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THE SWEKOSKY COLLECTION

A PORTRAIT OF YESTERDAY

The Swekosky Photo Collection consists of more than four thousand photographs of old St. Louis homes, commercial buildings, and street scenes, dating back to the late 1890's or early 1900's.

The collection is the work of the late Dr. William Swekosky, a St. Louis dentist, who practiced at 2621 South Jefferson Avenue, but who described himself as a "pallbearer of old mansions". A 1916 graduate of St. Louis University's School of Dentistry, the doctor developed his interest in the past when he worked in the title department of a Clayton bank.

After the doctor died in 1963, at the age of 69, his collection passed to his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Hilman of St. Louis. They offered the collection to Notre Dame College in 1974. Today the collection is in the Cardinal Ritter Library at the Motherhouse of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, 320 East Ripa Avenue.

The photos have been sorted and classified, and may be located in the catalog under the name of the original owner, or the street address if known. Even the photos that still remain unclassified because the location is unknown can be valuable for information about the customs of the past. Scenes of street sprinklers, wagons that sprayed water over dirt streets to keep the dust down, street cars, cobblestone streets, the ragman, horse-drawn fire engines, all bring back early days in St. Louis.

The collection is a wonderful treasure that the School Sisters of Notre Dame are happy to make available to researchers or other interested persons. Reprints can be made available for a fee. To make arrangements for viewing, contact Sister Dionysia Brockland for an appointment. (314) 544-0455

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WANTED

Used card catalog, any size (the larger the better). Please call Hugh Bergman at CBC Library, 721-1200, or at home, 3511-2511.

**Free access to
internet**

The International Internet Association (IIA) is offering unlimited free access to the Internet for users within the continental United States. IIA officials report that thousands of new users have signed up since the offer was announced November 1.

All that's needed is a PC, a modem, and a phone call or fax transmission to IIA. To request free access, send a fax (202) 387-5446 with your name and phone number, or call (202) 387-5445. Users will receive an ID and an Internet account, which IIA maintains at no charge. Users are also responsible for their phone bills.

IIA promotes the free flow of information and ideas without regard to position or affiliation. It is especially interested in ensuring libraries access to the Internet. It is able to provide unlimited free Internet access because of donations from corporations and foundations and fee waivers from Internet companies.



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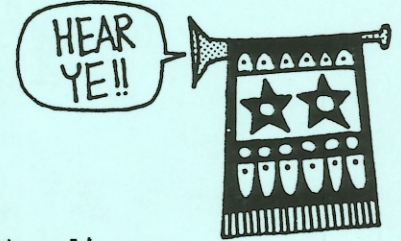
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**ST. LOUIS REGIONAL
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ANNUAL DINNER**



When: Tuesday May 10, 1994
5:30 p.m. Business meeting
7 p.m. Dinner
Cash bar before meeting continuing to dinner

Where: Cupples House (on St. Louis University Campus next to Pius XII Library, 3650 Lindell)

Speaker: Father McNamee -
"History of Cupples House"

Cost: \$24.00

Menu:

APPETIZER

Mixed Green Salad-Spiced Pecans-Blue Cheese Vinaigrette

ENTREE

*Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast in Raspberry Dijon Sauce
Chef's selection of Potato, Rice or Pasta
Seasonal Vegetable
French Bread and Butter*

or

Vegetarian option: Vegetables in a pastry wrap

DESSERT

Chocolate Mousse with Strawberry Fan and Lemon

To register send check and form below to: St. Louis Regional Library Network, %Bernyce Christiansen, 9425 Big Bend, St. Louis, MO 63119. Deadline: **MAY 3, 1994**

Name: _____

Library: _____

Circle Entree Choice: CHICKEN or VEGETARIAN

Deadline: **MAY 3, 1994**

OLIN LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT

The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation has awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Chemistry Library at Washington University. The grant will be used to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of expanding chemical databases through the Washington University online system. Rob McFarland, Chemistry Librarian, is the Project Director and author of the proposal. The Chemistry Library is a departmental facility operated by the central University library system.

The purpose of the study is to establish the costs for a distributive access model of the electronic library in two phases: 1) for broad dissemination of online bibliographic resources, and 2) for online acquisition of primary literature, including full text and graphics of journal articles.

"We are very pleased to receive this grant. If we are to consider offering chemical information in electronic form as a viable alternative to traditional printed resources, we must know what the cost will be," said Shirley Baker, Dean of University Libraries.

The acceptance of this grant automatically makes the Chemistry Library eligible to apply for a \$75,000 grant to develop an expanded implementation project.

FREE

St. Louis Community College at Meramec would like to offer *Consumer's Digest* 1983-1993 to any interested library. Could you kindly announce this in the next issue of *NetNews*? The only string attached is that the recipient library must pick the issues up from Meramec. They should call me, Jan Samet, at 984-7620 to make arrangements. Thanks for your help with this.

BOOK SALE

Vianney High School, 1311 S. Kirkwood Road, will sponsor a book sale and multi-family garage sale on Saturday, May 7, from 8 am - 2 pm in the school gym and cafe. Donations of items for the sales are being accepted at the school. For more information, call 965-4853. Proceeds will benefit the library and senior graduation "lock-in" party.



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