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From the Dean

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Baylor University Libraries, I wonder what Baylor's first librarians, James and Odo Surratt, would think of the libraries today?



Would they be as thrilled as we are to see the large numbers of students in the Prichard Family Information Commons or groups using the Gregory Group Study Suites? And what would they think of the new virtual reference service beginning soon or the Java City opening in mid-March? Though the Surratts could not possibly foresee the changes ahead, I think they would be pleased with the libraries' continuing commitment to meet the ever-changing needs of the Baylor community.

Now the libraries are poised to begin an exciting journey of discovery, renovation and expansion. We asked students, faculty and staff to help us plan the renovation of Moody Memorial Library by completing the *Moody Library Renovation Survey* on the Web and by joining focus groups to provide additional insight. Once this data is compiled and analyzed, SmithGroup Architects Inc. will prepare plans to rejuvenate this vintage, 1968 library.

The Moody renovation and expansion will take several years and countless hours of work, but the end result will be well worth the effort as we begin the next 100 years of service. — *Reagan Ramsower*



Technology-Enhanced Rooms Open

Study Suites Fulfill Need

The Gregory Group Study Suites, located on the second floor of Moody Library, fulfill a unique need for small group study rooms on the Baylor campus. The rooms were designed for student groups of six or less to work on projects or prepare presentations. Until now, the campus had no areas of this type for students.

Linda Chumney Gregory of Houston, a 1937 Baylor graduate, donated funds for renovation of the rooms in honor of her daughters, Terrylin Gregory Neale and LaNeil Gregory.

Each suite features a dry erase board, projection screen, poster rails, small conference table and ergonomic chairs. Laptops and a projector are available for checkout.

Groups of two or more can reserve the rooms up to a week in advance at the Prichard Family Information Commons service desk or by calling 710-7360.

Ceremony Planned for April 24

Libraries' 100th Anniversary Rededication Set

The Baylor University Libraries will observe their 100th anniversary at a rededication ceremony scheduled for 2:30 p.m. April 24 in Burleson Quadrangle. All faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends are invited.

The centennial celebration will re-create portions of the original ceremony dedicating Carroll Library in April 1903. The original dedication, which spanned three days, included sermons, speeches, music, prayers and a formal dinner.

Former Texas governor Mark White, who graduated from Baylor in 1962 and from the Baylor law school in 1965, will be keynote speaker for the April ceremony. The program will include the Baylor Men's Glee Club performing some of the same selections sung by this group in 1903 and a member of the Carroll family reading Bible passages used for the 1903 sermons. Librarians Michael Toon and Kathy Hillman, dressed in clothing of the early 1900s, will give a brief review of the history of the libraries.

Others on the program will include President Emeritus Herbert H. Reynolds, Provost Donald Schmeltekopf, Provost-elect David Lyle Jeffrey and Dean of Libraries Reagan Ramsower.

Although Baylor's original charter, issued Feb. 1, 1845, mentions "setting up a library," the books that the University received reverted to the Union Baptist Association when Baylor moved to Waco in 1886. Not until 1901 did various campus book collections merge to form a general University-owned library open to all students. That year, two students, siblings James and Odo Surratt, received joint appointment as librarians overseeing nearly 10,000 volumes.

In 1903, the library moved from Old Main to the newly constructed Carroll Library, where it remained until Moody Memorial Library opened Oct. 26, 1968.

An anniversary exhibit will be on display in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Library this spring. — *Kathy Hillman*



The F.L. Carroll Chapel and Library, dedicated in 1903, now houses The Texas Collection. The photo below shows dignitaries attending the 1903 dedication. (Photos courtesy of The Texas Collection)



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Electronic Library Purchases Plagiarism Prevention Service

Plagiarism is a growing concern among faculty in this age of easy electronic access to full-text articles and books. With many online resources available, including web sites that sell research papers, faculty members have inquired about online tools for detecting plagiarism. In response, the Electronic Library has purchased the Turnitin.com plagiarism prevention service. Many faculty have commented on the value of this resource, which was on trial at the end of the fall semester.

Alerting students to the availability of Turnitin.com and focusing on correct citation techniques may actually prevent many instances of plagiarism. Other ideas that may prevent plagiarism can be found at: www.baylor.edu/Library/BeyondLib/plagiarism.htm.

Information on using Turnitin.com may be found at: https://www.baylor.edu/Library/Bear_ID_Access/plagiarism. The system works best with electronic copies, which can be submitted by instructors or individual students. Turnitin.com will alert the instructor upon finding any suspected plagiarism within its database and send a form to the author's instructor for requesting permission to view the paper. The service also includes peer review, which allows students to anonymously critique and evaluate each other's work.

Contact Billie Peterson-Lugo by e-mail or at ext. 2344 with questions about Turnitin.

— *Billie Peterson-Lugo*

Got a Question? Ask a Librarian!

"Ask a Librarian" is one of the newest services available from the Baylor University Libraries.

Similar to instant messaging, "Ask a Librarian" allows faculty, staff and students to connect online with a librarian, ask reference questions and receive research assistance. If no one is available, the patron will have the opportunity to submit a question via e-mail. The new service will utilize several high-tech applications such as video streaming.

"Ask a Librarian" is a convenient way to ask quick questions and to receive assistance with locating and navigating databases and web sites. The virtual reference service may be accessed by selecting "Questions and Queries" from the libraries' home page at www.baylor.edu/Library. Online assistance is available from 2 - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 2 - 5 p.m. Friday. — *Terri Jones*



New Cafe in Moody Library

Java City to Open

After months of planning, Java City is under construction on the garden level of Moody Memorial Library. The upscale cafe will serve gourmet coffees, fruit smoothies, sandwiches, salads and desserts. Baylor's food service provider, ARAMARK, has committed more than \$250,000 toward this project.

Construction, which began on Dec. 18, is expected to be completed by the first week of March. A grand opening will be scheduled for mid-March.

Java City will meet students' needs with late hours Monday through Thursday. "This new service area with extended hours will give students a place to grab a bite to eat while continuing their studies into the late hours. In addition to convenience and safety, the new cafe will provide a more pleasing atmosphere for students," said Bill Hair, associate dean and director of the Central Libraries.

Extending approximately 10 feet into the Harvey Garden, Java City will resemble a greenhouse. Inside, the lounge area will be remodeled with new lighting and ceiling tiles. The cafe will feature tables of differing heights, comfortable chairs and a coffee bar with electrical and dataport outlets for laptops.

Tables and chairs will be placed outside in the Harvey Garden. The Schumacher Foundation of Dover, Mass., provided funds to renovate the garden by adding red brick pavers, an irrigation system and new plants. — John Wilson

Sept. 17 - Nov. 3

Frankenstein Exhibit Planned for Next Fall

The Baylor University Libraries are one of 80 libraries from across the United States selected to host "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature," a traveling exhibit that offers a fresh look at Mary Shelley's remarkable life and the evolution of her classic novel, *Frankenstein*, since its publication in 1818.



An opening reception and a variety of programs will be scheduled while the exhibit is on display from Sept. 17 to Nov. 3 in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Library. The Baylor libraries were one of 40 selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities to receive a grant for programming related to the exhibit.

"Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature" will show how playwrights, filmmakers and the media have transformed Shelley's saga into one of the Western world's most enduring myths. The tale of a researcher's abuse of power and failure to take responsibility for the monstrous being he created is a story of ambition, idealism, revenge and forgiveness. The exhibit also addresses issues such as cloning and genetic engineering, which raise questions about the human implications of scientific and technological advances that are troubling to many. The story of Frankenstein, as myth and metaphor, can help the public to articulate and examine these fears.

"Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature" was developed by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in collaboration with the American Library Association. It has been made possible by major grants from the NLM and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Kathy Hillman and Janet Sheets of the Baylor Libraries are co-chairs for the exhibit.

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New Electronic Resources

Near the end of the fall semester, the Baylor Libraries subscribed to several new electronic resources including L'Annee Philologique, the CQ Supreme Court Collection, the Evans Digital Collection, Grant Advisor, International Medieval Bibliography Online, Polling the Nation, Safari Tech Books Online and SciFinder Scholar.

The libraries also added 3,900 e-books to the netLibrary collection, for a total of more than 31,000. Additionally, all Baylor dissertations are now digitized and are available electronically under the title, "Current Research@Baylor."

Look for these and other electronic resources on the libraries' home page or contact Billie Peterson-Lugo at extension 2344 or by e-mail for more information.

Tours of Browning Library Scheduled

Special lunch hour tours of the Armstrong Browning Library (ABL) will be offered to Baylor faculty and staff on March 26 and April 17 from noon to 1 p.m.

The tours will provide an opportunity for new Baylor employees (or older ones who have not yet visited the library) to see one of Baylor's most impressive buildings and to learn about this world-class collection.

Those interested should register by calling the tour guide, Cynthia Burgess, ABL curator of books and printed materials, at extension 4959.



This spring, Ernest Gaines' award-winning novel, *A Lesson Before Dying*, will be discussed throughout Waco as part of the "One Book, One Waco" program led by a group of 10 Baylor students. During Gaines' appearance in October, members of the "One Book, One Waco" group assisted at the lecture and visited with the author at the reception.

Food and Drink Policy Modified

Traditionally, libraries have forbidden all food and drinks in order to protect books and other materials from pests, spill damage, stains and mold.

The Baylor Libraries, however, recognize that many students like a quick snack or cup of coffee during long study sessions. The libraries have partnered with ARAMARK to provide a new cafe, Java City, opening this spring. In addition, the food and drink policy has been modified to allow for some significant exceptions to the traditional "No Food or Drink" routine.

"Food friendly" areas in Moody Library are the new Java City, the Allbritton Foyer, Moody Computer Lab, Prichard Family Information Commons and elevator lobbies in Moody Library. Beverages are allowed in most other areas of Moody and Jones libraries, but they must be in spill-proof containers with secure lids. Approved containers include pull-top or re-closeable water bottles, travel cups or glasses with secure lids. Aluminum cans, paper and insulated cups, even with lids, are not permitted.

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Information Commons Popular

Moody Library's newest study area, the Prichard Family Information Commons, was filled with students during the fall semester, especially at finals time. The library laptop computers were in high demand; 1,297 checkouts were recorded during finals. Because of the waiting list for the 24 laptops, lighted, vibrating pagers like those used in restaurants are now available to notify patrons when their laptops are ready.

After the third week of the fall and spring semesters, the commons is open 24 hours from Sunday at 1 p.m. until Friday at 10 p.m.

Interlibrary Services Receives Award

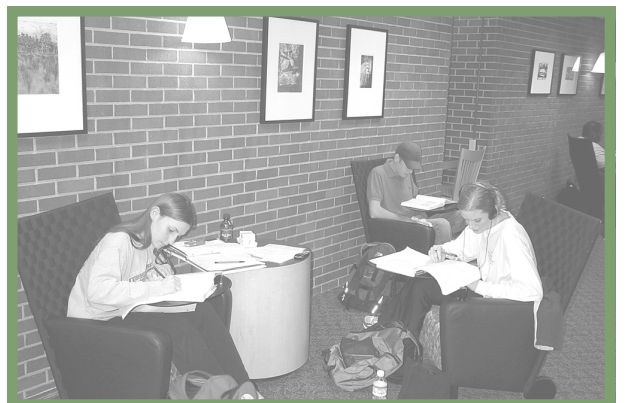
The TexShare Interlibrary Loan Working Group selected Baylor's Interlibrary Services over 183 other libraries across the state as the 2002-2003 "Academic Interlibrary Loan Department of the Year" during its fourth annual meeting in Dallas this year.

TexShare, a statewide consortium of academic libraries, public libraries and libraries of clinical medicine administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, employs both traditional and innovative strategies to resource sharing.

Ferguson-Clark Lecture Is Sellout

Award-winning author Ernest Gaines discussed his work and answered audience questions in a sold-out Jones Theater during the first Ferguson-Clark Author Lecture on Oct. 17. The library benefit was followed by a patron reception in the Prichard Family Information Commons of Moody Memorial Library.

David McCullough, best known for his Pulitzer Prize-winning biographies of John Adams and Harry Truman, will give the second lecture on Oct. 9, 2003.



The Prichard Family Information Commons is one of the "food friendly" areas of the Central Libraries.

Electronic Resources Seminars

Seminars on electronic resources will be offered during the spring semester in Room G32 of Moody Library. Billie Peterson-Lugo will teach the seminars from 4 to 5 p.m. on the following dates.

BearCat — March 25

EBSCOHost — March 27

FirstSearch — March 26

ingenta — April 2

Lexis/Nexis — April 1

Web of Science — April 3

To register for the seminars, go to the Information Technology Services' training page: <http://its.baylor.edu/training/seminars/index.htm>.

Connect@BULibraries

The libraries' new logo, Connect@BULibraries, relates to the organizational mission:

"Connecting people with ideas in support of teaching, learning, scholarship and academic distinction." The logo was created by the Office of Public Relations.

