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STAFF NEWS

**Dung-Lan Chen Accepts Position*

Effective July 12, Dung-Lan Chen accepted the position of Approval Plan Specialist in the Acquisitions Division of Technical Services at Bloomington. Prior to accepting this position Dung-Lan worked in Acquisitions as Procurement Coordinator.


**Sad News*

Jim Cruse, former employee of the IU Libraries in the 1970s and most recently of the Stanford University Library, died peacefully on July 4, 2001, after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by a wide circle of loving friends who will miss his sense of humor, his humanity, and his devotion to his work. Jim began his library career in Reference and ILL at Indiana University; he spent a number of years at the University of Michigan in ILL and Access Services before becoming Assistant Head of Access Services at Stanford in April 1989. He bridged technology changes from manual circulation, to batch, and then into the online environment. Jim's aptitude for technology positioned him to be a major player in SUL's transition to online circulation, both within Access Services and, starting in 1991, in the Library Systems Department. Those wishing to honor Jim may send donations to the San Francisco Zoological Society. Please mention Jim and direct letters to: Sam McIlraith, San Francisco Zoological Society 1 Zoo Road, San Francisco CA 94132-1098. A plaque will be placed in his memory near the Gorilla World exhibit, his favorite place and one that he visited with great enjoyment just two weeks ago.

JOB POSTINGS

**Indiana University Libraries-Bloomington. Head of Preservation*

Review of applications begins September 15, 2001. Position remains open until filled.

For further information and/or a complete copy of the posting contact Betty Davis, Libraries Human Resources, Main Library 201A, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405 or phone her at (812) 855-8196 , or betdavis@indiana.edu.

LIBRARY NEWS

**New LOCKSS Technology Testing*

LOCKSS stands for "Lots Of Copies Keep Stuff Safe". As the name suggests, it applies contemporary automation to the old idea of preventing loss by multiplying copies. LOCKSS provides a bootable floppy disk that converts a generic PC into a preservation appliance. The PC runs an enhanced web cache that collects new issues of the e-journal and continually but slowly compares its contents with other caches. Damage or corruption in content can be repaired from the publisher or from other caches. The intent is to make it feasible and affordable for even smaller libraries to preserve access to the e-journals to which they subscribe. After a successful small initial trial, Stanford University is leading an international team of 40 libraries, with support from National Science Foundation and Sun Microsystems, in beta tests of this technology. At Indiana University, LIT has been an active member of this beta test team for a number of months. LIT hosts one of the caching servers, performing a series of updates to the system as the experiment progresses and contributing feedback to Stanford. Other test sites on the team range from major libraries such as the Library of Congress to smaller ones like the University of Otago in New Zealand. Results of the team's efforts will help development of beta software to be released as open source as a minimum. With experience from the beta tests and further funding, it is hoped to produce a production version in 2002. This summary was drawn from , from which more details on LOCKSS are available.

--Submitted by: Ralph Quarles

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