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Staff Meeting

Sept. 30, 1998

Georges

Lanny expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the faculty, staff, and OPS in preparing for the "non-event" that was hurricane Georges. He has interpreted the "exercise" to be good practice and something upon which to base future projections.

Sam Nustukjian

Two weeks ago, Sam had laser surgery to correct a heart malfunction. A problem developed which required open heart surgery, and Sam has been in a coma since that time. The latest prognosis included a clot in his lung which needs to be removed. He has sustained some brain damage, the extent of which is unknown at the present time. His wife and family are planning to move him back to the Tampa Bay Area soon to continue his care.

Mark Twain Collection

The paperwork for the Mark Twain collection is almost ready. It has been appraised at a value of nearly \$85,000 and is considered to be one of the best collections of Mark Twain in the US. The SAPL board is interested in doing a reception when the collection is ready for public display sometime in November.

Library Task Force

Lanny announced that the paperwork for the proposed changes in the organization of the library is almost done. One of the major proposals includes adding a new level of authority embodied in a Dean of Libraries position. This position would be in charge of library budgets, personnel, and resources. Lanny is not sure what kind of reception it will get from the various campuses and believes the final decision will be made by the Provost in a few weeks.

Computer Stuff

Ed reports that the fiber optic cable between Davis Hall and the Library has been replaced as of Sept. 29.

The Uniprint System still has a few bugs to be worked out. When it is used to print articles 6 pages or longer from certain programs, such as JSTOR, the downloading process is interrupted. The print job is purged. Ed is working with Uniprint Technical Support to try and solve this problem.

Ed also reported that he is still working on phasing out the dumb terminals. Questions were raised in concern for the departments that use the dumb terminals when the other systems shut down. Ed is going to find out if we can keep one dumb terminal at reference, one at circulation, and one in the Tech Services office. This will be a temporary set up. The program that runs the terminals will eventually be pulled. Ed promised to keep everyone informed on what was happening with this.

Circulation

Jackie reported she has received a list of students participating in the IB program. However, a contract has not been negotiated and the program will not be activated without a contract. Also at issue are the outstanding fines left by several of last year's participants.

NY

David announced that a 27-inch TV and VCR has been stolen from one of the classrooms. The person who took it managed to break through three locks and walk off campus with it. Several other crimes have been reported from various parts of the campus.

The 15 students who are lost in ID card limbo between USF and SPJC registration will be issued orange cards with the SPJC number on it. There is a list of the SPJC participants at Circulation if confirmation is needed.

SPJC students will be issued new cards next semester. They will look the same as they do this semester except it will be "swiped" in the opposite direction on the USF cards.

Odd's and Ends

Tina has issued a new Group Study Room policy and hopes that this one will be a final correction.

Lanny announced that David McCauly is working with Ray Arsenault on a joint project. David will be using the Schaleman room as his office for the next several months during normal library hours.

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 21.