

**Cornell University has received a \$180,000**

grant from the Henry Luce Foundation for an internship program that will allow representatives from four libraries in China to study with experts in the library's Department of Preservation and Conservation. Cornell's preservation experience, facilities and expertise will show the eight interns how to mitigate the immediate physical risks that threaten some of China's most significant historical collections and greatly extend the life of their valuable books. Interns will learn conservation of Western bindings, nondamaging exhibition practices and care and handling of collections, as well as how to prevent mold and mitigate water damage. An enhanced online preservation tutorial translated into Chinese will also allow library staff members to continue mentoring and advising the interns even after the project is over.

**The George A. Smathers Libraries at the Uni-**

versity of Florida (UF) have been awarded \$477,312 in National Leadership grant funding from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) with a matching amount of \$541,976 provided jointly by UF and the George A. Smathers Libraries. Dean of University Libraries and principal investigator (PI) Judith C. Russell along with co-PI, Associate Dean for Technology and Support Services Rachel Schipper, will lead project implementation. The project was conceived as the result of financial pressures due to the economic downturn that caused the Panama Canal Museum in Seminole, Florida, to close this year. The museum was the only one in the world founded to preserve the history of the United States in Panama with a focus on the U.S. construction and operation of the Panama Canal (1904-99). The grant award will enable the libraries to evaluate, preserve, and integrate items from the former Panama Canal Museum. The trans-

fer of more than 20,000 objects, photos, books, and maps was completed in July, and the items will undergo conservation and select digitization. The libraries, along with collaborative partners, will lead a multi-institutional centennial celebration of the opening of the Panama Canal in 2014-15 to promote public understanding of the achievement and the heritage resources available for scholarly, educational, and civic purposes.

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**Acquisitions****Democratic political consultant Garry South**

has donated his extensive campaign archives to the UCLA Library. Offering unique insight into the political process, the collection, which features materials from three of California Governor Gray Davis' campaigns for statewide office, testifies to the secretive, arcane art of crafting successful campaign strategies and is thought to be one of the most complete campaign archives in existence. South managed Davis' campaigns for California lieutenant governor in 1994 and governor in 1998 and 2002; advised on campaigns for Jimmy Carter, Al Gore, and Joe Lieberman; and has had an extensive career in Democratic Party politics. For Davis' 1998 gubernatorial campaign, South was named "Campaign Manager of the Year" by the American Association of Political Consultants, an honor he shares with Karl Rove, James Carville, and the late Lee Atwater. The collection contains research files, correspondence, campaign materials, poll data and clippings, as well as recordings of commercials, news coverage, and debates. Of particular note are extensive research files on Davis' opponents in primaries or general elections, including Al Checchi, Jane Harman, Dan Lungren, Bill Simon, and Richard Riordan. South has also given the UCLA Library the copyright to the materials so that they can be digitized and made available for nonprofit educational and informational uses. *ZZ*

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