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Chancellor Davis Named Honorary Citizen During Visit to UWG



Left to Right: Lorene Flanders, Director of University Libraries; Myron House, Special Collections Librarian; Jan Ruskell, Reference Librarian; University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll Davis; and UWG President Beheruz Sethna. Flanders, House, and Ruskell researched Chancellor Davis's family connection with the West Georgia region.

Did you know...?

You can browse for new books using the library catalog?

Members of the community can apply for a Guest Borrower's Card?

The library offers online research guides?

The library has an ask-a-librarian email reference service (ASKAL@westga.edu)?

During a lunch for community leaders in Carrollton in May, University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll Davis was named an honorary citizen of Carroll County by proclamation of the Carroll County Board of Commissioners. Davis's maternal grandfather, John Boykin, lived in Troup County's Antioch community, an area that was part of the original land tract of Carroll County. In an article in the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution* in December, Davis mentioned visiting Troup County with his grandfather, noting that Boykin was a native of that county.

After reading of Davis's family connection with the area, librarians Lorene Flanders, Myron House, and Jan Ruskell located U.S. census records in *Ancestry Library Edition*, a database available in the GALILEO system. Information from the census led them to the library's map collection, where they pinpointed the community in which the family lived in the early twentieth century. Documents gleaned from GALILEO's online resources and from the collections of libraries and archives in the West Georgia region were compiled into a notebook presented to the Chancellor during his visit.

In accepting the honor, Davis called Boykin a key role model and spoke of his grandfather's strength of character and willingness to work hard on behalf of his family, qualities that helped Davis shape his own successful career. Carroll County Commissioner Trent North presented the certificate of honorary citizenship to the Chancellor.

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—Lorene Flanders

Lori Lester First Recipient of GLA's Charles E. Beard Scholarship

Ingram Library at the University of West Georgia is extraordinarily pleased that Lori Lester, Library Associate II in its Government Documents department, is the first recipient of Georgia Library Association's Charles E. Beard Scholarship. Lori received a dual BA in Sociology and Psychology from West Georgia College in 1994 while serving as a lab instructor in the Carroll County school system and as a student assistant in the library's government documents department. She was appointed Government Documents Assistant in 1994. After a lifetime of desire to be a librarian and several years of encouragement from late Director of University Libraries Charles Beard and other Ingram Library colleagues, Lori enrolled in Valdosta State University's MLIS program in 2004, where she has maintained a 4.0 GPA. She plans to graduate in May 2007 and looks forward to a professional career in the field. Lori currently serves on the GLA Executive Board as Vice Chair of the Interest Group Council, and chairs the Government Documents Interest Group.

—Lorene Flanders



Lori Lester (L) and Idoreyin Esenyie, student assistant in the Government Documents department of Ingram Library. Idoreyin plans to attend library school upon completing her undergraduate degree at the University of West Georgia. Lori, who served as a student assistant in the department during her undergraduate years, is the first recipient of GLA's Charles E. Beard Scholarship.

2006 Ingram Library Lecture

Nancy Davenport, President of the Council on Library and Information Resources, gave the sixth annual Ingram Library lecture at the University of West Georgia in April. Davenport spoke on current issues of scholarly communication and discussed new roles that libraries are assuming in higher education. Rising costs for serials subscriptions are causing libraries and their academic institutions to question the sustainability of current practices and levels of acquisition. The debate has spawned a number of open access initiatives whereby scholars directly deposit their publications to institutional or consortial repositories.

Davenport also discussed the library as place, focusing on new

types of building arrangements that reflect the needs of today's students. She shared photographs of information commons, presentation studios, and other installations that are becoming increasingly common in libraries and campus learning centers.

UWG faculty members Dr. Mel Steely, Director of Georgia's Political Heritage program and Dr. Li Cao, Assistant Professor of Counseling and Educational Psychology each won \$500.00 in library collection development funds in a drawing held during the program.

In celebration of the University of

West Georgia's 2006-2007 centennial, Ingram Library proposes to support the annual lecture through the Charles E. Beard Ingram Library Endowment, and to name the lecture in honor of Beard, who served as Director of University Libraries until shortly before his death in 2004.

—Lorene Flanders



Mel Steely, winner of a \$500 library collection development fund.

Contributions to the Charles E. Beard Ingram Library Endowment may be made to:

**University of West Georgia
Foundation, Inc.
University of West Georgia
1601 Maple Street
Carrollton, GA 30118**

Browse New Books Using the New Books List

Have you ever wondered what new books Ingram Library has recently acquired in your field? Or have you ever wanted to browse through a list of the library's new fiction in order to select a text to read over the weekend, during the summer, or on a semester break, but were unsure how to do so?

Browsing new books at Ingram Library is actually very easy and can be done from your desktop. The online catalog's opening web page (<http://gil.westga.edu>) contains a "New Books List" link at the bottom of the page. Location options are also available from this

page. For example, the option for "all locations" would include books at the Newnan Center as well as all

is the recommended choice for quickly viewing new items in your subject area. If you do not know the Library of Congress classification for your areas of interest, the list is available at <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/lcco.html>.

The new option "Search for" is particularly useful for specific searches. You can enter an author's name, word in a title, or beginning of the LC classification, such as BF (psychology). If you type the word "videorecording" in the search box, a list of recently purchased videos/DVDs will appear.

—Betsy Griffies & Susan Smith

locations within Ingram Library.

The time frame options range from the last week to the last five weeks. Results may be sorted by call number or title. Sorting by call number

Special Collections Expansion

During the Spring Semester, Ingram Library's Special Collections underwent a dramatic renovation project. The expansion nearly doubled the square footage of the original room and provided much needed space to house collections that were stacked on pallets in the basement.

The new entrance to Special Collections is in front of the main stairwell on the third floor. Patrons using the elevator must go to their

right around the third floor to get to the Special Collections entrance. It is no longer possible to make a complete circuit around the third floor.

For the first time, Special Collections will have a real research room separate from the collections area. It will now be much

easier to serve patrons. In the past, researchers used the same tables that were used to process materials.

This alone is a big step forward. The separate research room also will provide increased security for the collections.

—Myron House

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Databases News: GALILEO's New Federated Search Engine

Rapid advances in technology and the ease of searching the web through Google challenge today's librarians to provide better and easier ways for students and faculty to get the information they need. For years, users have been complaining that database searching is tedious and slow—and largely as a result of this popular demand, GALILEO has taken a bold step in what many will

see as the right direction by implementing a new feature called QuickSearch. Using QuickSearch, you can save a lot of time by searching across many databases all at once and immediately seeing how many "hits" you get in each one.

The simple version of QuickSearch only requires that a search term be entered and a category of databases

be chosen (such as General Topics, Arts & Humanities, Business & Economics, etc.) Results come up quickly, showing you at a glance which databases seem to have the most material on your subject. If you want even more choices, go to the Advanced Search, and you can not only search multiple databases, but

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also specify a desired date range, limit to full-text articles, or even create your own custom group of databases to search.

The new system is made possible by WebFeat, a patented federated search engine, currently being used by over 2,500 libraries worldwide. Although WebFeat is compatible with all searchable databases, during Phase I of the GALILEO implementation, its scope will be limited to the databases centrally managed by GALILEO; therefore, the databases to which the University of West Georgia subscribes on its own are not included. However, Phase II plans include adding locally-purchased institutional subscriptions. The new federated search is still in beta testing and does not yet include SFX linking (the ability to go directly from a citation in one database to full-text available in a different database), but this capability will be added soon. Go to GALILEO and try it out—and then let us know what you think about it! (<http://www.westga.edu/~library/nav/sendcomments.shtml>)

—Carol Goodson

Strickland Memorial Library Endowment Fund Announced



Mrs. Strickland, Tom's mother, accepts framed book cover commemorating the first book donated to the library from the Thomas J. Strickland Memorial Library Endowment Fund.

In August 2005, Thomas J. Strickland—who received a BA in English from the University of West Georgia in 2002, and who also worked in the Library as a student assistant in the Circulation Department—was killed while serving his country in Iraq as a Sergeant in the Georgia Army National Guard. He was beloved by those who knew him, both in the English Department and in the Library, so it seemed fitting to establish a permanent memorial in his honor. Lorene Flanders, Ingram Library Director, and Dr. Jane Hill, Chair of the English Department, worked together to set up an endowment fund so that every year, a new book of literary interest could be added to the library's collection in his name.

The formal announcement of the Thomas J. Strickland Memorial Library Endowment Fund was made by Carol Goodson, Library Liaison

to the English Department, at the Department's Honors Day Reception on March 29, 2006. At the same event, Tom's mother accepted in his name the David Bottoms Distinguished Alumni Award.

The first book donated to the Library from the Fund was *Poe*, by James Hutchisson (University Press of Mississippi, 2005). To commemorate the gift, Mrs. Strickland was presented with the framed book cover. Donations to the Thomas J. Strickland Fund are still being accepted by the University of West Georgia Foundation. For more information, contact Dr. Andrew J. Leavitt, 678-839-6582 or aleavitt@westga.edu.

—Carol Goodson

Carol Goodson's Remarks about the Strickland Fund at English Honors Day

Many people don't realize the extent to which the work of the University is carried on by students who work part-time to help pay for their education. Tom was one of them, and he worked for us in the Library's Circulation Department. We get to know some better than others, but Tom and I naturally gravitated toward each other because we had one big thing in common: we were both English majors. Many times in the late afternoon or evening, when things got slow at the Circulation Desk, we would talk about the classes he was taking, and compare notes on professors! I really miss him.

Very soon after we learned of Tom's untimely death, Lorene Flanders, our Library Director, and Jane Hill, Chair of the English Department, came up with the idea of honoring Tom's memory in perpetuity by setting up a fund to be used to purchase books of literary interest for the Library in his name. Thanks to the generosity of the members of the English Department, I am very pleased to announce that this fund now exists, and that the interest from the endowment will be used to purchase a new book each year to be added to the Library's circulating collection.

Since Tom once took a seminar on Edgar Allan Poe, the first book chosen was a new critical biography of Poe by Dr. James Hutchisson...A special bookplate will be placed in every future book purchased from the Strickland fund, notifying readers how the item came to be added to the Library collection.

—Carol Goodson