FROM THE DEAN’S DESK - 4th FLOOR

SITUATION

A wobble in the HVAC system created conditions for the growth of mold on some books on the 4th floor of the Library. The first step in solving the problem was to bring the temperature and humidity to a constant state that is hostile to mold growth. Now, with help and advice from many sources, including the university safety officer, facilities, outside consulting firms, and biologists, we are preparing to remove the mold and/or the moldy items. Finally, as soon as it is prudent, we will re-open the 4th floor and re-establish its Silent Zone. Meanwhile, staff members are retrieving books requested by patrons at the Service Desk. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

“POSTING” HOLIDAY GREETINGS

A festive flair now enhances the Library’s continuing first-floor display, “Colors of Our World.” Campus-wide, ALL are invited to post their own holiday greetings in the Library lobby. Faculty, students, staff, and offices are encouraged to send or bring a personalized card or note to the Library, where staff will display these good wishes — in many languages, representing many countries, for a variety of celebrations. Also, supplies will be provided near the exhibit so that anyone can create his or her own posting. These seasonal sentiments will be displayed through Friday, December 21.

WHAT’S NEW?

Visit the LINK’s Library News section to find out about the latest materials and Internet sites that have been added to library collections. A particularly interesting recent acquisition is Fooled by Randomness: the Hidden Role of Chance in the Markets and in Life by Nassim Taleb (HG4521 .T285 2001).