

# Access Road

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### New Area to Serve as Model

## Prichard Info Commons Opens in Moody Library

A unique new study area, the Prichard Information Commons, opened Aug. 26 on the second floor of Moody Memorial Library. The commons provides a comfortable place for easy laptop computer use, group study and social discourse. It will serve as a model for future computer labs on campus.

Amanda Duckworth, a 2000 Baylor graduate in interior design, created the original design and layout for the room. Student focus groups provided valuable ideas for furniture selection and arrangement.

Work on the commons began last February and final installation of furniture was completed in September. The spacious room, which will seat approximately 90, includes a wide selection of seating including computer-friendly tables and chairs. Nineteen laptops are available for checkout. Baylor's wireless network, AirBear, is accessible along with electrical outlets.

The libraries purchased several pieces of student artwork to display in the commons. In addition, the Baylor Art Department will loan student art for a rotating exhibit, creating a rich gallery of student work. Direct and indirect lighting, as well as light fixtures of Italian blown glass, add warmth and character to the room.

By early November, small group study rooms accommodating four to six students also will be available on the second floor of Moody Library. These areas may be reserved through the information commons attendant's desk.

The new information commons was made possible by the generosity of Ella and Lev H. Prichard IV, the Prichard Family Foundation of Corpus Christi and the many Library Fellows who give annually to the Baylor Libraries. The Baylor Women's Association of Houston provided funding for the artwork, and the group study rooms were renovated with a gift from Linda C. Gregory of Houston.

—John S. Wilson

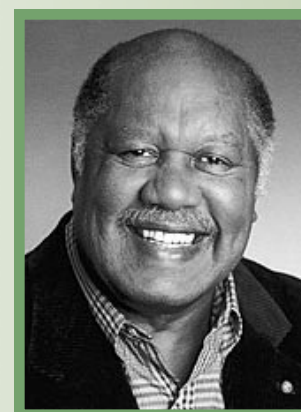


*Matt Halpin and Libby Davis, above, study in the new information commons on the second floor of Moody. Maria Okafor, left, uses a laptop on one of the new computer-friendly chairs in the commons, which remains open 24 hours from Sunday at 1 p.m. until Friday at 10 p.m. after the third week of the semester.*

## Ferguson-Clark Author Lecture Scheduled Oct. 17

Award-winning author Ernest Gaines will be featured at the Baylor University Libraries' inaugural Ferguson-Clark Author Lecture scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 17 in the Jones Concert Hall of the McCrary Music Building. All proceeds will be used to provide additional student resources and facilities in the library.

Tickets may be obtained through the Baylor Ticket Office, 710-3210. Costs are \$10 for students, \$15 for general admission and \$50 for patrons. Patron tickets include an invitation to a reception honoring the author after the lecture in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Library.



Ernest Gaines

Gaines, a professor of English and writer-in-residence at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, has written eight books including *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* and *A Lesson Before Dying*, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and won the best fiction award by the National Book Critics Circle in 1994.

Last spring, the *Waco Tribune-Herald* selected *A Lesson Before Dying* as the one book that all of Waco should read. The *Chicago Tribune* wrote of the work, "This majestic, moving novel is an instant classic, a book that will be read, discussed, and taught beyond the rest of our lives."

Baylor alumnus Collen A. Clark established the lecture series endowment in honor of his mother, Carla Sue Ferguson Garrett, a Baylor alumna and a member of the libraries' Board of Advocates.

More information on the Baylor appearance may be obtained from Mary Goolsby, library advancement coordinator, at 710-6735.

## A Word from the Dean

Welcome back to Baylor! During the summer months, Moody Library installed new elevators, added office space for the Electronic Library staff, completed the construction of the information commons on the second floor, placed indirect lighting in the Allbritton Foyer as well as in the lobbies outside the elevators on all four floors, and completed construction on the Polk Rare Book Room. Accomplishing all this in such a brief time was a remarkable feat! Interestingly enough, these are just some of the changes taking place in the libraries.

Within the libraries, there is also a renewed spirit of service to our primary clients — our students and faculty. Driving this effort are three new action steps: (1) integrating the expertise and responsibilities of central and electronic library personnel, (2) expanding services to our clients,

and (3) strengthening instructional programs and user education.

Throughout this year, the libraries will work with an architectural firm on a new master plan for renovating Moody Library. This project will take several years to complete and will include numerous discussions about the new 21st Century Library and its place on campus. Many people throughout the University will be involved in the process.

If you have ideas about the renovation, or about any other areas of the libraries, please let me hear from you. I hope you have a successful semester.

—Reagan Ramsower



## Expansion of Library Food Service Planned

ARAMARK has committed more than \$200,000 to the University for a proposed renovation of the Moody Library student lounge area on the garden level. Plans include hiring an outside consultant and architect to consider structural issues involved in moving the glass wall out into the Harvey Garden approximately 10 to 12 feet to accommodate a built-in Java City kiosk, counter and work area. Anticipated completion is late this fall.

The Harvey Garden will also be utilized for additional seating. Services and hours will change after the renovation.

A projected schedule is: Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday closed, and Sunday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. —Kay Wellbaum





## Electronic Resources Increase

During the 2001-2002 academic year, the Baylor University Libraries continued to increase access to electronic resources in a variety of content areas including full-text resources. The number of available web-based resources increased from 184 to 233.

To access electronic resources, go to the libraries' home page and use the pull-down menu under "Electronic Resources" for a subject category of interest or click on Electronic Resources to see a list of all resources or to search for a specific resource. These same options are also available from the "Other Electronic Resources" option in the BearCat online catalog (<http://bearcat.baylor.edu>).

You may also select "E-Journals" or "E-Books" from the pull-down menu to find all the journals, magazines and newspapers available or to locate e-books the libraries own. Also, you may search the ingenta gateway, which provides a searchable database of more than 12 million citations from more than 26,000 journals. Many of the articles not available in the libraries can be delivered electronically or by fax to faculty and graduate students.

Contact Billie Peterson-Lugo by e-mail or at ext. 2344 if you have questions about or problems accessing these resources. — *Billie Peterson-Lugo*

## Merger to Improve Electronic Services

Electronic services provided to faculty and students will be enhanced now that 18 Electronic Library staff members have moved to Moody Library. Academic and student technology services from Information Technology Systems (ITS) merged with the Baylor Libraries last spring to form the Electronic Library. To enhance working relationships, the staff members and the Digital Media Studio (DMS) moved during the summer.

The studio, which provides specialized computer equipment for faculty and staff use, has moved to G27 on the garden level of Moody.

Services include large-format printing on media up to 60" wide; laser printing on media up to 11" x 17" with duplexing capabilities, video capture and editing with iMovie and Final Cut Pro, scanning with large format and slide scanners, and slide printing. Graduate students are available to assist during the operating hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call John Choins at ext. 4281 or a DMS assistant at ext. 2718.



*John Choins, instructional technology analyst, demonstrates the use of the large format plotter in the DMS, now located in Moody Library.*

## Blackboard System Enhances Classes

Blackboard, an easy and effective course management system for the web, allows instructors to make course materials and resources readily available to students 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To access the online teaching and learning system from the Baylor web page, click on "QuickLinks" in the bottom right corner of the home page and choose

"Blackboard;" then log in using your Bear ID and e-mail password.

Glenda McClellan, academic technology consultant, will provide Blackboard training and support for individuals or departments. Contact her at ext. 4127 or by e-mail for more information or to set up a training session.

Reference librarians will assist instructors with content and bibliographies for their Blackboard pages.

Carol Schuetz, social science and humanities reference librarian, assists Dr. Mark Ellis, University Professor of American and Jewish Studies, with content for his Blackboard page.

Faculty should contact their department's librarian consultant or Sinai Wood, reference and library instruction unit leader, at ext. 4606 to have their requests for assistance routed to the appropriate librarian. — *Glenda McClellan*



## Client Services — How Can We Help You?

The Client Services division is eager to assist Baylor students and faculty in their research activities. Our mission is to connect people with ideas through exceptional, client-focused services — so let us help you make those connections!

Whether you are a freshman who needs to know how to get started with research, a senior who wants to borrow materials from another library, a graduate student seeking one-on-one assistance with a major project, an off-campus student in need of materials, or a faculty member searching for library research workshops tailored to a class, we can help.

New and improved services this semester include:

- ◆ four accessible workstations that include height-adjustable desks, large-print keyboards, special input devices, hardware and software for magnification, and screen reading software;
- ◆ faster retrieval of materials from remote storage locations (O'Grady and Morrison) — books will now be retrieved twice daily, Monday through Friday;
- ◆ a new service desk in the Crouch Fine Arts Library for circulation and reference assistance with music and other fine arts;
- ◆ reserve materials, interlibrary loan pickup, and check-out services all available from one convenient location at the main circulation desk, Moody, first floor;
- ◆ and, for academic departments, institutes, and schools, the Baylor Libraries Road Show — a custom-designed presentation for faculty on library services and resources. To set up a date and time, send an e-mail to Jeff Steely or call ext. 2464.

Client Services looks forward to helping you have a productive academic year. — *Jeff Steely*



*Sinai Wood, reference and library instruction unit leader, shows Koube Ngaaje, a library student assistant, how to use one of the libraries' new accessible workstations.*

## Questions? Connect With Client Services

### Circulation Services

General circulation questions, ext. 6702  
Reserves, ext. 6705

### Electronic Library

Blackboard, ext. 4127  
Digital Media Studio, ext. 2718  
Electronic resources, ext. 2344  
Classroom technology, ext. 4694

### Extended Library Services

Interlibrary services, ext. 2340  
Support for remote students, ext. 2340

### Reference & Library Instruction

Government documents, ext. 2157  
Music and fine arts, ext. 2164  
Science and engineering, ext. 2328  
Social science and humanities, ext. 2122

# LIBRARY *News & Events*

### Libraries to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

In celebration of their 100th anniversary, the Baylor University Libraries have scheduled a rededication ceremony on April 24, 2003. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Baylor Quadrangle.

The April date was chosen because the dedication of the University's first library, the Carroll Library, was in April 1903. Special choral music and a keynote speaker will highlight the day. Descendents of the Carroll family will be invited. A luncheon honoring library staff and faculty is also scheduled as part of the celebration.

During the 2002-03 academic year, exhibits celebrating the 100-year history of libraries will be on display in the Armstrong Browning Library, Baylor Collections of Political Materials, The Texas Collection and the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Library.

The major exhibit, "A Century of Service: Lighting the Ways of Time," scheduled March through May in Moody Library, will have a special emphasis on how the libraries and the services they perform have developed and modernized over the past 100 years. — *Janet Sheets*

### New Alumni Portal Planned

Often the libraries receive requests from alumni for remote access to the library's electronic resources. Unfortunately, due to strict licensing agreements with the vendors, the libraries are able to provide these campus resources only to Baylor students and employees.

To address this need, the libraries, in cooperation with University Relations, Alumni Services and the Alumni Association, have subscribed to a service from NorthernLight/divine. University Relations provided the capital investment for the new "Baylor Alumni Library," which will allow alumni to search and download articles from more than 7,000 publications, including business and trade periodicals, academic and scientific journals, and hundreds of local and regional newspapers.

The new portal should be available sometime this fall. If you have any questions, contact Billie Peterson-Lugo by e-mail or at ext. 2344. — *Billie Peterson-Lugo*

### Creations @ Baylor: Libraries Spotlight Scholarship and the Arts

The libraries are planning the seventh annual Baylor Authors and Artists at Work exhibit but with a new title and look. Opening in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Library on Oct. 8, the exhibit will be titled Creations @ Baylor: Libraries Spotlight Scholarship and the Arts.

The new name and format were chosen in response to the increase in the number of creative and scholarly works produced by the University's faculty and staff.

A reception will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, to honor those whose works are on display. The reception will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Allbritton Foyer. All friends of the exhibitors are invited.

For more information please contact Beth Tice by e-mail or at ext. 3679. — *Beth Tice*

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