

Library Gazette

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Welcome Peter

I am **Peter Romanov** and I know what you are thinking...."A relative of the historical Russian Czar, huh?" Maybe a relative, but far from a life of royalty!

I spent the majority of my life in San Antonio, Texas. For the past 10 years, I have lived in Winston-Salem. While living in Winston-Salem, I commuted daily to High Point University where I earned a B.A. in English Literature.

Throughout my college career I wrote for the student newspaper and eventually became the Arts and Entertainment Editor. Each year my writing appeared in the university's poetry magazines. My writing has consistently been a valuable outlet for expressing myself.

Outside of writing, I enjoy many physical activities such as tennis, racquetball, and bicycling on nature trails. Music is also a vital part of my life. Ben Folds Five and Radiohead are just a few of the bands that constantly bring pleasure to my ears.

That was the outer me. Allow me to close with the inner me. I firmly believe that humor is essential in any environment. Don't misinterpret this idiosyncrasy, for I am truly genuine. After all, the greatest thing in the world is to know how to be one's own self. – **Peter Romanov**

Dexter is back!

Dexter Ewing is taking Julia's job temporarily till we fill the position. **Dexter** graduated from Wake Forest in December 1997 with a major in History. **Dexter** started working for us when he was a freshman. We are very happy that he has returned to the nest, even though it is temporary. Computers and knives are two of his major interests. He writes for *Knives Illustrated* magazine in his spare time. – **Cristina Yu**

Administrative Council Report -September 23, 1998

Remote storage: After months of working on a solution to remote storage of seldom-used materials, a solution fell into the library's lap. Due to a decrease in the volume of microfilming by the university, Dr. Anderson has agreed to fund a 3-year remote storage program. The site is run by Twin Cities—a record storage company in Winston-Salem. During the time this funding is in place, we should be able to learn how effective remote storage is, the possibility of cooperative storage ventures, and the costs of document retrieval. The new database will reflect items that are in remote storage. **Rhoda** will visit the site soon to evaluate security and environmental measures. Patrons will be able to retrieve items from storage in one day or with authorization, go to the site, where a study room, fax and copier are provided.

Endeavor migration: Moving to the new system is well under way, and **Wanda** has worked out a provisional timeframe for the migration process. Tapes should be sent to OCLC this week, with training beginning in October, test database by November and the new database should be live by January 1st. These dates are tentative. There will be a freeze on database transactions in December. A detailed list of the migration steps to Endeavor is available from Team Leaders.

New Committees: **Rhoda** has identified the need for three new committees, they are:

- Policies and Procedures (to accept and evaluate library policies),
- Publications (determine what we publish, budget, library guide, the red book, and other needs),
- Statistics (compile and evaluate internal and database stats)

Team Leaders were asked to submit candidates for these committees.

Statistical reports: **Debbie Lambert** passed out a list of areas where the library maintains statistics (Monographs, Serials, Microforms, etc.). These stat categories are tabulated and sent to IPEDS and ASERL. The statistical categories list is available from your Team Leader.

Performance evaluations: **Rhoda** has asked the Administrative Council to evaluate her performance. This will be done anonymously by each member and in any way they would like to format the evaluation. **Rhoda** mentioned evaluating her on how well she meets the need of the Team Leaders and how well she meets her own goals as Library Director. A date for these evaluations was set for October 15th. – **Craig Fansler**

From The Director

The Library Planning Committee had its first meeting of the fall on September 21. Professor Michael Hughes was selected to chair the committee, succeeding Bernardine Barnes. Scott Klein, from the English Department, just joined the committee, replacing Bill Moss. The two major items under discussion were faculty overdues and off-site storage. The committee was interested in hearing from **Jill Carraway** about the Serials Review Project and will hear from her at our October meeting.

The Curriculum Review Committee is putting the finishing touches on its report, before presenting it to the faculty at the October faculty meeting. We have spent many hours trying to define and clarify what changes we will recommend, and each item must be approved by a vote of the faculty.

More changes are underway; last year you may recall that the creaky manual budget submission process was replaced by a web-based version. This fall we are piloting online registration using WIN. The pilot

group will be the RTAs and some of the seniors who were in the ThinkPad pilot so many years ago. For those with 360s, and older versions of Netscape, we will offer the ITC lab for their registration. The Training Task Force will get useful information to indicate whether/how much training will be needed. In the spring, all students will register for some of their courses online. Majors will use a different method for registering in their major courses, to assure that they are accommodated first. I would guess this would be automated too, before too long.

Before the Gaz reaches you, I will have participated in the NCLA LAMS/RTSS workshop on assessment in libraries. I hope it will give all attendees ideas for measuring our performance with a view toward improvement. – **Rhoda Channing**

Off-Campus Shelving Spells Relief

Although Z. Smith Reynolds Library is bulging at its seams, relief is in sight. Off-campus shelving of some of our least used materials is about to begin. Funding from the office of Dr. John P. Anderson, Vice President for Finance and Administration, for campus record storage was announced Monday, September 21. This grant includes a provision for library books as well as records and archival materials. Twin City Record Management is the agency entrusted with the task of storing all records and books for the university.

Library books stored at Twin City will be in a facility a few miles from campus where they will be housed in a climate and humidity controlled area that is protected from fire by a Halon Gas system. Every book will be assigned a storage barcode and will be tracked in a database that can be accessed by library staff. Although no longer in the library stacks, all materials housed off campus will still be available to our patrons. They will appear in the online catalog with their new location noted and will be available for use in either of two ways. A patron can request material at the circulation desk for next day delivery, or the patron can get a clearance slip from circulation and go to Twin City to use the items in a study room on site. Photocopying, telephone lines, and Fax service will be available.

The library is ready to begin moving books into the Twin City site almost immediately, thanks to several months of study and investigation by **Isabel**, **Jill**, and **Elen**. In January, an informal discussion among several librarians resulted in the establishment of two projects: Serials Review and Remote Storage. **Isabel** and **Jill** visited the Bowman Gray Records Management facility on January 14 to explore local options. On January 19, they met with **Elen** for a discussion on what space might be needed for a serious release of library shelf space for continuing collection. Meetings were subsequently held with members of the Carpenter Library staff where both libraries reported near crisis conditions in available shelf space. A discussion group formed from this meeting that still exists as a forum for shared concerns and information exchange. **Isabel** and **Jill** continued exploring options for Reynolds that led them to visit the Twin City facility. With cost estimates from Twin city and with a shelving study conducted by **Isabel** and Andy Morton, **Jill** did a ten-year projection of month by month costs for storing the overflow from the library.

When Carolyn McCorkle, Vice President of Twin City, and Jimmy Kausch, Wake Forest Purchasing Director, dropped by to meet with **Jill** and **Isabel** last Monday, the facts were in hand. All that remains to be done is to establish the policies and processes to guide implementation. Bibliographers were invited to consider and discuss these issues at their most recent meeting. It is expected that books will begin to flow into their second home no later than January 1. – **Jill Carraway**

Elisabeth Promotes Services

Recently I had the opportunity to promote library services to the faculty of the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy. It was a wonderful experience that I'd like to share with you.

The Calloway School invited me to a faculty meeting recently, asking for me to address the issue of changes in the library. The Calloway School has not had a Business Reference Librarian for a year and was interested in any information I thought pertinent. On September 15th, I gave a twenty-minute presentation, in which I covered collection development, electronic resources, interlibrary loan, bibliographic instruction and other reference services. I also extended an invitation for personalized library tours.

I hope that this will become an annual event. It certainly has created more demand for my services. In the twenty-four hour period following the meeting, I received five emails and two phone calls! For a librarian who is happiest when busily serving her patrons, this is a most fortunate response. If you ever hear a patron wishing for help in business or economics reference, please send them my way! –

Elisabeth Leonard

The Book Corner

The Archivist: A Novel by Martha Cooley

Passing between the wings of the library, I am often snared by Reynolds' attractive Browsing Collection. One of my recent finds is Martha Cooley's *The Archivist*. Early on, Matthias Lane discovers his call to books. A trip to the Library of Congress inspires him to say, "I knew then that eventually I would claim such a place as my home." And again, "It's impossible to be a keeper of books and not feel a gratitude that extends to something beyond the intellects that created them" Cooley sketches out the life of her archivist using top-notch dialogue, journal entries, news clippings, poetry, letters, and scraps of memory. She paints her background with complex, inter-woven themes: moral dilemmas generated by the holocaust, that particular microcosm of American life called "New York City," and the poetry of T. S. Eliot. Cooley reveals her characters through returned and retrieved identities, deceptions and secrets uncovered, loves outgrown and sometimes re-gained. This is not an action book, yet it is a mystery which begs for resolution. Cooley takes her time to tell her story, capturing and replicating the meandering pathways of thought, experience, and relationship. And does Matthias suitably represent Every Archivist? He touches my heart, but read the book and decide for yourself. – **Sherry Durren**

Getting to the Source: Recent Scholarship on Women

As mentioned in an earlier gazette article, the Reference Department has received several new reference books on women. In addition to several encyclopedias and handbooks, the collection includes some interesting dictionaries.

As with any discipline, it is always important to have some good dictionaries to consult. The *Historical Dictionary of Feminism* (Ref HQ1115 B65 1996) not only defines words and terms but provides a very good overview of the feminist movement in the introduction to the book. Moreover, it includes some excellent background information on persons, organizations, movements, and court cases. For example, Maya Angelou, Emma Goldman, Margaret Sanger, Phyllis Schlafly, Lucy Stone, Hillary Rodham Clinton, are just a few of the people that are featured in the work. Organizations and groups such as Cell 16,

Concerned Women for America, Eagle Forum, and the Older Women's League are mentioned. This book includes brief summaries of movements such as the Dress Reform Movement, Club Woman's Movement, and the American Association of University Women. The book provides information on court cases such as *Roe v. Wade*, *Muller v. Oregon*, and *Hoyt v. Florida*.

This book also offers a "Chronology of Feminism" beginning in 1405 with the completion of Christine de Pizan's *The Book of the City of Women*. Pizan was a French poet and the first professional woman writer.

One final thing that I would like to mention about this dictionary is that it is a collaborative effort. All of the people involved in this project are (or were) on the faculty of Marquette University of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Talk about a team effort.

This dictionary is just a sampling of some of the reference books that the Reference Department has received dealing with women this year. Part III of this series will focus on women's legal history in America. – **Bobbie Collins**

Subject Headings of Current Interest

Advance directives (Medical care)	Male primary school teachers
Antique and classic motorcycles	Novelty balloons
Billiard parlors	Nude beaches
Black History Month	Off-road racing
Bow ties	Off-road vehicle trails
Browsers (Computer programs)	Organ trafficking
Child caregivers	Parental alienation syndrome
Computer technicians	Persian Gulf syndrome
Cookies (Computer science)	Pesticide waste
Cross-language information retrieval	Pickup trucks
Deaf dogs	Plug-ins (Computer programs)
Dublin Core	Political ecology
Electronic government information	Restraining orders
Electronic public records	Sanctuary gardens
Engineered wood	Sildenafil
Food banks	UF Viagra (Trademark)
Food riots	Speed bumps
Freckles	Speed humps
Girl Scout cookies	Student television stations
Green tea	Subacute care
Herding	Techno music
Horse whisperers	Unicode (Computer character set)
Interim executives	Urban parks
Jibaro (Puerto Rican identity)	V-chips
Knowledge workers	Video description
Library overdues	World Heritage areas

– **Tina Kussey**