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Film festival honors *Brown v. Board of Education*



The Ida Jane Dacus Library Film Fest is designed to showcase the more than 800 documentaries, feature films, mystery, fiction and instructional videos in Dacus Library.

This year's film fest seeks to educate the campus community about the landmark civil rights case, *Brown v. the Board of Education*. The year marks the 50th anniversary of this historic case; and as part of the *Brown v. Board of Education* campus celebration, the Dacus film series focuses on videos the library owns. This film fest is a collaborative effort of the African-American Studies Minor Program, the *Brown v. Board* Committee and Dacus Library.

The first film in the series was used to celebrate the Martin Luther King holiday on Jan. 19. "Martin Luther King Commemorative Collection" was shown to approximately 65 students who attended the showing. Dr. Adolphus Belk, assistant professor of political science, served as the discussion leader. The film presents two documentaries on the work and life of King. "In Remembrance of Martin"* is "composed of testimonies by his family, associates and

government leaders and includes documentary footage." The second part, the "Speeches of Martin Luther King," features all of King's major speeches.

The film "Road to Brown" was shown Feb. 5. Dr. A. J. Angulo, assistant professor of the Center for Pedagogy, served as the discussion leader. "The film presents the role of Charles Hamilton Houston in the cases which led to the landmark Supreme Court case of *Brown vs. Board of Education*. It gives the history of segregation, Jim Crow laws and the NAACP and provides biographical data on persons influential in the desegregation movement."

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"CBS Reports: Busing" was shown Feb. 19. Dr. Janet Hudson, assistant professor in the history department, was the discussion leader. "In 1971, when busing was first mandated by the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Swann* ruling, it strongly polarized public opinion in many communities.



"Filmed only five years after the controversial precedent was first put into practice, this news program looks at events in Charlotte, N. C., and Boston, Mass., two places that stand as icons in the busing battle."

The film "Separate but Equal" was shown March 9. Dr. Wilhelmenia Rembert, associate vice president of graduate studies, served as discussion leader. "The year is 1950 ... and America is divided between black and white. Schools, restaurants, trains and buses, even drinking fountains, cannot be shared by both races.

"Although slavery has been outlawed for nearly a century, segregation is legal. But white and Negro facilities are separate and unequal, and the tension has reached a breaking point for the blacks of Clarendon County, S. C. When their request for a single school bus is denied by white school officials, a bitter, violent and courageous battle for justice and equality begins ... pitting black against white and friend against neighbor all across the country."

The film "Eyes on the Prize" will be shown April 8. Dr. Stephen Smith, professor of political science, will serve as discussion leader. "Eyes on the Prize" tells the story of America's civil rights years from 1954 to 1965 and examines the new America from 1966 to 1985, from community power to the human alienation of urban poverty.

*All film descriptions from video container notes.

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Lantern slide collection depicts ancient culture, ruins



Athens Constitution Square 1

The Archives and Special Collections at Winthrop contain a captivating collection of glass lantern slides depicting the culture, ruins and antiquities of Ancient Greece and Rome. These slides were created around the turn of the 20th century through the early 1920s. Winthrop's now defunct classics department (also known as the Latin department and the ancient languages department), as well as the history department, used these slides in their courses.

A lantern slide is an image or a photograph painted on glass that is projected by a machine known as the magic lantern. The magic lantern consists of a light source, a lens or mirror to concentrate the light on one side of the slide and a system of lenses placed in front of the slide to cast an enlarged image of it onto a screen. In other words, it's a rudimentary precursor of the slide projector we know today.

Surprisingly, the magic lantern had its beginning in the 17th century. The device was developed by Athanasius Kircher, a German Jesuit priest, who described the magic lantern in a work published in 1644. Prior to the advent of electricity, the light source for a magic lantern was, of course, a flame of some sort, such as a candle. However, by the 1920s, electricity powered most of the lanterns used in classrooms and lecture halls. The

Archives has a working example of an electrified magic lantern from the late 1910s or early 1920s that was used to show this collection of slides of Greek and Roman antiquities.

Some of these slides were purchased or produced by Winthrop founder and first president David Bancroft Johnson during his trip to Europe in 1909. He also brought back the plaster cast reproductions of The Elgin Marbles located in the main hallway of the Tillman Hall and Nike of Samothrace located on the second floor of Tillman.

The lantern slide collection consists of over 600 slides illustrating various Greek and Roman treasures, artwork, landscapes, ruins, people, monuments and the civilizations' cultures. Most of the slides are black and white photographs or pen and ink drawings; however, a small portion of them are images that have been hand tinted with color to add visual interest. The slides bear such identifications as Lions Gate—Mycenae; Gold Face Mask; Building a Greek Temple; Parthenon—West End; Nike Temple; Stadium Athens; Sacred Way—Eleusis—Chariot Ruts; Athena—Old Temple; and many more.

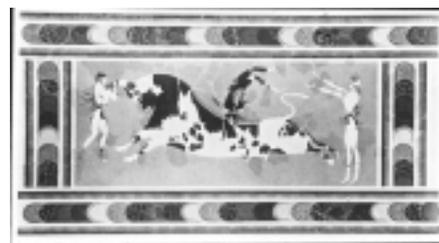
During the month of April, as part of Winthrop's *Pathways to Greek Culture* program celebrating the Summer 2004 Olympics being held in Athens, Greece, the Archives and Special Collections will be displaying enlarged copies of some of the slides as well as some of the slides themselves and the magic lantern. We will scan the slides and make enlarged copies of the digital images for our exhibit. The exhibit may be viewed in the main floor exhibit area of Dacus Library for the entire month of April during regular library hours. Please make plans to come by and take a look at this unique exhibit showcasing one of the unusual collections of the Winthrop

Archives as well as celebrating the return of the Olympics to Greece.

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Lions Gate Mycenae 1



Bull Leapers 2

Gina White
Director of Archives

Short joins reference department



We welcome Doug to our interlibrary loan and reference departments. Stay tuned for updates and changes; and if you have any questions about interlibrary loan, please contact Doug at 803-323-2263 or shortd@winthrop.edu. For interlibrary loan lending or borrowing policies, please

There is a new, yet familiar, face in our interlibrary loan department. Doug Short, formerly of the circulation department, has moved across the room to take the position of interlibrary loan coordinator and reference librarian. He replaces Camille Livingston, who moved to Texas with her husband.

Doug will be very busy this year managing a full-time job at Ida Jane Dacus Library and a full class schedule at the University of South Carolina. He is currently enrolled in USC's Distance Education Program and is pursuing his master's degree in library science. With the Distance Education Program, Doug is able to take classes close to home through Web-based and satellite classes. The Web-based classes are all online; and the satellite classes are viewed at York Tech, though each satellite class requires several Saturday classes at the main campus in Columbia. The Web-based classes can contain up to 200 students and include students from Virginia, West Virginia and Georgia. These states do not offer accredited library science programs and have established a cohort with USC to allow students to attend the distance classes.

consult the interlibrary loan web page located in the department section of the Dacus Library Web site at www.winthrop.edu/dacus.

Restructuring ERIC leaves users uncertain

A common question heard around the Government Documents office is, "What is going on with ERIC?" Well, after researching the changes and making a few phone calls to ERIC, the answer seems to be – wait and see.

ERIC, short for Educational Resources Information Center, is funded by the U. S. Department of Education and provides access to abstracts of more than a million education-related documents and journal articles. For the past 40 years, this program has seen little change. Recently, however, the Department of Education has decided to reorganize ERIC and is now in the process of restructuring the way that the information is acquired, processed and accessed.

ERIC's 16 subject-specific clearinghouses, which previously gathered information for the database and provided user services, were closed December 31, 2003; and the three remaining support contracts will end sometime this year. Also ending this year are

E*Subscribe services, microfiche production and On-Demand Document Delivery Services.

The New ERIC will be restructured by a central contractor, who will be chosen in the next few months; and access will be mainly electronic, providing full-text documents and electronic links to commercial services. As of the first of the year, no new materials will be accepted by ERIC. The new acceptance procedures will be determined by the central contractor, and guidelines for submitting new information will be announced later this year. Until that time, items that were accepted in 2003 will be added. Delays in information updates should be expected until the new database is ready at the end of September. At that time, documents from January 2004 and forward will be added.

The future content plan for the New ERIC database will include adding all Level 1 ERIC documents which were released in electronic, paper and microfiche formats from 1993-July 2004. Level 2 documents, or those issued only on microfiche, from 1993 forward and documents from 1966-1992 will not be included in the database and will be available only from depository libraries and other institutions maintaining the ERIC collection.

Until the new database is available, ERIC documents can be

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Meet the staff



Susan Silverman

During that ominous year, 1984, that turned out not-so-ominous, Ida Jane Dacus Library had another lucky star to thank. A young woman, Susan Murphy, showed up and took over as acting head of reference. It was said of Susan not long after she arrived that she exhibited, among many other fine qualities, excellent initiative and organization.

In 20 years, Susan has lost neither the initiative nor the organization, and added dozens of other attributes that have made her stint as head of Public Services one of the most successful in Dacus'

history. Oh, yes, she also wrote a major book and married historian Jason Silverman!

When Susan isn't keeping track of personnel in public services, proffering her clear advice and wise council as part of the library's management team, working dozens of hours weekly at the reference desk or teaching one of a score of classes in the library instruction program, she is keeping track of Alex, her 12-year-old son.

As mother, scholar, wife, community activist and valued Winthrop employee, we often wonder where she finds the time to fit it all in.

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searched from the Dacus Online Catalog ERIC Database and from two Internet sites. These include GPO Access (www.gpoaccess.gov/eric), which offers full-text articles from reports received from October 2002 (ED 463411) through the present, and can be searched by keyword or ERIC accession number, and ERIC (www.eric.ed.gov), which offers citations and abstracts that can be searched by keyword or topic. The

results of these searches retrieve documents beginning with ED or EJ. The ED or, ERIC documents, including ED 000 001 – ED 477 564, can be found in the Ida Jane Dacus Library on microfiche. EJ items, which are ERIC Journals, may be available in the library. Check the Dacus Online Catalog to see if we own the journal for your citation or abstract. If not, these can be acquired through interlibrary loan.

The New ERIC database promises to be updated more

frequently and easier to search. Announcements concerning the New ERIC will be available as updates occur on the ERIC Web site.

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Head, Government Documents

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