



# Library Notes



*On the fast track to information*

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## COLLEGE ARCHIVES

Housed in the technical services area of the Mott Library is a large collection of materials known as the College Archives. This collection includes thousands of photographs, past college catalogs, bound editions of the MCC Post and its predecessor - The College Clamor, and from The Flint Journal clippings concerning the college from as far back as the mid-1920's. Also found in College Archives is an assortment of Mott College realia that range from coffee cups to large wall plaques. In addition, there is a collection of 200 "rare" books and some copies of faculty dissertations.

How is the collection used by the college community? Paul Rozycki, Social Sciences faculty member, made heavy use of the area while researching the history of Mott College, A Clearer Image: The 75 Year History of Mott Community College. Photographs of C.S. Mott, Dr. Marie Prah, Dr. Charles Donnelly and Judge Paul Gadola are located in the College Archives and are used in college publications. Past college catalogs are used by former students in order to find course descriptions. The College Archives have also been used to answer questions buried away in time, such as: "How did the Mott College athletic teams become known as the 'Mott Bears'?" Answer: "The cognomen [nickname] was selected by a committee of leading local citizens Friday from a group suggested by students at the college," The Flint Journal Oct. 30, 1937.

Over the years, filing and index systems have been developed to organize the collection, but much work still needs to be done in order to organize the area. It is not intended to be a "browsing" area, but rather a preservation system, as some items are one-of-a-kind. Acid free protection sleeves and boxes house these items with continual improvements under way. Items and files are pulled by staff for an individual's use, and often must be used in the presence of a librarian or staff member.

A College Archives committee is in its very formative stages. Marcia Pierce is an active member of the Mott College retirees group and their members have expressed interest in being an active resource for the

College Archives, both in knowledge and "sweat." It is planned that a group of Mott College retirees and current faculty and staff can be brought together in order to identify unknown photographs and discuss other potential College Archive projects. If you would like additional information about the committee, or would like to volunteer, please call the Mott Library at 762-0408.

The College Archives is always looking for additions. If you have items you feel would be useful to the College Archives and would like to donate them, please call Diana Hiles at 762-5661.

### *On the Wire...Web sites we hope you can use*

<http://www.hfmgv.org/exhibits/dpc/>

Before movies, DVDs and the Internet, the Detroit Publishing Company sent photographers all over the world to bring back images to be distributed as prints, postcards, advertisements and lantern slides. This online exhibit from the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village gives us the history of the company and a sampling of their work.

<http://www.arabiannights.org/>

Translations of the entire *Rubaiyat* and the *Arabian Nights* can be found online here, courtesy of the Electronic Literature Foundation.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/mystery/index.html>

The Federation of American Scientists explores the world of classified "mystery aircraft" of the United States government. Anyone up for a road trip to Area 51?

<http://www.ramones.com/>  
'nuff said.

### **Book Sale**



Did you know the Mott Library has an ongoing Used Book Sale?

Stop by the library and check out the books available at bargain prices from 50¢ to \$1<sup>00</sup>.