First Distance Ed Class Offered

In Summer Session I, 2004, NMSU students will have a new option in taking LSC 311, the Library’s popular Information Literacy course. The course will debut in an entirely online format, listed with the NMSU Office of Distance Education (http://distance.nmsu.edu). The course meets the “Viewing a Wider World” requirement of NMSU’s upper-division general education curriculum.

Students who have taken the class often comment that they found the course very helpful and that they wish they’d had an opportunity to learn this information earlier in their college careers.

Librarians Mardi Mahaffy and Cindy Watkins have been creating course materials and learning experiences for the online environment, and students can look forward to an exciting experience as the Library moves into teaching its first distance education course. -- Kate Manuel, Reference & Research Services

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Gifts Build Engineering and Music Collections

The Library recently received generous gifts from two donors that will build the Library’s engineering and music collections. A gift of $50,000 from Lockheed Martin–Sandia Labs will be used to fund the acquisition of engineering journals. Angela Murrell, the Library’s engineering selector, said, “The Library is so appreciative of this corporate support for building our collection of expensive engineering periodicals.”

The Library also received a gift of 1,643 music CDs from KRWG–FM Radio. L. Ford Ballard, the station’s director of development, initiated the gift. According to the Library’s music selector, Gary Mayhood, this in-kind gift will build the Library’s audiovisual collection in a wide variety of musical areas including world music, New Age music, reggae, Christmas music and band music.

For more information, please contact Lesley Mackay at (505) 646-3642.

Campuswide Competition to Build Collections Announced

The Library is eagerly seeking help to build and enrich its collections by sponsoring a campuswide competitive proposal project this spring. In November 2002, New Mexico voters approved a statewide Library Books Bond Issue allocating some $16 million to publicly-funded academic, school and public libraries. Of that $16 million, the New Mexico State University Library has been allocated $587,758 to expend over the next two years on library resources. Looking for a creative but targeted way to spend a little over half a million dollars, the Library has opened up the proposal process to the entire New Mexico State University main campus community. Student groups, academic departments, faculty groups and individual staff, students and faculty are all eligible to submit proposals. The Library hopes to receive proposals that meet at least one of several goals: to enrich existing research collections, build core collections for New Mexico State University main campus program initiatives and/or update specific collection areas noted for their lack of currency. Successful proposals will demonstrate benefit to either the teaching or research mission of the University or to both.

What types of resources are allowable for funding? Any item that does not require an ongoing financial commitment is allowed. For example, books, videos, DVDs, music scores, sound recordings, maps and microforms are all items that fall within the one-time purchase category. However, periodical subscriptions, electronic databases and electronic collections requiring annual maintenance fees do not. Other expenditures that do not fit...
Instructional Handouts Made Available Online

Researchers needing more information on how to use particular library resources now have better access to this information — twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The Library Instruction Program has created and digitized a number of instructional handouts, covering everything from Library databases to search techniques to finding and using journal articles. Handouts include:

- Basic FirstSearch
- FirstSearch Databases
- Congressional Universe
- Full-text Databases
- General Databases available at NMSU Library
- InfoTrac Expanded Academic ASAP
- Using Lexis–Nexis to Find Legal Information
- Using Lexis–Nexis to Find News Information
- Statistical Universe
- Journal Articles: Electronic, Non–Electronic & Interlibrary Loan
- Keyword vs. Subject Searching
- Rules of Thumb for Library Research
- Search Techniques
- Audio, Video & Multimedia Resources on the Web
- Basic Legal Research Sources
- European Union Information Resources
- Government Library Resources
- PsycINFO: A Study Guide
- Social Sciences Library Resources
- Specialty Search Engines
- United Nations Information.

Handouts can be accessed from the main instruction page (http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/index.html), as well as from the handouts page (http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/handouts/handouts.html). — Kate Manuel, Reference & Research Services

(Competition, continued from page 1)

the criteria are equipment, staff salaries and travel funding. Items must be housed in the New Mexico State University Library.

How will the proposals be judged? First, proposals should demonstrate benefit to as broad a group as possible. For example, a series of videos or DVDs that examine ethical values in society today and/or within certain fields or industries (e.g., journalism, scientific research, marketing, counseling or social work) could reach a very broad audience ranging from undergraduates to graduates from a variety of disciplines. The Library also hopes to strengthen its existing research collections. The Library has a fairly good collection of Latin American materials and it is also strong in U.S. Southwest history. Like all major university libraries, the New Mexico State University Library wants to continue to develop and strengthen its specialized collections — collections that make the NMSU Library unique and make it stand out. The Library General Obligation (GO) Bond Proposal Project could give these and other collections a boost, improving the status of the Library and of the University in these teaching and research areas.

Who will judge these proposals? A review committee, consisting of both NMSU teaching and Library faculty, will evaluate all proposals and then submit funding recommendations to the Dean of the Library. The Dean will make the final funding decisions. The deadline for proposals is March 12, 2004.

To find out more about the 2002 Library GO Bond Proposal Project, visit the web page at http://lib.nmsu.edu/about/GO/BondProposal.html. You can download proposal forms from this page as well as find out detailed information about the project. If you have specific questions about the Library GO Bond Proposal Project, please contact Susan E. Beck, Collection Development Coordinator, New Mexico State University Library, MSC 3475 Box 30006, Las Cruces, NM, 88003-8006, (505) 646-6171, susanbeck@lib.nmsu.edu. — Susan Beck, Reference & Research Services

Classroom Use Policy Changes

In Fall 2003, the Library approved a revised Library Classroom Use Policy. NMSU instructors may, depending upon classroom availability, schedule one of the Library’s three electronic classrooms for use with their courses, with priority given to instructors who are teaching research skills to their students.

Instructors are limited to three uses of the Library’s classrooms per semester per course — to ensure that the maximum number of NMSU instructors can take advantage of this opportunity. The revised policy makes clearer the rights and responsibilities of users of the classrooms. It can be viewed at http://lib.nmsu.edu/about/policies/policy009.html.

The Library also migrated to an updated version of the WebEvent calendaring system for scheduling the Library’s classrooms. It is planned that non-library requestors will no longer have the option to click on a link to “Submit an Event.” Instead, they will access the Library’s Classroom Use Policy and a form wherein they input information on the dates, times and uses for which they would like to reserve the classroom. — Kate Manuel, Reference & Research Services

Donors Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Zahl. Photo, NMSU Library.

Herbert and Joan Zahl, pictured above at the Zahl Library Naming Celebration in 2000, were named Outstanding Philanthropists by the El Paso/Las Cruces Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Mr. and Mrs. Zahl received the honor at a November 2003 ceremony held on National Philanthropy Day.
RGHC Celebrates Legacy of Heroes

The Library’s Rio Grande Historical Collections celebrated NMSU’s Fall 2003 Homecoming theme “A Legacy of Heroes” with an outdoor reception and an exhibit of historical materials. A January reception at the home of Interim NMSU President, Dr. William Flores, rounded out the busy schedule of recent RGHC events.

José N. Uranga, a 1969 NMSU alumnus and participant in the Library’s October 31 homecoming reception, described the reception: “It was the perfect day to attend the New Mexico State University Library’s Homecoming Reception, the kind of crisp, yet sunny, fall afternoon weather that NMSU alumni never forget.” The gathering, held in the courtyard of the Kent Hall Museum, featured an opportunity to tour “Border Lives Once Lived,” an exhibit on two prominent Hispanic Mesilla/Las Cruces families, the Amadors and the Armijos. The reception also included a book signing featuring Uranga’s book *The Buenavida Dilemma*. The highlight for Uranga was the surprise of seeing friends and classmates from the 1960s who stopped by to say hello.

The RGHC lent its support to the Homecoming theme “A Legacy of Heroes” by providing an exhibit at the second floor lobby of Corbett Center from October 26 through November 1. The exhibit, prepared by Archives processing assistant Leslie Bergloff and student employees Cecelia Carrasco and Maribel Tellez, featured historic images that honored NMSU’s classes of 1942, 1952 and 1962. Design elements included flourishes of Aggie colors. Bill Boehm, Curator of Unpublished Materials, said, “This kind of outreach has generated great interest among Homecoming participants.”

Interim President William Flores welcomed the Rio Grande Historical Collections Society to a reception at his official home on January 7, 2004. Dr. Flores addressed his guests, commending them for their support of the Library and the RGHC. “No university can be great without a great library,” he said. Steve Hussman, Head of the Library’s Archives & Special Collections Department, updated the crowd on his staff’s recent achievements, including the near completion of the processing of the Clyde W. Tombaugh Papers. The reception capped a year of successful, well-attended events that brought together old and new friends of the Rio Grande Historical Collections and Library and University leaders.

Historic Postcards Now Online

Photographs from the Thomas K. Todsen Papers (Ms0223) have been added to the photograph database on the web site of the Archives & Special Collections Department to make them accessible to a worldwide online audience. The collection consists of 2,286 images, the bulk of which are historic postcards of New Mexico, circa 1910 through the 1950s. Covering every geographic portion of the state, these postcards comprise a very complete photographic portrait of New Mexico’s communities during the early statehood period.

A large group of the postcards depicts the Mexican Revolution, Pancho Villa’s raid on Columbus, New Mexico and General John Pershing’s punitive expedition into Mexico. Enterprising, mostly Anglo, photographers living along the border covered these events and made a good trade selling the postcards to the more than 70,000 North American troops placed along the border during the conflict.

One of the Todsen postcards of Silver City, circa 1940 (along with several other images from the Archives & Special Collections Department), currently appears in the January/February edition of the American Automobile Association’s magazine *New Mexico Journeys*.

The photographic database, located at [http://archives.nmsu.edu:90/photos/search.html](http://archives.nmsu.edu:90/photos/search.html), can be searched by subject matter, location or date, or it can be browsed in its entirety by typing “Todsen” in the “collection name” field.

Archives & Special Collections currently has 18,356 photographic descriptions in its online database, with several new collections to be added within the coming months, providing researcher access to a wide variety of historic New Mexico imagery.

-- Dennis Daily, Archives & Special Collections
Drop-In Workshops Offered

Each semester the Library offers drop-in workshops. Anyone can attend; advance registration is not needed. Workshops cover information-related topics and are developed to address questions that librarians see students having at the reference desk, problems that faculty find in student research and other timely issues.

Workshops allow ample opportunities for hands-on work with the information services or sources discussed in the session. Most workshops last approximately sixty minutes. Students get a certificate of attendance that instructors may count towards extra credit points.

• APA Citation Style: The Basics
  Do you need to write a paper or do a presentation that cites sources using APA (American Psychological Association) style? Wonder what APA style is? Wonder how to get your citations formatted properly? This workshop will explain the basics of APA citation style and give you lots of opportunities to practice.

  Note: This workshop is intended for those who are still somewhat new to using APA citation style. Help and instruction for those with more advanced questions will be available at a separate session.

  Tuesday, 16 March, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom and repeated on Wednesday, 31 March, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

• APA Citation Style for Experienced Users
  If you have been using APA citations regularly, you’ve probably encountered some sources you’ve been unsure of how to cite — ERIC documents, web pages without authors or dates, theses and dissertations, personal correspondence, archival manuscripts and other “special” sources. This session on “advanced” APA citation style allows you to bring your questions and get them answered by an expert.

  Wednesday, 17 March, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom and repeated on Thursday, 1 April, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

• Electronic Resources Update
  This workshop highlights some of the major new additions to the NMSU Library’s electronic resources and how these resources can facilitate teaching and research. Electronic resources added in 2003–2004 include: CQ Congress, CQ Public Affairs, CQ Researcher, and CQ Supreme Court. Other useful databases recently added include: Business Source Elite, Columbia International Affairs Online, Emerald Fulltext, IEEE Explore and Current Research from UMI. This workshop is highly recommended for NMSU faculty and graduate teaching assistants!

  Tuesday, 10 February, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

• Latin American Literary Criticism
  This workshop will provide hands-on practice searching library databases for full-text articles and bibliographic citations to criticism and reviews of Latin American and Latino literature. Databases covered include: Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI), Handbook of Latin American Studies, MLA Bibliography and Informe!

  Friday, 20 February, 1:00–2:00 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

• Learn How to PURL
  Persistent URLs (PURLs) allow you to link directly to full-text articles found in many NMSU Library’s full-text databases. You can set up a PURL linking to a full-text article from your web page, in your PowerPoint presentation, in an email message, or even within your WebCT course (instructors only). Come and learn what PURLs are, how they function, and how to set them up. This workshop is highly recommended for NMSU faculty and graduate teaching assistants!

  Tuesday, 24 February, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom (Workshops, continued on page 6)
Tombaugh Papers Event Announced

“The Clyde W. Tombaugh Papers: Preserving the History of Astronomy” will be the featured Archives & Special Collections Event at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2004. The public is invited. The free presentation will take place on Branson Library’s second floor east.

Project archivist Melissa Gottwald will discuss Tombaugh’s life and the challenges of documenting his remarkable career. Specific topics such as Pluto and Tombaugh’s Mars research will be highlighted. This spring, Archives will complete a three-year project to make Tombaugh’s extensive personal and professional papers accessible for research.

Planetary astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh is best known for his February 18, 1930, discovery of the planet Pluto at Lowell Observatory in Arizona. But the majority of his career was spent in New Mexico, working first on the tracking telescopes at White Sands Proving Ground and later helping to establish the astronomy program at New Mexico State University.

For more information, please contact Lesley Mackay at (505) 646-3642.

Tombaugh Web Page Debuts

A web page on the Clyde W. Tombaugh Papers project is now online at http://archives.nmsu.edu/exhibits/tombaugh_website/index.htm. The page includes an overview of the Tombaugh Papers, a biography, a bibliography, a listing of astronomy collections held by the Library and information on the processing of the papers. The page is a collaborative project of Maura Kenny and Melissa Gottwald of the Archives & Special Collections Department.

Clyde Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto at Lowell Observatory in 1930. The papers of the late NMSU astronomer were donated to the Library by the Tombaugh family in 2001. The papers consist of approximately 150 linear feet of material, including correspondence with prominent astronomers and space scientists such as Wernher von Braun and Carl Sagan. The papers also include educational records, administrative files, research files, writings, technical drawings, photographs, astronomical charts and printed matter.

Dean Titus Chairs NMSU Commission

Library Dean Elizabeth Titus has been named the chair of NMSU’s President’s Commission on the Status of Women. The commission is charged to advocate for a campus community that is inclusive, diverse and equitable, to facilitate the exchange of knowledge about the status of women faculty and staff at NMSU, to provide a focus for action on women’s issues and to promote an equitable and learning environment.

The commission will gather data on the status of women faculty and staff at NMSU; review institutional documents to determine the gendered impact of institutional policies and procedures; monitor data, policies and procedures and campus issues at NMSU in light of local and national trends; recommend appropriate courses of action on policies and procedures to promote gender equity in the recruitment and retention of women faculty and staff at NMSU; and report its findings to the Board of Regents every three years. For more information, please contact Dean Titus at (505) 646-1508.

--- Jeanette Smith, Library Administration

ILL and Computers Move

Interlibrary Loan Relocates

Library staff affiliated with the borrowing side of Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery -- those who acquire materials from other libraries and commercial providers for NMSU faculty and students -- moved on January 30 from the second floor of Branson Library to the first floor of Zuhl Library.

Library staff affiliated with the lending side of ILL/DDS -- those who loan NMSU Library materials to other libraries, as well as the Pegasus Delivery Service -- moved from the second floor of Branson Library to the first floor of Branson Library.

These moves place ILL/DDS staff in closer proximity to related Access Services units and will provide greater opportunities for staff and resource sharing.

For more information, please contact Access Services at (505) 646-5091.

--- Norice Lee, Access Services

Public Access Computers Move

Twelve public access computers at Zuhl Library have found a new home! PCs that were formerly located in the “E-Res” room have been relocated on the first floor of Zuhl Library. To improve accessibility and yet maintain privacy, the PCs were placed in individual carrels situated in the large open study space on the east side of the building.

These PCs all have Microsoft Office applications installed on them which provide students with expanded opportunities to complete their research and other assignments. A networked printer available in the same location requires a copy card which can be purchased from any card dispenser or from the Copy Center Service Desk.

For more information, please contact Reference & Research Services at (505) 646-5792 or Access Services at (505) 646-5091.

--- Norice Lee, Access Services, and Cindy Pierard, Reference & Research Services
Library Staff News

The Library welcomes four new staff members. Ellen Bosman is the new head of the Technical Services Department. Kirsten Clark is joining the Reference and Research Services Department as the new Government Documents Librarian. Mavis Johnson is the new Library Technician II in Interlibrary Loan. Linda Shadd is the new Library Technician II in Technical Services.

Kate Manuel, Library Instruction Coordinator, has been named visiting scholar at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. In April, among other activities, she will lecture on "The Instant Messengers, the Cell Phoners & the File Sharers: An Educator’s Guide to Gen Y.”


Jan Hylen, Education Librarian, initiated office hours once a week at NMSU’s O’Donnell Hall last semester. For Spring Semester 2004, she is once again going to be in Room 318 on Mondays from 3–5 pm. Jan is there to help College of Education faculty, staff and students with any questions they may have about doing their research or other library issues. Please feel free to drop in and see her.

Ramon Vasquez, a former student employee in Branson Circulation, participated in a student art exhibit at the NMSU Art Gallery in Williams Hall in November 2003. He specializes in painting oil portraits of his friends and family.

Library Faculty Publications


Molloy, Molly, editor, with Sheila Black and Fred Almarez, co-editors, Dime y te Diré: Tell Me Your Story and I Will Tell You Mine: An ENLACE Anthology of Student Voices (Las Cruces: ENLACE Program, New Mexico State University, 2003).

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Young Pups’ Tricks

Mailing address: kmanuel@lib.nmsu.edu.

- Old Dogs Can Learn New Tricks: Non-traditional Students Learning the Young Pups’ Tricks

Are you a non–traditional student having a hard time adjusting to the new technology in the Library and wondering how you can find what you need? Do you have a hard time understanding why you need a URL, don’t understand whether you want a PDF or HTML document, or even what either of these is? Come and learn some of the things that you will need to know to make it through the semester! This workshop is for non–traditional or returning students who aren’t quite sure how to use a computer or the Library.

Tuesday, 2 March, 6:00–7:00 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

- Social Policy & Legal Research

Knowledge of state and federal laws and regulations and their impact on society is essential to social workers, therapists, and other service professionals. In this hands-on workshop we’ll practice searching legal sources, both electronic and print, and learn how to search for scholarly books and journal articles that discuss social policy issues, both current and historical.

Tuesday, 16 March, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

- Using EndNote

Learn how to create, navigate and use an EndNote library, how to create bibliographies and how to use EndNote while writing a paper to insert citations and format references. Find out how to import citations from the Library’s article databases.

Note: EndNote is a commercially available software program. This software is not installed on the public workstations in the Library; anyone interested in using EndNote must purchase it individually and install it on a personal computer. It is for sale at local stores, including the NMSU Bookstore.

Friday, 12 March, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Branson Title V Classroom

- Westlaw

Westlaw is one of the main databases used for conducting legal research. This workshop will introduce attendees to the types of information Westlaw contains and to strategies for effectively searching Westlaw.

Note: The Westlaw database is made available to researchers only within the NMSU Library buildings (Branson and Zuhl). You will not be able to access the Library’s subscription to Westlaw from either your home or office.

Friday, 13 February, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

Additional workshops may be posted on the Library’s web site as Spring Semester 2004 progresses. Please check http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/workshops.htm for additional listings, or contact Kate Manuel, Instruction Coordinator, at (505) 646-6932 or kmanuel@lib.nmsu.edu. -- Kate Manuel, Reference & Research Services
Employee service of ten Library staff members to NMSU totaling 180 years was recognized at a campus ceremony on February 10. Employees will also be recognized at a Library reception this spring. Honored employees are:

Vicky Minnick, Access Services, 5
Dora Morales, Access Services, 10
Leilani Horton, Technical Services, 10
Lisa Mendoza, Technical Services, 15
Mary Chavarria, Access Services, 15
Jeanette Smith, Administration, 20
Sandra Padilla, Access Services, 20
Frances Alvarez, Access Services, 20
Carol Boyse, Systems, 30
Cheryl Wilson, Administration, 35

This spring, the Library became an official DocuTek customer. This web-based product provides access to electronic reserve materials, many of which were formerly available only in print format.

DocuTek facilitates access to electronic materials through the creation of pdf files, links to articles in the Library’s databases and links to materials available on the web.

The materials in DocuTek can be managed by both Library staff and faculty members, providing 24/7 access for students from any Internet-accessible computer. In order to comply with copyright, however, these course materials are password protected and are available for use only by students enrolled in the course.

DocuTek was developed by a university professor and a library webmaster in 1995. Presently, more than 3.25 million students have used DocuTek worldwide. The goal of the program developers has been to enhance education by making online learning easy and convenient. NMSU students who have access to reserve materials on DocuTek seem pleased with the service, as they are no longer required to come to the Library in order to access their course-related materials. It also eliminates the frustrations encountered when items are checked out or pages are missing from print copies.

Faculty members are now empowered to better manage their course materials by “hiding” or “revealing” readings appropriate to the curriculum. In addition, DocuTek can be used in conjunction with WebCT courses, which effectively integrates Library and other information resources into online or web-enhanced courses.

While in demonstration mode last fall, there were well over 22,000 hits on the NMSU DocuTek page. There were approximately 65 course web pages and 900 electronic reserve files available. This conversion has eliminated the need for more than 20 file cabinets of print reserves and 20 square feet of office space! The Library anticipates that usage of DocuTek will continue to grow in the coming semesters. Further information, including a tutorial for faculty and librarians, is available at http://liberes.nmsu.edu.

A related new service is DocuFax. This feature is a component of DocuTek E-Res that allows faculty to submit the items they wish to place on DocuTek by faxing them to (505) 646-4271. This eliminates any photocopying or scanning that would otherwise be required to place materials on reserve in electronic format. Once the faxed materials are received by the software, they are automatically converted to pdf files, and are ready to be reviewed for copyright compliance by the Library staff. Upon clearance, the materials can be posted immediately to the DocuTek course web page. This is a useful service available free of charge to all NMSU faculty. It is especially convenient for off-site distance education faculty.

Please contact Sandra Padilla at Zuhl Library, (505) 646-4441, or email reserves@lib.nmsu.edu if you have any questions about DocuTek or DocuFax.

-- Norice Lee and Sandra Padilla, Access Services.

Grab a comfy chair and enjoy the Library’s current periodicals, now all located in Branson Library.
Was Casanova a Novel Lover?

What do the following famous people have in common: Casanova, J. Edgar Hoover and Mao Tse-Tung? If you said that they all worked undercover at some stage of their career, you are only partially correct. The background they share is that each, at some time in his life, worked in a library.

Casanova served as librarian for thirteen years at the castle of Count Waldstein of Bohemia, presumably coining the slogan that "librarians are novel lovers" along the way. Hoover worked as a cataloger at the Library of Congress for five years before moving on to the better known job as director of the FBI. Mao spent some time in the journals section of the Beijing University Library before going on to become chairman of the Chinese Communist Party.

Other well-known people who worked in libraries include public librarians Golda Meier and Jorge Luis Borges. August Strindberg, Goethe, both Brothers Grimm, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Berlioz, David Hume, Immanuel Kant, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, six popes and Lenin's wife, Nadezhda Krupskaiia, also worked in libraries.

Throughout the ages, not only have libraries provided the resources that underpin research, they have also featured in the lives and development of some of history's best known figures. -- from an article by Stephen Parnell, University of South Australia Library, that first appeared in the Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, 1991.

Haiku Winners Announced

The winning poems have been selected from forty-five haiku by NMSU faculty, staff and students and members of the community entered in the Library's library haiku contest. The first place winner is Connie Falk, a professor in NMSU's Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business. Second place goes to Tami H. Luchini, a student in the College of Health and Social Services. Falk and Luchini received gift certificates to area restaurants. Honorable mention goes to Jesus J. Barquet, Eddie Torres and Gaea McGahee. The winning poems appear below. -- Jeanette Smith, Library Administration

Library dating
is sexier than beer halls.
You have to whisper.
-- Connie Falk

Dampness: virulent
fixed on both sides of the page—
black traces of mold.
-- Tami H. Luchini

book upon a shelf
sitting silent through the night
a restless bookworm
-- Eddie Torres

preface
libraries whisper
adore my gentle pages
come quietly in
-- Gaea McGahee

The Two Sides of a Book

1ne

Thomas Jefferson
"I can not live without books"
I said me neither
-- Tami H. Luchini

2wo

To read is to scrub
—trying to sponge all meanings—
huskily each phrase.
-- Jesus J. Barquet

3ree

Exhausted, the page
—aiming for rain, fresher mold—
bears the white season.
-- Thomas Jefferson

On the premise that the quality of an institution of higher learning can be determined by the size, health and behavior of the squirrel population on campus, the web page Campus Squirrel Listings ranks universities using a key of five squirrels (highest) to one squirrel (lowest). To see how your favorite institution ranks on the squirrel scale, visit http://www.gottshall.com/squirrels/campsq.htm. Squirrel spotters are invited to report on their findings.