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# Focus

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## Dean DuBois to retire after leading a decade of change

*All know him as a scholar and a gentleman*

In June 1999, Dr. Paul DuBois will retire as dean of Dacus Library. In his years as dean, Dr. DuBois has presided over a time of enormous change. Under Dr. DuBois' guidance, the library has made the step into the 21st century while still retaining valuable resources, including books of historical significance that date back to the library's beginnings over 100 years ago.

Below is a personal reminiscence about Dr. DuBois by University Historian and Professor Emeritus Dr. Ross Webb.

Few people possess the wit and charm of the Dean of Dacus Library. As a smitten bibliophile, Paul DuBois not only loves and collects books, he is extremely knowledgeable about what lies inside the book covers. To accompany the Dean on a book buying excursion is an experience. He will not only take you to antique book shops but to upscale book stores as well.

The Dean is an enthusiastic authority on

baseball. He can quote baseball records and produce baseball cards to prove it. But this is only one side of this multifaceted individual. Whether over coffee at Dinkins, over lunch at Tropical Escape, or at a reception at Tillman Hall, Dean DuBois can stimulate conversation by commenting on some aspect of literature, music, or the arts suitable to the occasion. His remarkable mind cannot only recall pertinent information, but specific quotations as well.

As "the Chief Executive" of Dacus Library, Dean DuBois has maintained a quality collection while introducing the new electronic technology. The addition of numerous fact-finding programs, such as *SearchBank* and *Ethnic Newswatch*, as well as the Internet, has added much to the availability of information to Winthrop students.

Under the leadership of Dean DuBois, the library staff has functioned as a team. Without question, this is the product of the high

standard of performance which the Dean has established for the library. Librarians and staff look upon him as their champion, and Dean DuBois has not let them down.

As the Dean retires and leaves Winthrop, all who worked alongside him, all who knew him as a scholar and a gentleman, all who assisted him in Winthrop's Administration, wish him health, happiness and good fortune.

Certainly Paul DuBois fits Wordsworth's epithet:

"A man he seems of cheerful yesterdays  
And confident to-morrows."

Ross Webb  
University Historian

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# Dean bids farewell to Winthrop

I've put off writing this "Farewell" column for as long as I can. A stern taskmaster of an editor has informed me that it is now or never for my 500 words. Farewells are never easy but perhaps I can do it by making these last words a simple reminder of where we have been and what the future holds.

When I arrived at Winthrop in 1991, we had just installed our excellent on-line Innovative Interfaces system, but it was only a precursor to what would be achieved in the decade ahead. In that decade the library became the leader on campus in the strange new world of Internet services; in adding full-text access to hundreds of scholarly journals; in joining with the State Library in the successful DISCUS project; in adding

*FirstSearch*, *SearchBank*, *Ethnic NewsWatch*, and other key database services; and in providing dial-up access to the Dacus Online Catalog so that researchers could access our collections from off campus.

While this was being accomplished, we took steps to insure that for the first time our rich Government Documents collection would be represented in DOC; we extended our hours of library service, and we created the first Home Page for Winthrop University. The pace of progress has been steady and everyone in the library should take pride in it.

Meanwhile, the library has been assisted in its collection building efforts by a host of people outside the library

in the faculty and administration and we thank them too. Through our Adopt-a-Book program, the Friends of the Library, and our liaison with the University's Capital campaign, we have every reason to expect continuing growth of our already fine collection.

The Dacus Library is a center of excellence and to document this and point the way for the future, a library committee consisting of Susan Silverman, Gale Teaster-Woods, and Lois Walker is now putting the finishing touches on a remarkable report entitled "The Winthrop Library: Grounded in Tradition, Wired for the Millennium." The report will document the library's progress from the 1895 Tillman Collection of "1,800 volumes of well selected books" to the

present when world wide resources are available to us through the Internet and other new search engines.

The people who will make these resources meaningful, who will organize them for effective use, who will teach their use, who will help students to evaluate them and who will add to them in the years ahead are the finest group of librarians and staff that it has been my privilege to work with in my thirty-five years as a librarian.

As I write these words in my office a bust of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow looks down on me. He said it not in 500 words but one word: Excelsior.

**Paul DuBois**  
Dean of Library Services

## Milestones highlight the DuBois years

### 1991

Dial-up access to the Dacus Online Catalog (DOC) is established

### 1993

The first book sale is held and is a huge success

### 1994

Patrons surveyed rank the library as extremely important to them and the staff as extremely helpful

### 1995

The online database, *FirstSearch*, is added to DOC

### 1996

Special classes are offered in how to use the Internet

The "Adopt-A-Book" program is established  
The Friends of Dacus Library sponsors its first event

### 1997

The web-based version of DOC becomes available to the public

The library devotes a full week to inventorying the collection

### 1998

Full-text databases are made available through the online catalog

Library hours are increased

### 1999

Dacus Library's web-based HomePage is developed

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# Info-Magic: Web resources ease research

Research at Dacus Library got a lot easier this semester. Waiting in line at a CD-ROM index became a thing of the past. Suddenly, complete articles from dozens and dozens of national, international, and regional newspapers were available online. South Carolina and other state laws and court decisions were only a mouse click away.

This "info-magic" was a result of a major expansion of Dacus's

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### ***Waiting in line...became a thing of the past***

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electronic resources. *Dacus Library Online* now includes over 80 databases in addition to DOC—the Dacus Online Catalog. All this information is available through any workstation in the library and any computer attached to the campus network.

Access is through a web browser like Netscape or Internet Explorer, pointed at <http://www.winthrop.edu/dacus/>. A "Map to Information by Subject" helps lead the researcher to the most useful sources for a given topic.

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### ***"Map to Information" guides the researcher***

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Cooperation with other libraries and careful study of alternatives enabled the library to make these improvements in service at no increase in cost to the university. SOLINET, Winthrop's regional library cooperative, negotiated significant savings for the library, and the South Carolina State Library expanded the offerings of the state- and federally-funded DISCUS project.

Several of the databases are of particular note. *Academic Universe*, a web version of the *Lexis-Nexis* database, includes full-text articles from hundreds of newspapers and magazines, reference works, broadcast news transcripts, legal and tax materials, and financial information.

*Congressional Universe* and *Statistical Universe* lead the researcher to the wealth of information buried in government publications and Congressional hearings.

*Contemporary Authors*, *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, and the *Dictionary of Literary Biography* provide a starting point for research on the literature and writers of this century.

Business administration students will appreciate *Compact Disclosure on the Web* and the *CCH Tax Research Network*. *Disclosure*

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### ***A Web browser has become necessary to do research***

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provides the same information as the CD-ROM version, with the convenience of much easier access. The CCH service eliminates leafing through the flimsy pages of loose-leaf binders for federal tax information, and it adds information about the taxes of all 50 states.

Patrons familiar with the *WilsonDisc* CD-ROMs will find the full-text of many of the articles from those indexes in *WilsonSelect*, which covers education, business, social sciences, the humanities, science, library science, and general topics.

CD-ROM indexes are a thing of the past for history majors too. *America: History and Life* and

*Historical Abstracts* are now available in web versions, including indexing from the beginning of the two major bibliographic sources in the area of history.

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### ***Off-Campus access likely in near future***

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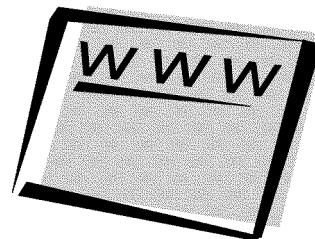
*ERIC*, the major index to education topics, is now also offered in a web version, eliminating a frequent frustration for education majors who often had to wait in line to use the CD-ROM.

Even major encyclopedias like *Americana*, *Grolier's Multimedia*, and the *Book of Knowledge* can be searched in their entirety on Dacus Library Online.

*SearchBank*, Dacus's first full-text online database is still included in Dacus Library Online. It is accessible off-campus to students and faculty, in addition to on-campus access. As the publishers make it possible, the library hopes to extend off-campus access to many of the other databases also.

Thanks to emerging technology, library patrons are now able to use the library in new and dynamic ways.

Laurance R. Mitlin  
Associate Dean of Library Services



ACTIVE  
**PEOPLE**

**PAT BALLARD,**  
**Head, Cataloging Department**  
was treasurer of the Online Audiovisual Catalogers Conference (OLAC) in Charlotte, NC, from Nov 4-7, 1998.

**RON CHEPESIUK,**  
**Head of Archives,**  
has won the 1999 Humphrey-OCLC-Forest Press Award for his "significant contribution to International Librarianship." He also has a forthcoming book entitled, *The Scotch-Irish: From the North of Ireland to the Making of America*. It is being published by McFarland and Company and is due out May 1999. Ron also co-authored the book *Palmetto Women: Images from the Winthrop Archives* with Gina White (see below). In addition, McFarland has published Ron's book, *Hard Target: the United States War against International Drug Trafficking, 1982-1997*.

**PEGGY CROUCH,**  
**Administrative Specialist,**  
was invited by the South Carolina Organ Procurement Association to attend the unveiling of the organ transplant stamp in Columbia, South Carolina. The event took place in October 1998 and the U. S. Postmaster General was the guest speaker.

**KEVIN FURNISS,**  
**Access Control Librarian,**  
has been appointed as a committee member on the Catalog Form and Function Committee of the American Library Association. He has accepted an appointment as the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services' Representative to the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies' Americans with Disabilities Act Assembly. Kevin chaired the OLAC conference. (See Ballard, above.)

**BOB GORMAN,**  
**Head of Reference,**  
co-authored an article with Dr. Jason Silverman from the History Department. The article, "The Confederacy's Fighting Poet: General John Wagener" is in the April 1999 issue of *North and South*.

**SUSAN SILVERMAN,**  
**Head of Public Services,**  
is co-authoring a book with Lois Walker about an 1822 Charleston slave insurrection.

**LOIS WALKER,**  
**Head of Documents,**  
is co-authoring a book with Susan Silverman about an 1822 Charleston slave insurrection. Lois is the new editor of *Dacus Focus*.

**GINA WHITE,**  
**Assistant Archivist,**  
co-authored with Ron Chepesiuk the book *Palmetto Women: Images from the Winthrop Archives*. The book is being published by Arcadia Press in April 1999.

**GLORIA KELLEY, CAROL MAPP, ELLEN OWENS, AND TESFA SEBHATU,**  
**Technical Services,**  
attended the Online Audio-Visual Catalogers Conference in Charlotte, NC, in November 1998.

## Joining the Dacus Faculty and Staff

**ANTJE MAYS,**  
**Head, Monographs Acquisitions Dept.,**  
started work February 1. Antje has a library degree from the University of South Carolina. She has worked at the Citadel and most recently at the Medical University of South Carolina in the Psychiatry Research Department.

**PAM GARRISON,**  
**Library Technical Assistant, Monographs Cataloging,**  
joined the Dacus Library Staff in March. Pam is a graduate of Winthrop and came to the library from the Department of Health and Environmental Control in the Immunizations division.

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# Friends' programs delight and entertain

The Friends of Dacus Library has enjoyed another successful year, sponsoring events on campus and aiding the library in collection development. There are now 102 members, including current and retired faculty and staff members, alumni and other library lovers. The goals of the Friends are to provide additional funds for the purchase of library materials and to offer opportunities for presentations and discussions on topics of current interest.

The Friends has contributed \$9,000 in its two years of existence, allowing the library to purchase 171 additional titles for the library's collection. Titles selected have included reference works in science, music, education, African American studies, English, literature, business and the performing arts.

Presentations and discussions on topics of interest occur at least twice a year. The Friends has sponsored and co-sponsored some intriguing programs. In October 1998, the Friends and the local chapter of the Sierra Club presented Dr. Harvard Ayers, author and editor of *An Appalachian Tragedy: Air Pollution and Tree*

*Death in the Eastern Forests of North America*. More than 100 people attended the event.

In March 1999, the Friends and the College of Education co-sponsored Coleen Salley, master storyteller, children's literature specialist, and professor emeritus from the University of New Orleans. Her topic was "Retold Tales in Southern Literature." Her presentation of four children's stories included a reading of the "Cajun Gingerbread Man" in a delightful New Orleans dialect.

Dacus Library is grateful to the Friends for its loyal support and its interest in developing a collection that supports the needs of library users.

The Friends is busy planning for 1999/2000. Its goal is to increase membership and the amount of its yearly contribution to Dacus Library. If you would like to be a Friend of Dacus Library, please see the membership form in this issue of *Dacus Focus*.

Gloria Kelley  
Head, Technical Services

## Active People

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## Farewell to...

**VONDA COLEMAN,**  
Library Technical Assistant in Monographs  
Cataloging,

retired from Dacus Library after 31 years. Vonda began work when the library was located in the old Carnegie Library Building (now Rutledge). She was the last remaining employee at Dacus Library who had worked at the old Carnegie Library. Over the years that she worked at Winthrop, Vonda witnessed the change from typing cards for the card catalog to being able to access information on the computer and print that information by clicking a button. In her farewell speech, Vonda encouraged everyone to enjoy their work and to know "the best is yet to come."

## Congratulations to...

**GERI GASKILL,**  
Head of Circulation,

graduated from the University of South Carolina in December 1998 with a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science.

## Dacus Focus

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Lois Walker, editor

Comments should be addressed to the editor.

The Dacus Online Catalog is available on the Internet via Telnet at "LIBRARY.WINTHROP.EDU" and on the WorldWide

Web at

"<http://library.winthrop.edu>"

An electronic version of Dacus Focus is available on the library's homepage at

<http://www.winthrop.edu/dacus/about/focus34.pdf>

## Focus

# Committee documents excellence at Dacus

Is the library a center of excellence? A three-person committee spent months analyzing whether Dacus is an excellent library and what must be done to maintain that excellence.

A report, *Grounded in Tradition—Wired for the Millennium*, details two strong aspects of the library—a collection that is historically important and a library poised to take advantage of state-of-the-art technology.

After months of research and writing, the report is nearing completion. It is comprised of four major sections. The first section consists of a narrative history of the library entitled, “A Library With a Past,” and a chronology of noted events and collection growth at Winthrop Library entitled, “History in the Making at Winthrop Library.”

The second section, “Building the Collection,” contains important statistical data about the collection and statistical comparisons of our collection with such noteworthy sources as *The Harvard Business School Core Collection* and *Books that Changed the South*.

Comparisons in this section clearly illustrate the strong Southern influence in the collection, particularly in Southern literature and history.

The third section describes “How Times Have Changed” with the introduction of the electronic age in the library. This section documents how the very nature of research and the access to research materials has been affected by the addition of electronic resources.

The fourth section provides recommendations for maintaining the excellence for which Dacus Library has traditionally been known.

The comprehensive report includes tables, graphs, charts, and historic photographs, including such rare shots as a picture of a horse in the library taken during the filming of movie *Bring Back Our Books* in 1975.

The committee’s report is expected to be ready for distribution by the end of April.

**Susan Silverman**  
Head of Public Services

## The old...

On February 17, 1999, Winthrop University Archives celebrated its 1,000th accession.

On that day, the Archives accessioned the Roscoe Turner collection. The collection, donated by Professor Emeritus Louise Pettus, consists of newspaper clippings and letters

of one of the country’s early pilots.

Turner flew in the years following World War I and often came to Rock Hill during his travels. His papers represent an important contribution to the history of early flying in South Carolina.

## ...and the new

Students at Winthrop who suffer from visual impairments now have an easier time of using the library.

In December 1998, a carrel was set aside which houses a computer with the ability to read aloud to the student. The computer can read from

books, articles in journals, newspapers or typed papers.

The computer is attached to a scanner and the student places the reading material on the scanner and then listens to the information.

Reaction to this new service has been positive.

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