Bionic Student: Adventures in the Walter W. Stiern Library

Library Intern Marissa Pineda is starring in a YouTube video about Stiern Library based on the Bionic Woman television series. YouTube is a wildly popular video-sharing website.

The intern was assigned the task of creating a short educational film and Librarian Johanna Alexander suggested it be modeled on a television program to make it interesting.

In the original series, which aired in the 1970s, the Bionic Woman starred Lindsey Wagner and told the story of a woman who was rebuilt after an accident using bionics to become a superhero. The program was remade in 2007, starring Michelle Ryan.

In the tongue-in-cheek Library version, a student working in the book stacks (played by library student assistant Miguel Cuate) collides with Marissa with his book cart. Doctors resolve her life-threatening injuries by rebuilding her as a superhuman, bionic student.

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CSUB Librarian selected as emerging leader

Ying Zhong, Senior Assistant Librarian at CSUB, was selected to participate in the American Library Association’s 2008 Emerging Leaders Program.

“Ying is showing real promise as a future leader in this profession,” said Library Dean Rod Hersberger, who nominated her for the prestigious post.

The Emerging Leaders Program began in 2007. The national program takes a carefully selected group of librarians who are either under 35 or have fewer than seven years in the library profession and provides them with intensive leadership training and then moves them into positions of leadership in the American Library Association, the world’s largest library organization.

Ying said that the program offers young librarians a chance to take part in problem-solving workgroups, learn about the American Library Association from the inside, and gain leadership experience with the organization. It is also an opportunity to meet with other librarians from around the nation.

Ying attended the American Library Association’s Mid-Winter Conference in Philadelphia from January 11 to 16. There she attended an intensive leadership workshop.

She is working collaboratively with two other program participants on a survey project requested by Reference continued on page 2
Stiern Library maintains technical edge

Stiern Library continues to keep its technical edge. Updated reference area computers in spring 2007 were followed by a new printing system in the winter.

“We work hard to create the right learning environment for our students. We have great librarians and staff providing high quality service. One important part of our ability to provide that service is our capacity to keep up with technology,” said Rod Hersberger, Dean, University Library.

Managing a technical edge can be a real challenge in these times of tight budgets. The computers were made possible by a generous gift from PG&E.

“The PG&E gift was a tremendous help to us,” Hersberger said. “We’re so grateful for friends in the community who are willing to assist us.”

Information Technology Services recently swapped out the library’s old pay-to-print system for something more reliable. Most students noticed the difference when they went to scan their cards to print. The new Pharos Uniprint system will improve the system’s ability to print and will reduce waste.

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has super strength and can leap library tables and run faster than humanly possible, would afterwards live to carry out her mission: “To keep the library useful, educational, and safe.”

As the plot progresses, a stressed-out student played by Oscar Hernandez is rescued from his research dilemma by the bionic student.

The story provides an entertaining tour of the library and an introduction to its services.

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and User Services Association, a division of the American Library Association. The group is going to design and conduct a survey on how interlibrary loan operations are staffed in different sizes and types of libraries across the country. The project will be presented at the association’s annual Conference held in Anaheim, CA, from June 26 to July 2, 2008.

In addition, Ying will participate in an online working group, between the ALA conferences, as her leadership skills continue to grow.

Selected Emerging Leaders are expected to provide 2 years of service to ALA or one of its units after the program.

Ying was sponsored by the Chinese American Librarian Association, which provided her with partial financial support for expenses. CSUB Provost Soraya Cole also provided institutional financial support.
Librarian joins faculty and brings new insights

Librarian Sarah Fay Philips began working at Stiern Library this past August.

Sarah came to CSUB after a brief appointment at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland. She earned her Master’s Degree in Library Science at the University of Maryland, College Park in 2006 where she specialized in Archives and Records Management. During her graduate work, she had the opportunity to work in archives and special collections at the National Geographic Society and the National Museum for Women in the Arts.

A native of Bakersfield, she graduated from East Bakersfield High School. She holds an undergraduate degree in History from the University of California, Davis. A lifelong learner, Sarah is currently enrolled in the M.A. in History program at CSUB.

Sarah is passionate about librarianship and bringing information and access to all of our students. A proponent of new technology and digital access, she is working with other librarians to increase our online presence to make our collections and resources more broadly available. Eager to help students become more familiar with library resources, Sarah works to make sure our users understand the value of the library.

Sarah also serves as a community member of the Bakersfield Californian’s editorial board.

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