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University libraries receive_top awards

USC libraries have won two national awards, including a first place honor for an exhibition catalog and a grant to preserve the Movietonews collection.

Thomas Cooper Library won first place in the 1999 Leab Exhibition Catalogue Awards for the catalog. "The Great War" was curated by Dr. Patrick Scott, associate university librarian for special collections and Mary Arnold Garvin, a designer with University Publications. The competition is organized by the Rare Books and Manuscripts section of the Association of College and Research Libraries. USC will be honored in late June at the American Library Association convention in New Orleans. Many of the nation's top libraries, including ones at Yale and Harvard universities, are past award recipients.

USC's Film Library earned a grant from the National Film Preservation Foundation for a project to preserve film clips about women aviators in the 1920's from USC's Movietonews collection. The USC Film Library, established in 1996, holds more than 11 million feet of motion picture film, including all Fox Movietone outtakes from 1919 to 1934, as well as the Fox Movietonews from 1942 to 1944 and their outtakes. The reels include speeches by Winston Churchill, Benito Mussolini, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover and Calvin Coolidge. Footage of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and Charles Lindbergh's transatlantic flight are also in the collection.

LIFE scholarship selection process under fire again

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Half as many black high school seniors qualified for scholarship money as white students under South Carolina's new LIFE scholarship program because they scored less than 1,000 on the SAT.

More than 14,000 students received LIFE scholarships during the fall semester, the first year the program was available, but fewer than 2,000 of those were black, *The Greenville News* reported Monday.

Last year, about 4.6 percent of all black college students earned the new scholarship, while 9.7 percent of all white college students earned the aid, according to the state Commission on Higher Education.

"That's a disgrace," Sen. Darrell Jackson, D-Columbia, said.

Use of the SAT as a primary selection criteria for college admissions has been under fire for years. More recently, the NCAA has faced legal challenges to minimum SAT requirements for college athletes.

The Commission on Higher Education can't do anything to change how the qualifications for the scholarships are handled, spokesman Charlie FitzSimons said. The 1,000-point standard is spelled out in the law, he said. That's just below the 1,010 average

white students scored on the SAT

last year, but nearly 200 points above the 821 average for black students, according to the state Department of Education. South Carolina has the nation's lowest average SAT scores.

The state gave 14,000 LIFE Scholarships to South Carolina students when it debuted last fall. About 13 percent of the recipients, or 1,887 students, were black.

Jackson is calling for lawmakers to take a closer look at standards used to provide LIFE scholarships.

"I don't know the solution, but I do think we ought to take a look at it," Sen. James Bryan, D-Laurens and a member of the Senate Education Committee, said.

Sen. Ralph Anderson, D-Greenville, filed a bill which would also remove the SAT requirement but drop the amount for freshmen to \$1,000 to allow more students into the program.

House leaders aren't ready to cut the standards.

"It wasn't like we set this extremely high standard to start with," said House Speaker David Wilkins, R-Greenville and a co-author of the scholarship legislation. "I think 1,000 is a very reasonable standard tied to a B average. I don't think eliminating the criteria is the answer. Let's work to improve everybody's scores," Wilkins said.



June 12

*Larceny of bicycle, recovery, 631 Sumter St. Someone flagged down an officer on patrol and told the officer he had just witnessed the theft of a bicycle from the above location. The stolen bicycle and the subject were apprehended, and the subject was transported to Richland County Detention Center.

June 11

•Larceny of money, 3555 Harden St. Ext. A complainant said someone went through her files and removed a \$20 bill from the file, leaving another \$20 bill in the file. The complainant said her office had been locked and only she and her boss have a key. There were no signs of forced entry.

June 10

•Harrassment, Carolina Gardens Apartments. Someone said he has received 15 unwanted e-mails. The victim also said he has received a phone call from an unknown subject. The investigation continues.

•Larceny of pipe vise, 1400 Wheat St. A complainant said someone removed a pipe vise from a secured area at the above location. Estimated value: \$150.

June 9

•Assistance rendered, Bates House. Someone said she was hit by a baseball in her left eye while at a baseball camp. EMS was notified, and the victim was transported to Richland Memorial Hospital.

•Accidental fire, 4 Medical Park Drive. While on routine patrol, an officer noticed smoke coming out of a building. Further investigation revealed a small fire in progress. The officer evaluated the building and used three extinguishers on the fire while the Columbia Fire Department was en route. Damage was minimal. CFD said the fire might have started because of electrical problems.

June 8

• Larceny of recordings, South Quad. An unknown subject entered the victim's unlocked bedroom sometime June 8 and removed his stereo system and 40 compact discs. Estimated value: \$630.

•Grand larceny, South Quad. An unknown subject entered the victim's bedroom and stole 120 CDs, four bottles of cologne and a portable CD player. The victim said the front door to his apartment was locked, but he wasn't sure whether his bedroom was locked. Estimated value: \$1,785.

June 7

•Malicious injury to real property, Snowden. A complainant said someone damaged a window pane in his sliding glass door. Estimated value: \$100. Investigation continues.

•Larceny of textbook, recovery, GMP. A complainant said someone stole her textbook, worth \$70, out of her bookbag while she left it unattended. Later the same day, the victim said she found the book, and that it was not stolen but misplaced.

