A new black and white printer was wired and set up on the second floor so that the 17 public computers located on that floor will automatically send black and white jobs to that printer. Before this printer was added, students had to go down to the main floor to retrieve their print jobs, so we thought this new printer might be a very welcomed addition for the students who loved to do their work on the quieter second floor.

Down on the ground level of the library a couple of computers which were functioning as library catalog kiosks, and therefore were limiting in what could be done on them, were switched over to fully-functioning PCs with printing capabilities. More wireless nodes were also added to address some of the wireless “dead zones.”

We’re still trying to get the word out about all the great new equipment we have, but students who are in here a lot already seem very pleased with these new additions. And who knows – maybe a student will come to the library to use a FitDesk who doesn’t usually come to Dacus and find we have all sorts of other great resources and equipment they never knew we had!

Michaela Volkmar, Outreach Librarian
husband Bob will enjoy their vacation at North Myrtle Beach this summer. It is reported that some friends might drop in on the vacationers. As everyone knows, the funds raised on this activity go into the Friends of Dacus Library Endowed Fund, which was set up to support library services at Winthrop. However, we fell far short of our goal from this activity, raising only $3,800. Dr. Faulkner observed, “We are very appreciative of those who took part in the ticket sales, but we need to develop more ideas about how to reach our endowment goal of $100,000 as established by the Friends of Dacus Library Board in 2013.”

Anyone with any input on this matter should contact Dr. Faulkner by phone at 803-323-2262 or via email at faulknerr@winthrop.edu.

On March 1 in the conference room of the Dean of Library Services, Dr. Ronnie Faulkner, Dr. Antje Mays, and Dean Mark Herring oversaw the drawing of the winner for the North Myrtle Beach House Raffle. To assure a fair drawing, Dr. Faulkner retrieved a Winthrop student without any connection to the raffle from the Main Floor of Dacus Library to actually physically draw the winning ticket.

The winner was Jane Gorman, a retired medical administrator, who formerly worked for Rock Hill GYN and OB Associates. Jane is active locally in the Rotary Club and is married to Bob Gorman, a former reference librarian at Winthrop. After Dr. Faulkner informed Jane of her good fortune, he sent a notice out to inform the members of the Friends of Dacus Library.

We congratulate Jane as our first winner and know that Jane and her husband Bob will enjoy their vacation at North Myrtle Beach this summer. It is reported that some friends might drop in on the vacationers.

The Dacus Library of Winthrop University was constructed in 1969 and named for the school’s first librarian Ida Jane Dacus, who served from 1900 to 1945 and was also the first person in South Carolina to receive professional training in library studies. Today the facility houses over 500,000 volumes and provides extensive online resources to support the educational and research needs of the Winthrop academic community.

The South Carolina Mother of the Year Oral History Archives is the latest Digital Commons page. The records relating to the S. C. Mother of the Year award are housed at the Louise Pettus Archives. In addition, oral history interviews were conducted with 15 living Mother of the Year Award Winners, 6 family members, and 14 prominent members of the S. C. Mother of the Year Award Selection Committee. The oral history project was conceived and executed by Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney, Department Chair and Professor of Political Science and Director of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program at Winthrop University, with community partners and S. C. Mothers Association President Martha Cranford and Treasurer Shirley Fishburne. The purpose of the South Carolina Mother of the Year Award Oral History Project is to document women’s experiences as mothers, leaders, and women in the state of South Carolina. The voices of these powerful, dynamic, strong, and devoted women are to be collected, heard, and preserved.