

# footnotes

## \$5 million gift to enhance special collections

by Harrie M. Hughes, director of development



Building on the Deering family's distinguished tradition of philanthropy to Northwestern University Library through seven generations, Nancy H. McCormick has made a \$5 million gift to the Library through the Miami Corporation, the Deering family's investment company. The gift will enhance the endowment of the Charles Deering McCormick Library of Special Collections, which in 1995 was named and dedicated in memory of her late husband, Charles Deering McCormick.

The holdings of rare, unusual, and original books, drawings, manuscripts, and scholarly materials in the McCormick Library of Special Collections are well used by faculty members and students for study

and research. According to David F. Bishop, Charles Deering McCormick University Librarian, Nancy McCormick's gift will enable the library to build its special collections more aggressively and with more purpose.

"Northwestern students and faculty can make use of a richer collection of these materials, and they have shown an obvious hunger for such materials," Bishop said. "As Northwestern makes a major effort to reposition itself among its peer institutions in the next few years, it seems essential to move the McCormick Library of Special Collections ahead by acquiring richer intellectual fare for our students and faculty."

The Deering family's philanthropy to University Library began in the 1930s with construction of the Charles Deering Library and was propelled over the years by Charles Deering McCormick's quiet but persistent intellectual interests. Always an advocate for scholarship and libraries, he and his brothers contributed the funds for the construction of the south tower — Deering Tower — of the current main library in 1970 to meet Northwestern's need for a new, larger research library. In 1982 he pledged the leadership gift for the preservation of the Charles Deering Library, by then recognized as a campus landmark. In 1985 he and his wife created two endowments, one for the position of University Librarian and the other named in memory

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*Nancy McCormick, pictured at top with David F. Bishop, Charles Deering McCormick University Librarian, is continuing her family's support for Northwestern University Library. That support began in the 1930s with the construction of the Charles Deering Library (above), which today houses the Charles Deering McCormick Library of Special Collections.*

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of their son, Hilleary H. McCormick, to support the humanities collection. In 1995 Nancy McCormick made a gift to endow the Charles Deering McCormick Library of Special Collections in honor of her husband. "I knew of his great interest in the Library," she said. "Looking back over the years, I think he had a particular interest in special collections."

According to R. Russell Maylone, curator of the McCormick Library of Special Collections, "Northwestern's students and faculty regularly use the McCormick Library to reach new intellectual vistas." He added, "This wonderful endowment will help us to provide the wealth of resources that offer significant academic challenges for teaching and research."



*Above and right: Illustrations from Reception de ... Louys XIII....*



NEW MCCORMICK GIFT  
PUT TO GOOD USE

Thanks to Nancy McCormick's \$5 million gift, the Charles Deering McCormick Library of Special Collections has been able to make some exciting purchases recently:

*Le soleil au signe du Lyon . . . Louys XIII. roy de France & de Navarre, en son Entrée triomphante dans sa Ville de Lyon . . . le 11 Decembre 1622.* Lyon, 1623.

bound together with

*Reception de . . . Louys XIII . . . par Messieurs les Doyen . . . de Lyon en leur Cloistre & Eglise le XI Decembre MDXXII.* Lyon, 1623.

These two first editions were published to celebrate Louis XIII's visit to the city of Lyon in 1623. The books illustrate the triumphal arches, firework displays, emblematic trophies, and the royal barge that were part of the celebration.

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel. *System der Wissenschaft: Erster Theil, die Phänomenologie des Geistes.* Bamberg and Würtzberg, 1807.

A first edition of Hegel's best-known work, in which he develops the idea of *Geist* (spirit) realizing itself in the intellectual development of human-kind. In 1869 Northwestern purchased the library of Hegel's neighbor and friend, Johannes Schulze, and thereby acquired a great many prized books

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— R. RUSSELL MAYLONE



by Hegel. However, *System der Wissenschaft* was not in Schulze's original library. Thus, this book's acquisition fulfills a longstanding need at the Library.

Cornelis Ploos van Amstel and Christian Josi. *Collection d'imitations des dessins d'après les principaux maîtres hollandais et flamands*. . . Amsterdam/London, 1821–[1828], 2 vols.

Ploos van Amstel (1726–98) was a Dutch art dealer, connoisseur, and engraver who discovered a method of reproducing the works of artists with a perfection that has rarely been equaled and whose methods seemed to die with him. His relative and apprentice, Christian Josi, acquired the collection of copperplates through the sale of Ploos van Amstel's estate and published the engravings in 1821. These reproductions of early Dutch drawings and paintings constitute one of the most important collections of engravings ever published.

## South garden renamed for two men who treasured it

The Deering Library south garden was rededicated as the Erickson-Koch Memorial Garden in October 2001 to honor the memory of two men — the one who created the garden and the one who rescued it from disrepair.

Theodore Wesley Koch, Northwestern's University librarian from 1919 to 1941, presided over the building of Charles Deering Library and the landscaping of the gardens surrounding it. He made sure the setting was as elegant as the building itself and continued improving the gardens until his death in 1941. In 1943 the gardens were named the Koch Memorial Gardens.

By the late 1970s and early 1980s, when Rolf Erickson, head of University Library's Circulation Services Department, was compiling a history of the Library, the gardens were shabby rather than elegant. Reading documents that revealed Koch's loving attention to the landscaping, Erickson, who was interested in horticulture himself, became distressed by the neglect into which the gardens had fallen. With R. Russell Maylone, curator of special collections, and Patrick Quinn, University archivist, Erickson conceived a plan to restore the gardens and in 1988 drafted a design to replant the south garden. Progress toward the

restoration was slow, however, and Erickson died in 1992, before his dream could be realized.

Maylone, Quinn, and other friends and colleagues formed the Erickson Garden Committee, raising funds and continuing to pursue the restoration of the south garden in Erickson's memory. With the support of David Bishop, Charles Deering McCormick University Librarian, they produced and implemented a new plan for the garden.

Maylone was the master of ceremonies at the dedication of the Erickson-Koch Memorial Garden last October. He thanked University landscape architect Ann Zeigelmaier and her staff for restoring “a colorful and almost festive sanctuary, one whose complex presentation of flowers, bushes, and trees would have pleased Rolf greatly.”

When Quinn took his turn at the podium, he said, “Knowing how Rolf revered Theodore Wesley Koch, we can be assured that he would be much pleased to know that this lovely garden now shares his name and Koch's. The Erickson-Koch Garden will long stand as a tribute to two librarians who greatly loved Northwestern University Library and who infused it with a vitality that enriched the entire Northwestern community.”



Also offering memories of Erickson and remarks about the garden and its history were Charles Fineman, former literature bibliographer at Northwestern and now a librarian at Harvard College Library, and Kjersti Usler, Erickson's cousin. Usler later hosted a party at her home for the some 60 friends, colleagues, and relatives of Erickson who had come from as far as Norway for the rededication ceremony.

Those interested in reading Erickson's pre-1971 history of University Library can find it at <http://www.library.northwestern.edu/history/index.html>.



#### REMEMBERING MARLENE KLAUBA

Marlene Klauba, administrative secretary to the University Librarian, died unexpectedly in September 2001. Ms. Klauba had worked at the Library for more than nine years and was planning to retire at the end of 2001.

Beyond the regular duties of her job,

Ms. Klauba played a significant role in supporting activities that enhanced the quality of life for Library staff. She was a major contributor to the planning and work for holiday parties, the annual service recognition award ceremony, numerous retirement parties, and other events.

"Marlene carried out her duties with grace, enthusiasm, and dignity, and she made everyone involved feel comfortable and welcome," said David Bishop, Charles Deering McCormick University Librarian. "She also worked hard to see that things were done right and that all of our events reflected positively on the Library. In the days and months since Marlene's death, it has been an inspiration for me to realize the extent to which she touched the lives of people throughout the organization. There were the quilters, the lunch group, the retirees, and those on the staff who needed to hear a kind word. All could count on Marlene for help and support."

Bibliographer Shelli Elstein added, "We never thanked her enough, in time for her to hear it. Perhaps she taught us a final lesson: to express appreciation while there is time."

## More space for Mudd Library



Last year the Seeley G. Mudd Library for Science and Engineering underwent renovations that help the library accommodate anticipated growth in its collection over the next 10 years. During summer 2001 old shelves were removed and replaced with compact movable shelving units on the first floor of the library. The new shelving increases shelf space in the library by about 40 percent — from about 7 miles to 10 miles.

The Mudd Library contains 248,000 books and bound journal volumes covering every field of science and engineering. Access to online reference and full-text information is provided in the Morton M. Astrahan Electronic Information Center, which includes networked public workstations, printers, and laptop connections. To learn more about the library, please visit its Web page at [www.library.northwestern.edu/sel/index.html](http://www.library.northwestern.edu/sel/index.html).

## New ATLAS provides full-text database for religious literature

by Rochelle Berger Elstein, bibliographer for religion

Students and faculty in religion and many other humanities fields now have access to a "new and improved" version of a familiar database. ATLA, the American Theological Library Association's electronic database of citations and abstracts, was recently enhanced with the addition of selected full-text research literature. Its new name is ATLAS.

The association has long been an important publisher of bibliographic citations to journal articles and book reviews of literature related to religion. ATLA recently became ATLAS when the full text of 50 core scholarly journals was added to the electronic database, which now includes more than 1 million items from 650 journals in 26 languages.

The database combines citations and abstracts from three printed indexes, enabling researchers to find information with one online search that would formerly have required three separate print index searches.

Many of the recently added journals already have been scanned retrospectively to 1949, and the full text of other publications will be included as funding becomes available. The addition of full text makes ATLAS a valuable new component of University Library's electronic library. When full text is included in the database, the articles themselves, in addition to their citations, can be searched. The user can read the desired articles immediately on his or her computer screen instead of having to locate printed volumes.

Religion is defined broadly in ATLAS. Christianity (including all denominations and sects), Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Shinto, Taoism, Confucianism, and other traditions are included. A search in ATLAS of the heading "witchcraft," for example, results in 1,172 entries — including several articles and book reviews by

Northwestern faculty members. ATLAS's breadth commends it to researchers in many disciplines, including history, sociology, archaeology, material culture, anthropology, and area and ethnic studies. A Jewish studies faculty member recently used it very successfully as a basis for an undergraduate session on research methods. (It was also instructive to the collaborating librarian to see a professor integrating the use of electronic databases into his course.)

The Library's subscription to ATLAS is unique in that it is the first database subscription jointly supported by Northwestern University Library and the United Library (which is a member of the American Theological Library Association). The United Library serves the Garrett-Evangelical and Seabury-Western Theological Seminaries. Although the seminaries are not part of Northwestern University, they, and their United Library, are located on Northwestern's Evanston campus. Northwestern University Library has participated in a number of other cooperative ventures with United, including reciprocal borrowing agreements and the implementation of the Voyager system.

ATLAS is available to members of the University Library and United Library communities via a secure server, and only a certain number of computers can be connected with the system simultaneously. ATLAS has an online tutorial, but novice users may want to seek additional advice or a demonstration from Library staff to realize the full potential of this powerful research and reference resource.



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