, learned by school children in the mnemonic word play of elementary science: My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nine Pickles.

That one can leave, well, almost leave the solar system and still belong is the lesson of Pluto. So, I can waver outside the rings of Saturn, past Uranus, cold, in want of orbit or stability, out of the family of planets, away from any sense of gravity -- my commitment to mind over body as tenuous as Pluto’s to the sun -- and come back, know the warp of my spin will return me to the family of planets, mnemonics, the warmth of the sun.

Drink tea with me, Mr. Tombaugh, and reclaim your discovery of Pluto.

When you were young, near the center of science and life, through peering curiosity and sheer luck you noticed a tiny object, cold throwaway rock on the icy periphery.

Clyde, I rely on my mind to make me well, to turn me from nervous energy, backaches and fever, to the person whose eyes see straight into yours.

Tell me about that planet, the ninth and last, wobbling out too far one side of the universe, and inside the orbit of Neptune on the come around.

You are old now, and the papers say Pluto may not be a planet.

That eccentric pattern of pull and tear may not be enough to ground an object to the sun in any permanent arrangement.

Clyde, you need to pshaw this new notion of belonging based on consistency and reliable orbits.

We are all out there, spinning all over the place, like colorful tin tops.

Let’s talk some more, drink our tea, then tell me I can leave, and always come back.

-- Michelle Holland
Gary Mayhood Receives Teaching Award

Library faculty member Gary Mayhood received the Outstanding Part-Time Instructor Award at a Stars of Excellence awards ceremony at Doña Ana Community College last spring. Gary, a cataloger and Associate Professor in the Library’s Technical Services Department, teaches part time in DACC’s online library science program.

Program director Susan Pinkerton said, "Beyond normal teaching, Gary has been a tremendous help behind the scenes. He deserves recognition for his help with recruitment, co-op placement, course development, and his overall enthusiasm, far beyond part-time instructor responsibilities."

Pinkerton credits Gary with being instrumental in supporting co-op placement at the NMSU Library, some of which has led to permanent staff positions. He welcomes students to the Library for tours, and provides them information for special projects. He is a member of the DACC Library Science Advisory Board, and he is active in publicizing the DACC library program.

Gary developed and taught advanced cataloging and two special topics courses. He has also taught introductory library science, introductory technical services, a capstone course and has written textbooks/workbooks for two courses. This fall he is developing LSC 233, a course on library privacy and confidentiality.

Vicki Minnick Awarded Library Scholarships

Vicki Minnick was awarded three scholarships in 2006 to support her graduate studies in library science. Vicki, who works in the NMSU Library’s Access Services Department, is pursuing a master’s degree in library and information science through the University of North Texas (UNT) online program.

In April, she received the 2006 Marion Dorrah Scholarship of the New Mexico Library Association at the annual conference of the Association. Each year, this $2,000 scholarship is given to a library school student residing in New Mexico. Selection criteria include scholarship and potential contributions to the profession in the state.

In May, Vicki was awarded a $1,000 Distance Education Scholarship from the UNT School of Library and Information Science. This fall, she was awarded an additional $1,000 from the UNT School of Library and Information Science.

In 2005, she received the $1,000 Border Regional Library Association Scholarship Award for Study in Library and Information Science. These scholarships complete Minnick’s quartet of library awards for a total of $5,000.
Floyd Ransom Retires

Floyd Ransom retired as of April 1, 2006, after twenty-eight years of service to NMSU. Floyd began working at NMSU as a student employee at the Computer Center, and in 1978, he became a full-time employee there. In 1992, he implemented the Computer Center’s PC rental program, which still serves NMSU students.

In addition to Floyd’s computer expertise, his talent on the trumpet provided music for staff holiday luncheons and the naming celebration for Zuhl Library.

In 1998, Floyd came to the Library to do computer hardware maintenance and troubleshooting as a member of the Systems Department.

Floyd is married, and he has four children and three grandchildren. An avid tennis player, he will be putting the new NMSU tennis courts to good use. He continues to play the trumpet with the Mesilla Valley Concert Band, the New Horizons Orchestra, the Rio Brass Quintet and the Nazarene Church Praise and Worship Team. His plans include returning to NMSU to pursue a teaching certificate in music education, giving trumpet lessons to middle-school students and organizing a concert series. He also plans to do some traveling and hiking.

Rosemarie Espinosa-Ruiz Retires

Rosemarie Espinosa-Ruiz retired effective July 1, 2006, after twenty-seven years of service to New Mexico State University. Marie began her NMSU career in 1977 working in the Registrar’s Office. Marie helped move the Registrar’s Office from Hadley Hall to the new Educational Services Building.

She later worked in the College of Arts and Sciences and then the Center for Latin American & Border Studies. She also helped Latin American Studies move to Nason House.

Marie came to the Library in 1988 as the secretary for the Information Services Department, and in yet another move, helped transfer its office to Zuhl Library.

In 1993 until her retirement, her future plans include continuing her crocheting projects, catching up on “for-fun” reading, doing lots of travel and spending more time with her grandson. As she has worked for most of her adult life, Marie is now looking forward to domestic life -- in her words, becoming more “homeysticated.”

Staff News

- Molly Molloy of Reference & Research Services was promoted to the rank of Professor, effective July 1.

- Dr. Laurence Creider of Technical Services was re-elected Chair of the NMSU Faculty Senate for the 2006-2007 academic year.

- Melissa Van Dusen has joined the Library staff as a full-time temporary college instructor in Reference & Research Services. She completed a practicum at the Library during Spring Semester, and received her master’s degree in library science in August.

- Ellen Bosman of Technical Services gave the keynote address at the grand opening this spring of NMSU’s Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, Questioning Student Resource Center, which is the first university-sponsored gay/lesbian center in New Mexico.

- Cindy Watkins of Reference & Research Services participated this July in Texas Immersion, a regional project of the Association of College and Research Libraries’ Institute for Information Literacy. Immersion is the nation’s leading program for academic librarians concerned with instruction and information literacy. The program was hosted by the University of Houston and the University of Texas at Austin.

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Cheryl Wilson Retires

Cheryl Wilson retired effective July 1, 2006, after thirty-eight years of service to New Mexico State University. She grew up in Las Cruces and graduated from Las Cruces High School and NMSU. While she was a student she worked as a student assistant at the Library. It must have been a positive experience because she went on to library school in Oklahoma.

Cheryl came back to the Library in 1968 as the Humanities and Fine Arts Librarian. She also served as the assistant to the Library director and as a reference librarian. In 1985, she became the Special Collections Librarian, and built the collection. In 2000 she accepted the position of Interim Associate Dean and became the Associate Dean in 2002.

Cheryl served as the Project Manager for two major projects on campus. It is due in no small part to Cheryl's work that we have Zuhl Library. She had barely recovered from that building project when she took on the renovation of Branson Library and guided that transformation.

Cheryl's leadership extended beyond the library's walls. She devoted years of service to the New Mexico Library Association, including a stint as president. On campus, she served as Chair of the University Appeals Board twice and Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate. She has served on more campus committees than she cares to remember. She has left an indelible mark on the Library.

Library Welcomes Theresa Valko

Theresa Valko has joined the Library faculty as the Engineering/Physical Sciences Librarian in Reference & Research Services.

Theresa comes to NMSU from the University of Michigan Biological Station where she has been the Summer Librarian for the past five years.

During the academic year, Theresa served as the director of the LOEX (formerly Library Orientation Exchange) Clearinghouse for Library Instruction and as an instruction librarian at Eastern Michigan University. Additionally, she spent a year as a high school teacher in Dearborn, Michigan.

Theresa has a master's degree in library and Information science from Wayne State University in Detroit. Her research interests include investigating the value of unpublished student research and writing. Her other interests include creating utilitarian art, playing Scrabble and, now, exploring New Mexico.

In Memoriam:
Rose Sand

Rose Ellen Sand, a former member of the Library's Technical Services staff, passed away on December 25, 2005, in Las Cruces.

Her ashes were buried near her brother, Eric, and two sisters, Guri and Ila, at Cedar Cemetery in Montrose, Colorado.

Rose was a quiet, strong woman who was retired from the United States Navy. She was a graduate of Doña Ana Community College and an enthusiastic member of the Red Hot Stitchers.

Theresa Valko

Theresa Valko releases balloons from her retirement reception as her husband and mother look on. Photo, Steve Hussman.
Rick Hendricks
Book Announced

Dr. Rick Hendricks of Archives & Special Collections has co-authored a new book with Malcolm Ebright. *The Witches of Abiquiu: The Governor, the Priest, the Genizaro Indians, and the Devil* was published by the University of New Mexico Press in 2006.

The book tells the story of the little-known witchcraft trial that took place at Abiquiu, New Mexico, between 1756 and 1766. For more information, visit [http://unmpress.com](http://unmpress.com).

Dr. Rick Hendricks autographs *The Witches of Abiquiu* at a spring book signing at the NMSU Bookstore.

Creative Activity


Daniel Smith, "World Class City: Photographs by Julián Cardona," graphic design for an exhibition at the NMSU Museum, March 27–April 14, 2006.

Daniel Smith, "cARTalog: A Memorial to the Card Catalog," a group art exhibition at the University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, Iowa, Spring 2006.

NMSU Service Awards Announced

NMSU Employee Service Awards recognizing a total of 140 years of service by fifteen Library staff members were awarded in campus and Library ceremonies in the spring. Honored employees are:

**Fifteen Years**

Gary Mayhood, Technical Services
Timothy McKimmie, Reference & Research Services
Michael Mitchell, Technical Services
Jivonna Stewart, Access Services
Marti Torres, Library Administration

**Ten Years**

Veronica Gomez, Library Administration
Deanna Litke, Access Services
Marv Wiburg, Technical Services

**Five Years**

William Boehm, Archives & Special Collections
Donna Burkholder, Access Services
Isabel Beverly Cano, Technical Services
Jenny Lockwood, Technical Services
Graciela Martinez, Technical Services
AnaLisa Moyers, Technical Services
Dr. Elizabeth Titus, Library Administration

Bonus Program Awards Announced

Nine members of the Library staff were recognized by the Library’s Bonus Program in a spring awards ceremony. The program rewards staff for exceptional performance above and beyond the normal scope of duties. Receiving the $500 awards were:

**Non-Exempt Employees**

DJ Chavez, Library Administration
Vicki Minnick, Access Services
AnaLisa Moyers, Technical Services
Wendy Simpson, Reference & Research Services
Jivonna Stewart, Access Services

**Exempt Employees**

Barbara Hart, Library Administration
Chris Landt, Systems
Sherry Ward, Technical Services

**Faculty**

Dr. Laurence Creider, Technical Services
Donors Sustain Library

The partnership of donors strengthens and sustains the Library. Your support is needed to establish endowments for journal subscriptions and increasing the book collection, with a goal of increasing it to two million volumes by 2010. The Library seeks gifts to support the preservation and processing of unpublished borderland and Southwest manuscripts, photographs and university records. It also seeks to revitalize the Library as place and to enhance instruction through naming gifts for specialized research areas, group study clusters and Library classrooms.

A gift to the Library is seed money for every fresh idea and exciting project on campus. It is the Library that helps the student master a difficult concept, write an excellent paper or enter a whole new world of knowledge. For more information, please contact the Library's development officer, Connie Loyd, at (505) 646-3642 or clouloyd@lib.nmsu.edu.

NMSU Library FAQ

How do I get to the Library's web page?

How can I find journal articles using the web?
The Library provides access to many article indexes via the article databases page at http://lib.nmsu.edu/article.shtml. Some of these include full text.

How can I find out what materials the library owns?
Use the Library's online catalog at http://libcat.nmsu.edu.

Where can I park near the Library?
If you have an NMSU parking permit, just park in the nearest designated lot. If you do not have a parking permit, see campus visitor parking information at http://www.campusvisitor.com/vispark.htm. After 4:30 p.m. and on weekends, visitors may park in any regular parking lot.

When is the Library open?
Regular library hours are:
Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 midnight
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 12:00 midnight
For holiday, summer or intersession hours, please check the complete Library schedule at http://lib.nmsu.edu/aboutlib/libhours.shtml or call (505) 646-4749.

Who is allowed to use the library?
Any New Mexico resident can check out materials from the NMSU Library. For more information, please contact the circulation desk at (505) 646-6910 or see our online circulation policies at http://lib.nmsu.edu/depts/circulation/policies.html.

Zuhl Exhibit Showcases Mesozoic

The current exhibit in the lobby of Zuhl Library features the Mesozoic Era. The exhibit was prepared by geologist Dr. Marilyn Huff, the curator of the Zuhl Geological Collection in the Zuhl Museum and Zuhl Library. According to Dr. Huff, the Mesozoic Era is the middle era of the Phanerozoic Eon. It is subdivided into three periods, Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous. By the end of the previous era, Earth's continental plates had collided and formed a giant supercontinent called Pangea. This connection allowed land animals to migrate from the South Pole to the North Pole. In the middle of the Mesozoic, the continents began to split apart.

The Mesozoic is known as the Age of Reptiles. Dinosaurs are found in no other era. Near the front entrance of Zuhl Library is a dinosaur leg bone and casts of bones of a Tyrannosaurus Rex named “Stan.” More dinosaur bones can be seen at the Zuhl Museum. While dinosaurs roamed the land, swimming reptiles swam in the sea and flying reptiles soared in the sky.

Stan. Photo, Dennis Daily.

The Mesozoic could also be called the Age of Ammonites. These relatives of the squid and octopus had such distinctive shells and suture patterns, and evolved so rapidly (in a geologic time frame) that they are used as index fossils in marine rocks to finely subdivide the periods of the Mesozoic. The exhibit may be viewed free to the public all hours that the Library is open. For Library hours, call (505) 646-4749.
Here’s Your Library Fortune, Cookie!

Your fortune will be made if you use the library. -- Kimberly Miller

Library Info Team member Mary Chavarria assists new students.

Information is the currency of democracy. -- Thomas Jefferson

When I step into this library, I cannot understand why I ever stepped out of it. -- Marie de Sevigne

Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend. Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read. -- Groucho Marx

Cone, and take choice of all my library, and so beguile thy sorrow. -- William Shakespeare

To become aware of the possibility of the search is to be onto something. -- Walker Percy

Students Ask Library Info Team

At the start of NMSU classes in August, the Library staffed an Aggie Welcome Week information table located on the Frenger Mall between Branson and Zuhl libraries.

Library staff members wearing Info Team T-shirts answered more than 650 questions over two days, and distributed hundreds of free water bottles and library fortune cookies (see messages at left) at a table decorated with balloons and "Ask Me" signs.

Volunteers gave students directions to campus buildings, and provided campus maps and other information. NMSU’s Office of Enrollment Management donated the bottled water and the Library provided the fortune cookies containing messages suggested by the public services staff. The project was organized by Norice Lee of Access Services.

Info Team volunteers were Norice Lee, Vicki Baldridge, Ellen Bosman, Donna Burkholder, Yoli Chacon-Valle, Mary Chavarria, D.J. Chavez, Veronica Gomez, Susan Metcalf, Kimberly Miller, Vicki Minnick, Dora Morales, AnaLisa Moyers, Cindy Pierard, Lorena Ramos, Irene Shown, Jeanette Smith, Irene Tellez, Dr. Elizabeth Titus, Marti Torres and Melissa Van Dusen.

Library Participates in Technology Day

Fall Library outreach efforts included participation in NMSU’s Technology Day on September 6.

Volunteers at the Library booth demonstrated research databases, promoted remote access to electronic databases and services, and demonstrated the Docutek reserve system and the Library’s upgraded interlibrary loan system.

The booth also featured an animated program on the Library that ran on a continuous loop, a drawing for a $25 copy card and giveaways including library fortune cookies. NMSU student Jessica Duarte was the winner of the copy card. The Library’s presence at Technology Day was organized by Ellen Bosman of Technical Services.

Technology Day volunteers were Ellen Bosman, Dr. James Caufield, Jenny Lockwood, Susan Metcalf, Sandra Padilla, Cindy Pierard, Jivonna Stewart, Theresa Valko and Melissa Van Dusen.
There was one place where I forgot the cold, indeed forgot Siberia. That was in the library. There, in that muddy village, was a great institution. Not physically, to be sure, but in every other way imaginable. It was a small log cabin, immaculately attended to with loving care; it was well lighted with oil lamps and it was warm. But best of all, it contained a small but amazing collection from the world’s best literature, truly amazing considering the time, the place, and its size. From floor to ceiling it was lined with books - books, books, books. It was there that I was to become acquainted with the works of Dumas, Pasternak’s translations of Shakespeare, the novels of Mark Twain, Jack London, and of course the Russians. It was in that log cabin that I escaped from Siberia - either reading there or taking the books home. It was between that library and two extraordinary teachers that I developed a lifelong passion for the great Russian novelists and poets. It was there that I learned to line up patiently for my turn to sit at a table and read, to wait - sometimes months - for a book. It was there that I learned that reading was not only a great delight, but a privilege. -- Esther Hautzig