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LIBRARIES

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Celebrating Glasgow Library's 2nd Anniversary

In the two years since the opening of the WKU-Glasgow Campus Library, the library's resources have paralleled the growth of the campus. The library collection now totals 500 reference volumes and 70 periodical indices, microforms and paper copies. Several new CD-ROM databases support increasing information requests: CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health), Front Page News, Academic Index plus *The New York Times* and *Washington Post* in full-text.

Selected nursing journals, both in microfiche and paper, and some education and English journals are now available. Standard reference sources and state-of-the-art electronic reference databases support traditional course offerings as well as those in elementary education and nursing implemented through interactive television this fall. A microfiche reader/printer enables students to print paper copies



from microfiche.

A recent survey completed by the WKU-Glasgow students indicates that 45% are full-time students; 60% are 25 years or older; 70% are freshman and sophomores; 50% work 30-59 hours in addition to college studies and have 3 or more dependents. Female to male ratio is approximately 4 to 1. Just as the student population is a unique group,

so is the Glasgow Campus Library unique among other regional campus libraries.

The Glasgow Campus Library hours are 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Barbara Bishop, the Glasgow Campus librarian, provides bibliographic instruction, both general and specialized, to all classes each semester. The Glasgow Campus Library offers quality information access in a variety of space-saving ways.

--B.B.

Magazines for Leisure Reading Now Available

If you enjoy reading popular magazines but can't afford a personal subscription to them, WKU Libraries has an option for your reading pleasure--the Magazine Leisure Reading Collection in the Helm Lobby Lounge. Titles include *Advocate*, *Car and Driver*, *Country Living*, *Down Beat*,

Gourmet, *Home Mechanix*, *Liberal Opinion Week*, *Life*, *McCall's*, *Music City News*, *Outside*, *RedBook*, *Sport*, *Sports Afield*, *Spy*, *Utne Reader*, and *Vanity Fair*. These titles do not duplicate any other library subscriptions. Only the most current issue will be available in plastic

binders for use in Helm Lobby. We welcome suggestions for a few additional titles as we plan for future selections. Just drop your written suggestion in the Cravens Suggestion Box.

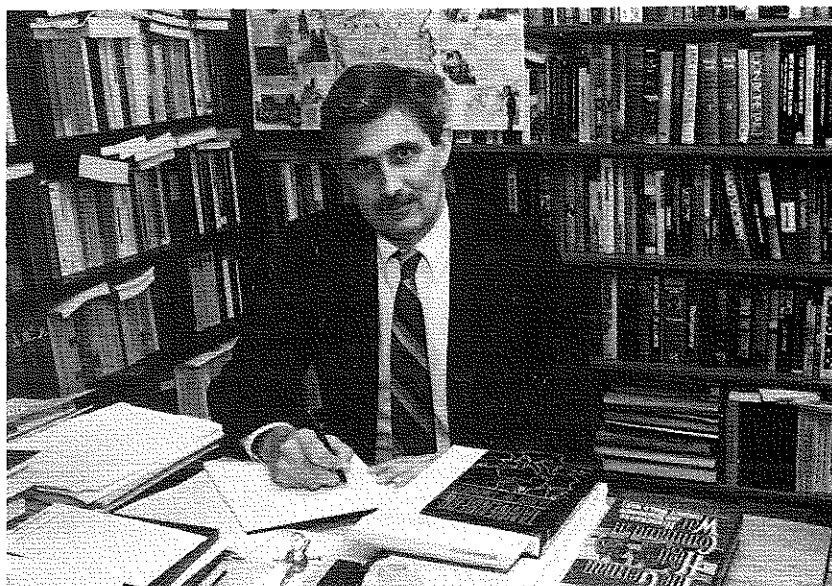
--C.F.

Faculty Library Award Honors Jack Thacker

Dr. Jack Thacker, professor of history, is the recipient of the 4th annual WKU Faculty Library Award. His name appears on a plaque with previous winners Joe Winstead, Carol Crowe-Carraco, and Gene Evans. Thacker has served as the library representative for the Department of History for two decades. Most importantly, he has encouraged thousands of students to use the library and to develop research skills by requiring term papers for upper division classes and through his direction of theses.

--C.F.

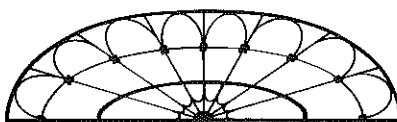
Dr. Jack Thacker



LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Kentucky Building greeted the fall semester on September 8 with "Historic Architecture of Bowling Green, Kentucky," a photographic exhibit highlighting the city's architectural styles. Marilyn Casto, an associate professor in WKU's home economics and family department, spent 1 1/2 years scrutinizing historic architectural styles extant in Bowling Green. In January another architectural exhibit, "The Hill Builder: Brinton B. Davis and Western Kentucky University," will open. Davis was responsible for designing most of the University's hilltop buildings prior to 1939.

The Kentucky Library received the 1920 Federal Census for the state of Kentucky and the corresponding Soundex index. The census includes information about an individual's



marital status, immigration to the United States, literacy, home ownership, occupation, year of naturalization, race, sex and age in 1920. The library is also the recipient of almost 100 years of the *Green River Republican*, a Morgantown, Kentucky, newspaper. The Asher Young Estate and the Margie Helm Estate have also donated many genealogical materials and some manuscripts.

University Archives has accessioned materials from Residence Life, Student Affairs, the papers of

former WKU attorney Bill Biven, and photo albums of the Western College Players. The Archive's copy of Western's 1909 master plan will be part of a future exhibit at the Cincinnati Historical Society.

The Kentucky Museum recently accepted a blue oval box from former Kentucky Building Director Julia Neal. Featured in several national exhibits and publications, the box is a well-known Shaker piece. The box belonged to Nancy Moore (1807-1889), a native of Warren County, who went to the South Union Shaker settlement with her family in 1811. Moore later became an eldress in that community. The Kentucky Library has Moore's Civil War diary, which Miss Neal edited for publication in 1963.

--J.J.



"In 24 years, federal funding for libraries totals less than the cost of one aircraft carrier (est. \$3.5 billion)."

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--C.F.

A Fair Idea Becomes Reality

Have you ever wanted to meet a favorite author or get an autographed copy of a book? You will have this opportunity next May. WKU Libraries will host the first Southern Kentucky Book Fair. Mark your calendars for May 15, 1993, for this event at the Downing University Center.

Designed as a fund raiser for WKU Libraries, the book fair will have over 100 regional and nationally known authors who will autograph their latest works. Over 15,000 books will be available for purchase with 10% off the retail price.

Your input is needed! If you have any suggestions as to which authors to invite, if you will volunteer to serve on the Book Fair Committee, or if you just need more information about this event, contact Jim Erskine, Executive Director, at 745-5016. Friends of WKU Libraries will receive additional information as plans progress.

--J.E.

YES! Please include me as a Friend of WKU Libraries.

New Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Social Security Number _____ Daytime phone (____) _____

President's Club \$1000 (special recognition by WKU President)

Librarian \$500 Book Member \$40

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Make checks payable to: **Friends of WKU Libraries.**

MasterCard/Visa accepted also.

++For gifts of \$40 or more, your name, or the name of someone you designate, will be permanently inserted in a library book.

YES! Please include me as a member of Museum Associates.

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President's Club \$1000 (special recognition by WKU President)

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UPDATES

Sharing Resources

—The Bowling Green Public Library's online catalog is available in Helm Reference. Patrons can search this catalog as an additional access point for information. In this reciprocal arrangement, the public library has a WKU TOPCAT terminal.

University Libraries Faculty

—Melinda Pennington is the new Humanities Reference Librarian for WKU Libraries.

Information

—The WKU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society has a plaque honoring its past presidents on the wall just outside Reference Services near University Archives. This honor society encourages superior scholarship in all academic disciplines. Stop by and view this plaque soon.

—CATALYST, a 20-year-old refereed journal, is now offered electronically and free of charge via BITNET or Internet. Published quarterly, this journal serves community college educators. To subscribe send the command "subscribe Catalyst firstname lastname (your first and last names) to: LISTSERV@VTVM1 on BITNET.

Expanding Resources

—The Leisure Reading Collection of books, located just inside Cravens Library main entrance, grew to almost 500 titles on August 1, 1992, with an increase from 20 to 30 books being purchased each month. Science fiction, mysteries, fantasy, fiction and non-fiction offer something for every leisure reader! — InfoTrac workstations were upgraded to run the Expanded Academic Index, a CD-ROM

database which indexes 1500 scholarly and general interest periodicals from 1989 to the present. This expanded version no longer includes business periodicals; however, the Business Index, on one CD-ROM workstation in Reference Services, has citations covering 700 business titles. InfoTracs allow downloading. Two of the Reference workstations may be reserved for half-hour periods.

—The Science Library has *Current Contents on Diskette with Abstracts* for the Life Sciences. This machine-readable database, updated weekly, allows researchers to browse or search by discipline, source, author, title, or subject to find materials published in more than a thousand scientific journals. For more information, call 745-3958.

--C.F./S.A.S./E.M./J.A.

New Acquisitions in the WKU Libraries

Truman. David G. McCullough. Simon & Schuster. 1992.

Harry Truman has been invoked by both major party candidates this campaign year as an exemplar of presidential leadership. McCullough's new biography of our 33rd president portrays a man who merits retrospective adulation. Controversies, however, swirled around Truman during his nearly eight years in office from 1945-1953. McCullough vividly sketches Truman's early life, his doughboy experiences in WWI, business ventures and political initiation in Kansas City followed by his election to the U.S. Senate and the Vice-Presidency of the U.S. Upon the death of Franklin Roosevelt in April 1945, Truman became President of the United States. The author's treatment of Truman is of unstintingly high quality and historical integrity. This may become the classic Truman biography. (E 814 .M26 1992)

The Overworked American: The Unexpected Decline of Leisure. Juliet B. Schor. Basic Books. 1992 (c1991).

Schor, an economist, presents a lucid case concerning the decline of leisure in America since mid-century. Her argument as to the causes and consequences of the increasing average work week is solidly documented and extremely readable yet open to legitimate debate. A rare work in social science, the book can be read with benefit by scholar and interested layperson alike. Especially provocative is the connection Schor draws between the rising anxiety over being unemployed and the increase in hours worked. (HD 4904.6 .S36 1991)

Jazz. Toni Morrison. Knopf. 1992.

This newest novel by one of America's leading authors fascinates the reader with the sheer "music" of the text. Love, loss, and being African-American in the 1920s in Harlem form the themes for an unidentified narrator to reveal the rhythms of life in Harlem and earlier in Virginia. Stated on the first page, the major event is an enraged wife crashing a funeral to disfigure the corpse of the young lover her husband had shot. Through Joe, Violet, and Dorcas, the young girl, the author traces complex secrets that lead to the violence. A virtuoso of the English language, Morrison offers an engaging, enthralling novel. (Currently available in the Leisure Reading Collection, Cravens)

--M.L.

LIAISON LIBRARIANS

As subject specialists, the following librarians work closely with departmental representatives to enhance the library's resources and to support curriculum and research needs:

Jean Almand (745-6079): Science, General; Agriculture; Biology; Chemistry; Math; Physics/Astronomy; Engineering Technology; Nursing; Computer Science; Industrial Technology

Therese Baker (745-4428): Home Economics & Family Living

Brian Coutts (745-6121): Humanities, General; Government; Canadian and Latin American Studies

Cindy Etkin (745-6108): History; Military Science

Marv Leavy (745-6339): Asian Studies; Social Work; Sociology/Anthropology

Elaine Moore (745-6122): Geography/Geology; Public Health

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Sally Ann Strickler (745-5007): Psychology; Theatre/Dance

Peggy Wright (745-6168): Education, General; Teacher Education; Educational Leadership; Physical Education/ Recreation; Dental Hygiene; Health Care Information Systems

—L.W.

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