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Announcements & Gossip fit to print:

The Florida Chapter of ACRL is hosting an all-day workshop, Friday, October 27. The topic is Organizational Change and promises to be very interesting.

Faculty Meeting, Tuesday, October 24, 11 am to 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Administrative News:

Librarians Meeting: Monday, October 23, 1995 at 2 PM

Staff Meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 1995 at 2 PM

Library Safety Seminar: Tuesday, October 31, 1995 at 1:30 PM

Thanksgiving Holiday schedule:

The library will be CLOSED on November 23rd and 24th, Thursday and Friday and OPEN the weekend.

AV News:

New videos in the library:

1. The ABCs of School Testing
2. The Best Way
3. Black Rain
4. Black Widow
5. A Bronx Tale
6. Brother's Keeper
7. Cal
8. Crooklyn
9. Dazed and Confused
10. Farewell My Concubine (c.2)
11. For A Lost Soldier
12. The Hours and Times
13. It Started With Eve
14. The Last Butterfly
15. Little Buddha
16. Looking for Langston
17. Lost in Yonkers
18. Medium Cool
19. Memphis Belle
20. Much Ado About Nothing
21. My Crazy Life (Mi Vida Loca)
22. Pat and Mike
23. Pretty Baby
24. The Prince and the Showgirl

25. Raise the Red Lantern
26. Red Rock West
27. The Remains of the Day
28. Savage Nights
29. The Scent of Green Papaya
30. The Skull
31. To Dance with the White Dog
32. Treasure of Sierra Madre
33. True Romance
34. Utz

Public Services News:

New LUIS databases

GeoRef is now available on FirstSearch. It covers geology and the earth sciences from 1785 to the present (North America); 1933 to the present for the world.

Another new database on FirstSearch is EBSCOMags which covers 2,300 business, humanities, general sciences, social science, and health periodicals. The complete text from close to 1,000 periodicals is available through this database. However, the USF Libraries are *not* currently subscribing to the full-text on EBSCOMags. We will need to study this database and compare its coverage with that of Periodical Abstracts.

In a joint venture with the University of Florida, the USF Libraries are subscribing to the English Short Title Catalog on Eureka (ESTC). The ESTC contains records for works printed in any language in England or its dependencies from the beginning of printing through the end of the eighteenth century. We do not own the microform collection associated with the ESTC.

From Tina Neville:

Subject: reference desk time and aws

It looks like we have reached that time of the semester when our meetings are overlapping into our vacation and AWS days. I need to be notified of major changes to the reference schedule. If everyone could follow the following steps it would help me tremendously and help to keep everything running smoothly at reference.

If you will not be able to staff the desk at your regularly scheduled time because of a meeting, AWS or a brief vacation, please try to trade times with another librarian.

If you find someone who can trade times with you, please note each change to the schedule on the daily desk calendar at the reference desk. This is very important since additional changes may need to be made at a later date. It also assures the person covering the desk that they will be relieved at the scheduled time.

If you are unable to locate anyone to trade with you or if you are taking an extended vacation, please notify me ASAP (by e-mail or a note in my mailbox) and I will make arrangements for covering your time.

From Jackie Jackson:

We have a new item on the Staff Functions Option on the Main Menu on Luis. No. 10 gives the Reserve Course listings by course number, course instructor, course title, or course author. This listing is more comprehensive than the method of searching available up to now. All of these functions are still available in the technical mode only. We are hoping to have it moved to the public mode.

Technical Services News:

Renee announces new Recreational Reading:

To Renew America by Newt Gingrich
Brothers no more by William F. Buckley Jr.
Sleeper Spy by William Safire
Remember Me by Mary Higgins Clark
Stone Diaries by Carol Shields (c.2)
Talk before Sleep by Elizabeth Berg
New Passages by Gail Sheehy
My American Journey by Colin Powell with Joseph E. Persico
Rule of the Bone by Russell Banks

Internet & other techie stuff:

From Virginia:

NII White Paper available

The final copy of the paper "Intellectual Property and the National Information Infrastructure" is now available. It is available by calling (703) 305-8600. US citizens are entitled to a free copy each. The document is also available on the Web at <http://iitf.doc.gov>. However, it is much simpler to call and have a beautiful bound copy mailed to you than to try to print it from Netscape, because it is quite large.

Virginia also shared an item from the Wall Street Journal, Tuesday, March 1, 1994. If these excerpts strike your interest, the article is available on microfilm. We have all had days like these....

Befuddled PC Users Flood Help Lines
And No Question Seems to be too Basic

Austin, Texas - The exasperated help-line caller said she couldn't get her new Dell computer to turn on. Jay Ablinger, a Dell Computer Corp. Technician, made sure the computer was plugged in and then asked the woman what happened when she pushed the power button. "I've pushed and pushed on this foot pedal and nothing happens," the woman replied. "Foot pedal?" the technician asked. "Yes," the woman said, "this

little white foot pedal with the on switch." The "foot pedal," it turned out, was the computer's mouse, a hand-operated device that helps to control the computer's operations.

Personal computer makers are discovering that it's still a low-tech world out there....

...questions are often so basic that they could have been answered by opening the manual that comes with every machine. One woman called Dell's toll-free line to ask how to install batteries in her laptop. When told that the directions were on the first page of the manual, says Steve Smith, Dell director of technical support, the woman replied angrily, "I just paid \$2,000 for this damn thing, and I'm not going to read a book."

...A frustrated customer called, who said her brand new Contura would not work. She said she had unpacked the unit, plugged it in, opened it up and sat there for 20 minutes waiting for something to happen. When asked what happened when she pressed the power switch, she asked, "What power switch?"

...Seemingly simple computer features baffle some users. So many people have called to ask where the "any" key is when "Press Any Key" flashes on the screen....

...Computers make some people paranoid. A Dell technician, Morgan Vergara, says he once calmed a man who became enraged because "his computer had told him he was bad and an invalid." Mr. Vergara patiently explained that the computer's "bad command" and "invalid" responses shouldn't be taken personally....
