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Library hours increased as result of student survey

Next to wanting more journals, students surveyed desired longer library hours.

In response to a Student Government Association (SGA)-sponsored survey, the library is increasing the hours **for this academic year**. The library will be open one hour later every day of the week. (See table below.)

In March 1996, a library survey was distributed to collect student opinions on the library and library services. The survey was developed by Chris Howle, the SGA member of the Library Committee.

The survey results indicated several important points:

- The largest number of respondents indicated that their primary reason for using the library was "Conducting research," followed by "Studying without library resources."

- The most popular days to use the library, according to the respondents, are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, whereas Friday and Saturday are the least popular.

- The results showed that the evening hours during the week are the most popular times to be in the library.

- Most respondents (60%) indicated that the library hours were adequate; however, 56% indicated that the actual configuration of library hours should be changed. Juniors and seniors desired longer hours.

Following the completion of this survey and an analysis of the results, Dacus Library surveyed similar institutions in the Southeast. In the number of hours open, Winthrop

ranked 18th out of the 24 institutions returning the survey.

After evaluating all of the information collected, the decision was made to increase library hours **for this academic year as a test period**. During this test period, the library will maintain a door count log, which will indicate the actual number of students using the extra hours. During the summer months of 1997, the library will once again evaluate all of the data collected and make firmer recommendations regarding hours. Careful consideration will be given to tailoring the library hours to meet the specific needs of the students.

Susan Silverman,
Head of Public Services

LIBRARY HOURS 1996/1997 ACADEMIC YEAR	
DAY	HOURS
Monday - Thursday	8 p.m. - Midnight
Friday	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	Noon - 6 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. - 11 p.m.

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100th Anniversary marks Dacus as one of oldest government documents depositories

This year Dacus Library celebrates 100 years as a depository library for Federal documents. On Oct. 1, the nation's public printer, Michael F. Di-Mario, came to Winthrop to mark the special occasion.

Mr. DiMario spoke in the Recital Hall on "The Importance of Federal Information in a Democracy." The event was attended by Dacus Library faculty, staff, and retirees; government documents librarians from North and South Carolina; and students. Dignitaries in attendance included fifth district Congressman John Spratt, Rock Hill Mayor Betty Jo Rhea, state Senator Wes Hayes, and Winthrop Board of Trustees Chair Bob Thompson. President Anthony Di-Giorgio introduced Mr. DiMario.

The public printer spoke about the transfer of information from print sources to electronic sources, and the challenges inherent in the new technology. He stressed the importance of the Govern-

ment Printing Office's maintaining oversight of government databases for consistency in searching.

His speech was followed by a reception.



In addition to Mr. DiMario's visit, an exhibit of government documents was on display at the library throughout the month of September. This exhibit included Civil War atlases, a sample from the 100-volume set of the War of the Rebellion, and cardboard-bound publications from the Depression-era WPA. These represent a minute sampling of the multitude of materials in the Government Documents Department.

The Federal government printing program began as a haphazard affair in the early years of the republic. At that time, printing was done by private printers who were regularly fired by Congress for bribery, lost manuscripts and overcharging. In 1833, a Senate debate over printing led to the challenge of a duel.

The government eventually took over the printing of its own documents. In 1861, a printshop was constructed in Washington, D.C., in the middle of a swamp bustling with geese, pigs and goats. Employees began their first day of work on the morning Confederate guns opened fire on Fort Sumter. Four years later, typesetters worked by gaslight to compose President Lincoln's eulogy.

In 1895, libraries around the country were designated as depository libraries. The following year, in 1896, Rep. J. William Stokes designated Winthrop Library as a

depository library. At that time, the library was located on the third floor of Tillman Hall.

The holdings at Dacus represent how the format of government documents has changed over time. In the beginning, the government published books and pamphlets. In the 1980s, the emphasis shifted to microfiche. In 1990, materials began to appear on CD-ROMs and, later, as electronic publications on the Internet.

Today, Dacus Library's Government Documents Department houses 170,000 print documents, 500,000 microfiches, and hundreds of CD-ROMs. Dacus is also connected to government databases through the Internet. As a selective depository, Dacus does not receive everything published by the government, but selects about 40% of the items available.

The Government Documents Department at Dacus is proud to be part of the new technology. We are also proud of the volumes in our collection which date back to the 1850s and 1860s. The centennial celebration has given us a chance to look both forward to the future and back to our illustrious past.

Lois Walker,
Government Documents
Librarian

Dacus again reports to VPAA

On July 1, 1996, Dacus Library returned to a direct reporting relationship to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. This return ended a three-year experimental merger of the library under the Information Management division.

In commenting upon the return to Academic Affairs, Dean Paul DuBois stated, "Everyone in the library welcomes the return to Academic Affairs, where we feel we can more appropriately serve the needs of Winthrop's faculty and students."

"On a personal note, I especially look forward to working directly with Dr. Melford Wilson who, over many years, has shown himself to be a friend and supporter of library services."

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'Friends' to boost library

A Friends of Dacus Library group is being organized by four retired members of the Winthrop faculty.

The four (Dr. Al Lyles, Dr. Dorothy Medlin, Ms. Louise Pettus, and Dr. Ross Webb) served also as the organizational committee for the Friends' first formal meeting, held in the library on Oct. 18 and marking 110 years of library history at Winthrop.

President Anthony DiGiorgio welcomed those in attendance, including Judge Jane Dowling Fender, a great-niece of Winthrop's first librarian, Ida Jane Dacus. Judge Fender shared with the group her recollections of Miss Dacus.

A special exhibit was prepared for the meeting, consisting of volumes from the library's original collection presented to the institution by Robert C. Winthrop, the philanthropist for whom the University is named.

The Friends will assist the library in a variety of ways, ranging from financial development to organizing and promoting library programs of interest to all members of the Winthrop community. Further details on its activities are available from the organizing members or from Dr. Paul Z. DuBois, Dean of Library Services.

In commenting on the Friends group, Dr. DuBois noted, "I am very optimistic about the Friends' future course because of the dynamism and quality of its founders. Dr. Lyles has been one of our most generous donors, Dr. Webb has enriched our historical collections, Dr. Medlin has taken the lead in organizing Friends' activities, and Ms. Pettus is widely respected as the foremost authority on the history of Rock Hill and the surrounding area. I see a great future for the Friends."

Paul Z. DuBois,
Dean of Library Services

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Pat Ballard, editor

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An electronic version of Dacus Focus is available on the library's homepage at <http://www.winthrop.edu/dacus/focus32.pdf>

Archives adds important manuscript research resources

Since January 1996, Special Collections has received a number of manuscript collections. New contributions include the records of Beta Sigma Phi, the McFadden-Dillingham Papers, the Virginia Bellune Collier Papers, the papers of recently-retired Winthrop professor of history Dr. James A. Casada, and the John T. Roddey Papers.

Additions have also been made to the collections of the Rock Hill Junior Welfare League, Rock Hill Rotary Club, Amelia Pride Book Club, South Carolina Library Association, South Carolina Association of School Librarians, and the Woman's Club of Rock Hill.

Thus far in 1996, nineteen manuscript collections have been completely processed and made available to researchers.

These include: Rock Hill Photographs (1 box, 67 pieces), William Stokes Papers (4 boxes, 1258 pieces), Nancy Jane Day Papers (45 boxes, 22,500 pieces), McFadden-Dillingham Papers (21 pieces), and the James Sisters Papers (12 boxes, 6000 pieces).

The Archives staff has also added more than 34 linear feet to the records relating to Winthrop: 136 boxes of over 17,000 pieces, 77 bound volumes, and 4 reels of film.

In conjunction with the History Department, the Archives trained one graduate and one undergraduate intern during Spring Semester 1996, and is in the process of training two graduate interns this fall.

Archives staff continues to present talks and programs to various classes and groups about the Ar-

chives, the history of Winthrop and the Catawba region, preservation and other subjects.

Ron Chepesiuk, Head of Archives and Special Collections, is on sabbatical leave this year. He will return in July 1997. Gina White is serving as Acting Head in his absence.

If you have any questions concerning the Archives, Special Collections, or any of our programs, please call Gina White at (803) 323-2131. This area of the library is open 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Gina White,
Acting Head, Archives and Special Collections

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PEOPLE

LINDA P. ALBRIGHT,

Head of Monographs Acquisitions,

coauthored two articles this year with Ron Chepesiuk, both of which were published in the acquisitions journal, *Against the Grain*. Linda serves on the Admissions Advisory Committee, and the Enrollment Management Plan Team for the Strategic Plan. On Nov. 1, 1996, she became chair of the Board of Directors for Florence Crittenton Services, Inc. in Charlotte, N.C.

PAT BALLARD,

Head of Monographs Cataloging,

attended the Southeastern Library Network Format Integration Phase 2 Workshop in Florence, S.C., on Feb. 13, 1996. She is currently serving as vice chair of the Faculty Concerns Committee, and as secretary of the Metrolina Library Association.

RON CHEPESIUK,

Head of Special Collections,

is on sabbatical leave for the 1996/97 year.

ROSE P. DAVIS,

Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Library Instruction,

will have her book, *Zora Neale Hurston: An Annotated Bibliography*, published in spring 1997 by Greenwood Press. The book is part of Greenwood's series, *Bibliographies and Indexes in Afro-American and African Studies*.

PAUL DUBOIS,

Dean of Library Services,

serves on the Academic Plan Team for the Strategic Plan. He continues to serve as vice chair of the Library Directors' Forum in South Carolina, the principal academic library planning group in the state. He is also president of the Episcopal Faculty Conference, and recently presided over the 19th annual meeting of the Conference in Marriotsville, Md.

KEVIN FURNISS,

Access Control Librarian,

flew to Denton, Texas, where he attended the Online Audiovisual Catalogers Biennial Conference, Oct. 2-5.

GERI GASKILL,

Head of Circulation,

has begun studies leading to a master's degree in library and information science at the University of South Carolina.

BOB GORMAN,

Head of Reference,

is chair of Academic Council for the 1996/97 academic year and, therefore, also serves as vice chair of Faculty Conference. Bob is also a member of the Winthrop Strategic Plan Steering Committee. He is this year's chair of the Bibliographic Instruction Interest Group of the South Carolina Library Association, and presided over the Interest Group's program during the Association's annual conference in Greenville, S.C., Oct. 30-31.

GLORIA KELLEY,

Head of Technical Services,

serves as the library's representative on the Academic Plan Team of the Strategic Plan. She attended the Innovative Interfaces, Inc., Annual Users Group Meeting in Providence, R.I., April 27-29, 1996. She is a member of the Carolinas Innovative Users Group Bylaws Committee. Gloria also observed the first meeting of the Network of African and African American Scholars Association in Columbia in May.

BRENDA KNOX,

Library Technical Assistant in Circulation,

completed the Intermediate Sign Language Class. Brenda has also received Library of Congress Awards for Copy-righting New and Original Works for two short stories she recently wrote.

SARAH MCINTYRE,

Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Interlibrary Loan,

attended a workshop entitled "Using Document Delivery Suppliers" in April at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Sarah also spent a professional development day with the Interlibrary Loan Department at Queens College in Charlotte.

ACTIVE

PEOPLE

CAROL MAPP,

Library Technical Assistant in Monographs Cataloging,

is serving an internship at the Girls' Home, as part of the requirements for her master's degree in counseling.

LAURANCE R. MITLIN,

Associate Dean of Library Services,

is serving on the Information Technology Team for the Strategic Plan. He also flew to Providence, R.I., in April for the III Users Group Meeting.

SUSAN SILVERMAN,

Head of Public Services,

is a member of the Facilities and Physical Plant Team for the Strategic Plan.

GALE TEASTER-WOODS,

Head of Serials,

is a member of the Campus Community Team for the Strategic Plan. She also participated in the SOLINET Format Integration Phase 2 Workshop in Florence, S.C., in

February. Gale is active on many campus committees, and is a member of the Rock Hill Zoning Commission.

LOIS WALKER,

Documents Librarian,

coauthored an article with Jean Wells entitled "Comparison of Microfiche Produced by the Government Printing Office and the Congressional Information Service, Inc.," accepted for a future issue of the *Journal of Government Information*. She also contributed an article on mainstreaming to the Aug. 13, 1996, edition of the *Charlotte Observer* entitled, "Summer Camp Gets Anxious Start, Happy Ending."

JEAN WELLS,

Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Electronic Services,

coauthored an article with Lois Walker entitled "Comparison of Microfiche Produced by the Government Printing Office and the Congressional Information Service, Inc.," accepted for a future issue of the *Journal of Government Information*.

Comings and Goings, etc.

Welcome

PEGGY CROUCH,

Administrative Specialist in the Dean's Office,

is a familiar name and face on campus. Previously, she served as an Administrative Specialist in the Music Department.

ROSE P. DAVIS,

Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Library Instruction,

joined Dacus Library in January 1996. She came to Dacus from Mississippi State University, where she was head of the branch library for veterinary medicine. Rose earned her library degree from the University of Alabama.

KEVIN FURNISS,

Access Control Librarian,

traveled a long way to begin work at Dacus in August. Kevin is from Alberta, Canada, and spent the last three years at Athabasca University in Athabasca as its Cataloguing and Reference Services Librarian. He received his library degree from the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

JENNIFER HARRINGTON,

Library Technical Assistant in the Circulation Department,

is another familiar face on campus. She is currently studying for a master's degree in counseling and development from the College of Education. Jennifer worked as a student employee at Dacus during her undergraduate years at Winthrop.

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Adopt-a-Book aims to enrich collection

Parents of Winthrop students now have the opportunity to honor their children by purchasing a book for the Dacus collection.

The "Adopt-a-Book" program, begun this fall, is designed to increase the quality and size of the library collection by adding books in the name of current Winthrop students. Donors may choose to add books in their student's area of study if desired.

Donors are encouraged to donate an amount equal to the average cost of a library book, currently about \$40. A bookplate listing the donor's name and the student's name will be placed in the book.

Gifts will allow for continued library growth while honoring students for years to come.

Donations may be made at any time. Vast amounts of information are produced everyday. To obtain the most current resources and make them

promptly available to students, the library would benefit immensely from a gift at anytime.

A brochure explaining the Adopt-a-Book program was sent to the parents of all Winthrop students this fall. Tax-deductible contributions are already beginning to reach the Winthrop Foundation. Copies of the brochure are available at the Dacus Reference Desk or by calling Linda P. Albright at (803) 323-2530.

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SARAH MCINTYRE,

Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Interlibrary Loan,

arrived at Dacus in February, fresh from library school at the University of South Carolina.

Farewell

FERN HIEB,

Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Interlibrary Loan,

left Dacus to join her husband in Tucson, Ariz. She is currently employed at the University of Arizona.

DEANNA LEWIS,

Access Control Librarian,

left Dacus Library in June.

LEE MILLER,

Administrative Specialist in the Dean's Office, has moved to the Human Resources and Affirmative Action Office on campus.

HANAN NICHOLAS,

Library Technical Assistant in the Circulation Department,

resigned.

Congratulations!

SUSAN SILVERMAN,

Head of Public Services,

was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

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