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# Focus

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## Library delivers articles and information via the Internet

*Journal articles now a mouse click away*

The full-text of thousands of magazine articles is now available online to Winthrop scholars through the DISCUS project. DISCUS—Digital Information for South Carolina Users—is the result of many years of cooperative effort among state universities and the State Library. Implementation of the DISCUS project officially began on December 3, 1997, when the South Carolina State Library signed a subscription agreement with Information Access Company (IAC).

The subscription agreement with IAC provides all DISCUS participants with access to the following IAC SearchBank databases: General Reference Center, Expanded Academic Index ASAP, Business & Company ProFile ASAP, and Health Reference Center-Academic.

Each includes indexing, abstracting, and a significant amount of full-text. The databases are accessible over the Internet via a graphical Web interface.

Winthrop students have already used SearchBank more than 12,000 times since January and have printed out approximately 6,000 articles. While some of the magazines included duplicate titles already

received by Dacus, hundreds are new titles or titles the library used to receive but had canceled for budgetary reasons.

In order to ensure that all state citizens have access to a wide variety of information, the State Library initiated the project to

provide a virtual library of Internet-accessible, full-text databases to all South Carolinians. The initial year of DISCUS was a pilot project funded by federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. Eligible participants during the first year included all public library systems and public and private higher education institutions in the state. Three school districts (Calhoun County, Horry County and Rock Hill District 3) were included in the pilot project, with all SC school districts to be added this year through additional

funds appropriated by the General Assembly. The State Library is serving as contract administrator for the project. Working with the S.C. Association of Public Library Administrators and the S.C. Commission on Higher Education's Library



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## Focus

# Archives busy with presentations, exhibitions

Ron Chepesiuk, head of Special Collections, was on sabbatical during the academic year 1996/97. Gina Price White was in charge of the Archives.

During 1996/97, the Archives welcomed 423 visitors.

A permanent display entitled, "Portraits, York County, S.C.: Selected Photographs of John R. Schorb," was placed on the back wall of the ground floor of the library. It consists of twenty framed reproductions of photographs taken by early York County photographer John R. Schorb (1818-1908).

A number of presentations were given during the year, including: showing historic films for occasions such as Cultural Events, Family Weekend, and Alumni Weekend; participating in the Rock Hill School Dis-

trict's Eighth Grade Career Fair; speaking to the Rock Hill Rotary Breakfast Club on David Bancroft Johnson as Seen Through the Eyes of Archibald Rutledge; and instruction for Winthrop English and history classes on the resources of the Archives and how to use them for research.

The Archives, through its Academic Internship program with the Department of History, trained three graduate interns. All three were excellent interns, and substantially reduced the manuscript collection backlog. Among the three of them, they processed six manuscript collections and one archives collection.

**Gina Price White**  
Assistant Archivist

# Students' families aid Dacus through Adopt-A-Book

The new Adopt-a-Book Program, launched by Dean Paul Z. DuBois in 1996, had a very successful first year. Approximately \$1800 was raised from a mailing that was sent to families of Winthrop students.

The program is designed to give parents an opportunity to honor the accomplishments of their college student sons and daughters by donating money to the library. The donor may select a subject area such as education or sociology, and a library faculty member

will select an appropriate book. A gift plate is placed in the book which identifies the person(s) being honored and the name of the donor as participants in the program.

A second campaign was begun in October 1997, and a mailing was sent to parents or guardians. The program is still focusing on Winthrop University undergraduate students and their families. With continuing success, it is planned that faculty, staff, alumni, students, and the community at large will be included in the program.

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# Patrons can print or e-mail 'E-articles'

percent of the references actually are the complete text online. In other cases the reference retrieved provides just the bibliographic citation and a brief abstract. However, more full-text articles are being added every day.

"The library is excited about the addition of these important resources," commented Bob Gorman, head of reference. "We hope you will find them a useful complement to your research and curriculum needs."

Each Web-based workstation has SearchBank as a main menu choice along with DOC and the Internet. At present, SearchBank is available only in the library or through a computer on campus with access to the Web. Off-campus access will be added this fall.

The library has purchased a high-speed laser printer to use with the workstations. Patrons printing from SearchBank, the Internet, DOCPlus, or other sites on these workstations are charged 10 cents a page. This printer uses the same VendaCard system as is used with our photocopiers and microform printers. Patrons using SearchBank also have the option of downloading the information to disk or e-mailing the results to their own e-mail accounts. The library retains eight of the traditional DOC terminals for patrons who simply want to find a book or journal in Winthrop's collection or to use FirstSearch. Printing from DOC Classic remains free-of-charge.

**Laurance R. Mitlin**  
Associate Dean of Library Services

## Focus

# Inventory was the task of the decade

The week after Spring commencement in 1997, the library staff faced one of its most daunting tasks of the year—**The Inventory Project!** Oh yes, the dreaded inventory of the library’s collections—the project which had not even been contemplated for more than ten years.

Following months of planning, organizing, and training, the library’s faculty and staff invaded the stacks with inventory sheets in hand. The primary objectives were to identify missing or lost books and to ensure that the online catalog, DOC, accurately reflected the holdings in the collection. In addition, books in the wrong locations were returned to their correct locations, those needing mending were so indicated on the

inventory sheets, and crowded areas were identified.

Inventory Results	
Total Volume Count	377,000
Number of Missing Books	1,354
Books in Wrong Area	372
“Lost” Books found	100
Books needing new labels	4,001
Crowded Ranges	65

To inventory the entire 377,000 plus volumes during a one-week period would require superhuman efforts on everyone’s part. Indeed, everyone worked diligently right up to 5 p.m. on Friday afternoon—completing all but one small section, which was finished the next Monday.

The number of books needing new labels was originally pegged at 1,861. However, further work in the stacks revealed many more volumes with torn and faded labels. To date, 4,001 books have now been given new labels.

In conclusion, the dreaded project was extremely successful and maybe even a little fun—particularly for those lucky enough to find some of the prizes hidden in the stacks. In retrospect, was the project a big headache? Yes! But, was it worth it? Absolutely!

Susan Silverman  
Head of Public Services

# Friends’ first year successful in many ways

The Friends of Dacus Library have been quite successful in their first year of existence, now numbering 80 members, sponsoring events on campus, and aiding the library in collection development.

Several events have been presented since the group was organized in Spring 1997. In response to the current popularity of English author Jane Austen, Dr. Dorothy McGavran spoke at a luncheon on May 16, 1997 on “Re-reading Jane Austen in 1997.” On Oct. 17, 1997, the Friends and the Winthrop University Rock Hill Alumni Club co-sponsored Ms. Frances Patton Statham’s speech, “Recurrent Themes: The Idea and the Image,” which was followed by a reception.

The most popular event in the Friends’ short history was University of South Carolina history professor Dr. Ed Beardsley’s one-man show, “FDR: The Depression Years,” performed in

Johnson Theatre on Mar. 20, 1998 before more than 100 people. Looking and sounding uncannily like the 32nd President, “Mr. Roosevelt” spoke about his efforts to revitalize the American economy in the 1930’s, and answered questions from the audience. Assistant professor Ginger Williams of Winthrop’s Department of History loaned her Scottie to the production, a Fala look-alike who contributed to the verisimilitude of the event.

The Friends generously donated \$4,000 to the library during 1997/98; their goal for the 1998/99 academic year is \$5,000. Some of the money from memberships, both individual and collectively pooled, has been used to purchase needed volumes for the Dacus collections. These gifts are acknowledged by appropriate bookplates in the volumes, and by notes on the bibliographic records in DOC, the Dacus Online Catalog. These books could not

have been purchased within the operating budget of the library.

The next Friends event will be Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the Withers Building. Prof. Harvard Ayers, an anthropologist at Appalachian State University, will speak on environmental issues. Slides from his recently published book, “An Appalachian Tragedy: Air Pollution and Tree Death in the Eastern Forests of North America,” will also be shown by Ms. Jennifer Tetterton.

Dacus Library is grateful for the assistance of the Friends, and looks forward to a long and fruitful association with the group.

Membership information for the Friends of Dacus Library is available from the Dean’s Office at 323-2131.

Dorothy Medlin  
Corresponding Secretary,  
Friends of Dacus Library

ACTIVE

# PEOPLE

**LINDA P. ALBRIGHT,**  
**former Head of Monographs**  
**Acquisitions,**

served during 1997/98 as chair of the Library Faculty Assembly, and as a board member and library liaison to the Friends of Dacus Library. She was also chair of the Winthrop University Admissions Advisory Committee, secretary of the Winthrop Faculty Conference, and chair of the African-American Concerns Roundtable of the South Carolina Library Association.

**PAT BALLARD,**  
**Head of Monographs Cataloging,**

completed two years of service as secretary of the Metrolina Library Association in December 1997. She is a member of the Local Arrangements Committee for the Online Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC) 1998 Biennial Conference, to be held in Charlotte, N.C., in November. On campus, she served on the Faculty Personnel Committee and the Research Council, both during 1997/98.

**RON CHEPESIUK,**  
**Head of Special Collections,**

spent a productive year (1996/97) on sabbatical away from the campus. In addition to writing and publishing numerous articles in the area of international librarianship, he also researched and wrote an investigative history of international drug trafficking and the war on drugs, which will be published in 1998, and contracted to produce an encyclopedia on the same subject. During the 1997 fall semester, Ron traveled to Palestine at the invitation of the Palestine National Authority, to inspect and advise on libraries.

**PAUL DUBOIS,**  
**Dean of Library Services,**

wrote the guide to the Celebrating Robert Frost exhibit and also authored, "The Moving Finger Writes...", observations on manuscript collecting in the United States, published in the *NOBS Newsletter* (Northern Ohio Bibliophilic Society), vol. XIV, no. 4, Winter 1997.

Paul also continues as president of the Episcopal Faculty Conference, and presided over the 20th annual meeting of the Conference in Marriotsville, Md.

**KEVIN FURNISS,**  
**Access Control Librarian,**

is chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the OLAC 1998 Conference in Charlotte, N.C. He is also an intern on the Catalog Form and Function Committee of the American Library Association. Kevin has contracted to teach "Introduction to Technical Services" in the University of South Carolina College of Library and Information Science in the 1998 fall semester.

**BOB GORMAN,**  
**Head of Reference,**

co-taught a film course during the 1997 fall semester with a faculty member from the Department of Art and Design. The focus of the course was on the Western as a film genre. Bob has also been elected newsletter editor for the Metrolina Library Association. His article, "Blazing the Way: the WPA Library Service Demonstration Projects in South Carolina" appeared in the fall 1997 issue of *Libraries and Culture: the Journal of Library History*.

**GLORIA KELLEY,**  
**Head of Technical Services,**

coauthored an article for the May 1998 issue of *American Libraries* with Gale Teaster-Woods and Lois Walker on "Employee Rights versus the First Amendment: Questions and Issues." She is serving as president-elect of the Carolinas Innovative Users Group (CIUG), made up of the North and South Carolina libraries which use the Innovative Interfaces integrated library system. Gloria received a Winthrop University Research Council grant in 1997 to investigate instructional improvement and the Internet. She is also pursuing an MBA at Winthrop.

**LAURANCE R. MITLIN,**  
**Associate Dean of Library Services,**

is serving a two-year term as treasurer of the Metrolina Library Association.

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PEOPLE

SUSAN SILVERMAN,
Head of Public Services,
spearheaded a very successful inventory of the entire monographic collection in May 1997, resulting in the addition of new shelving to the ground floor stacks and an online catalog that more accurately reflects the contents of the collection.

GALE TEASTER-WOODS,
Head of Serials,
has continued to serve as director of the CIS program. She coauthored an article for American Libraries with Gloria Kelley and Lois Walker (see under Kelley). Gale is the current chair of the Rock Hill Zoning Board Commission.

LOIS WALKER,
Documents Librarian,
was the principal author of an article on employee rights and the first amendment published in American Libraries in May 1998 (see under Kelley).

Joining the Dacus Faculty and Staff

DAVID KELLY,
Library Technical Assistant in Circulation,
started work on August 17. He has a B.A. in art history from University of South Carolina. and an M.A. in American Studies from the University of Alabama.

DAVID K. WEEKS,
Reference Librarian/Coordinator of Document Delivery,
began work on July 16. He recently received his library degree from Southern Connecticut State University.

Book sale raises \$2,000 for Dacus

A very successful book sale was held from October 22-25, 1997, sponsored by Dacus Library. Several new ideas were implemented for this year's sale.

The sale was held over a period of two and one-half days, instead of just for one day. In addition, Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 5-7 p.m. was designated as a preview sale opportunity for the Friends of Dacus Library. A number of Friends attended and some returned on the other days as well. The hours were extended (Oct. 23 and 24, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Oct. 25, Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.) to encourage more people to come shop with us. Lastly, the sale was held in the Good Building on campus, which had sufficient room to set out all of the materials for sale and encourage browsing by the customers.

The library staff and numerous volunteers assisted in this book sale adventure, including some of the members of the Friends. Approximately \$2,000 was raised, which is quite a sum, considering that the prices were primarily in the \$.50 to \$1 per book range. As usual, all proceeds from the book sale will be used to benefit the collections and services of Dacus Library.

Linda P. Albright
Head, Monographs Acquisitions

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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/focus33.pdf

## More Active People

### Farewell to ...

**LINDA P. ALBRIGHT,**  
**Head, Monographs Acquisitions Dept.,**  
left Dacus at the end of April 1998. She has moved to Memphis, Tenn., where she works for CDA, Inc., a security firm. She plans to be married in September.

**JENNIFER HARRINGTON,**  
**Library Technical Assistant in Circulation,**  
graduated in May 1998 with a master's degree in counseling, and has taken a job with the Catawba Family Center here in Rock Hill.

**SARAH MCINTYRE,**  
**Reference Librarian/Coordinator of Document Delivery,**  
left the library in May 1998. She is now living in Eureka, Calif.

### Congratulations to ...

**PAT BALLARD,**  
**Head, Monographs Cataloging Dept.,**  
received a pin and certificate for ten years of service to the state of South Carolina in spring 1998.

**VONDA COLEMAN,**  
**Library Technical Assistant in Monographs Cataloging,**  
received her pin and certificate in spring 1998 for thirty years of service to the state.

**GLORIA KELLEY,**  
**Head of Technical Services,**  
was honored with a pin and certificate in spring 1998 for twenty years of service to the state.

**CAROL MAPP,**  
**Library Technical Assistant in Monographs Cataloging,**  
graduated from Winthrop in May 1997 with a master's degree in counseling.

**GENIE POAG,**  
**Library Technical Assistant in Monographs Acquisitions,**  
has retired. She is, however, still working part-time! The library staff is happy that Genie is available to train her replacement, Jannifer Tucker. Jannifer gets the benefit of Genie's accumulated knowledge and experience, and the staff still gets to see Genie.

**GALE TEASTER-WOODS,**  
**Head of Serials,**  
was also honored for twenty years of service to the state with a pin and certificate.

**JANNIFER TUCKER,**  
**Library Technical Assistant in Circulation,**  
has been chosen to fill Genie Poag's slot in Monographs Acquisitions.

**JEAN WELLS,**  
**Reference Librarian/Coordinator of Electronic Services,**  
was awarded tenure as of August 1997.