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Library Hires New Personnel

The Houston Cole Library filled two positions when it hired Luke Griffin as the Electronic Resources/Documents Librarian and Laurie Charnigo as the Education Librarian, a subject specialist librarian for the 5th floor. Mr. Griffin and Ms. Charnigo joined our staff June 17, 2002.

Luke Griffin is a 1998 graduate of the Library Science program at the University of North Texas. Mr. Griffin comes to JSU from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, IL, where he served as the Government Documents and Digital Services Librarian since June 1999. He will manage the Government Documents collection and assist with the management of the Library's electronic resources.

Laurie Charnigo is a 2002 graduate of the Library & Information Studies program at The University of Alabama. As a full-time faculty member, Ms. Charnigo will provide research assistance for 5th floor patrons, general reference, and library instruction sessions. She will also resume the collection development and liaison responsibilities previously handled by Elizabeth Milewicz.

Cole Library offers electronic reserves

Access to required course material at JSU became a little easier this spring when the Library launched electronic course reserves.

Powered by the Docutek Electronic Reserve system (ERes), the Library's new system is integrated with the Voyager Web-based library catalog and makes test files, class notes, journal articles and other reserve materials available through the Internet to JSU

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Great strides

When it comes to public service, Cole Library's Kim Weatherford is proof that not all librarians lead quiet lives.

In making great strides for charity, Weatherford earned Jacksonville State's top faculty kudos for community-wide education and service, the Cleo and Carla Thomas Award.

Courtesy photo



Kim Weatherford sprints across the finish line in the Mercedes Marathon on February 10 in Birmingham. Ms. Weatherford trained for six months to compete in the 26.2-mile race as a member of the Alabama Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Team in Training." Her efforts raised \$2,182.20 for the cause.

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HCL gets interactive 'Smart Lab'

While contractors braved winter windchills to give the Library its new look on the outside, cool changes were taking place indoors, as well.

At the beginning of the spring semester, the Library implemented its new "smart lab," a 17-workstation computer lab that allows classes to experience "hands-on" library instruction.

The classroom, located on the 10th floor, lets patrons learn about the library and its resources through participation in the instruction sessions. Students are able to work on-line along with the librarian or instructor to complete cata-

log, Internet, and/or database searching. The instructor's workstation monitors the actions of the students and can communicate with, stop, or correct the individual workstations. The instructor also is able to broadcast any or all workstation screens to the large projection screen for the entire class to view. This technology allows for three-way interaction: Teacher to Student, Student to Student, Student to Teacher - for both local and remote sites.

For more information about the new "Smart Lab" call John-Bauer Graham at 782-5252.

Librarians launch ideas in Rocket City

William Hubbard, University Librarian, along with librarians Hanrong Wang, John-Bauer Graham, Jodi Poe, and Kim Weatherford, made presentations at the 2002 Alabama Library Association's Annual Convention in April in Huntsville.

Ms. Wang and Mr. Hubbard's presentation, "Resources and Services for Remote Access: A Content Analysis of Alabama's Public Four-Year University Library Web Sites," was presented at the Alabama College, University, and Special Libraries (CUS) Research Forum.

In their presentation, Ms. Wang and Mr. Hubbard discussed the principal characteristics and the current trends in web-based services in the sixteen Alabama public senior college and university libraries.

Ms. Poe and Ms. Weatherford participated in two presentations at the conference.

Along with Mr. Graham, they presented a poster session entitled "Interface-lift: The Houston Cole Library's Web Page Redesign Project." The presentation was a display of the research results taken from the library's web page redesign survey held in the spring of last year. The project outlines how and why changes were made to the library's current web page. The poster session lasted one hour with the librarians answering questions for those interested in the redesign survey.

Ms. Poe, Distance Education/Electronic Resources Manager, and Ms. Weatherford, Senior Catalog Librarian, also made a PowerPoint presentation, "Adding Electronic Journal Titles to Our

Online Catalog." The presentation was one of the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries "Best Practices" sessions.

Ms. Poe and Ms. Weatherford discussed how the Houston Cole Library is linking electronic journals and journal titles from electronic databases to our online catalog. They presented local cataloging practices and maintenance of these titles. Della Darby, Reference Coordinator, Samford University, and former documents librarian at JSU, also presented how and why the Samford University library is adding these kinds of resources to their catalog.

Mr. Graham, Ms. Poe and Ms. Weatherford also presented a poster at the 2002 American Library Association meeting in Atlanta in June.

EZproxy simplifies remote access to electronic databases

Over the past few years, the JSU Library has subscribed to numerous online databases, which can be accessed over the Internet. The licensing agreements for many of these databases restrict their usage to currently JSU students and employees.

Since 2000, the library has used a custom computer program to validate remote users before database access. It required users to reconfigure their Internet browsers, which is a complicated process that only worked with some browsers. The Library recently installed EZproxy, a user-friendly product that resides on its own intermediary server operating between remote users and the licensed databases. It tests a remote user's ID number and

name against student registration or employee files in order to authenticate JSU status. This provides seamless

online access to restricted databases and eliminates the need for users to reconfigure their browsers.

Orlando Lemon receives Cole Award

Orlando C. Lemon, a Graduate Assistant in the Audio/Visual Department of Cole Library, was selected during spring semester as the winner of the Martha Cole Memorial Award for Outstanding Library Student Assistants.

Lemon, who received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice through the ROTC program at JSU, completed two master's degrees in political science and criminal justice. He now lives in Georgia, where he is pursuing a doctoral degree.

Library personnel assist with Academe

At the February 25 Academe meeting, Sonja McAbee and Jodi Poe assisted Dr. Brenda Phillips with an informative talk about grant writing. The audience was provided a "Grant Writing or Proposal Writing" handout that illustrated the resources available from the Library including print and electronic resources. This handout can be found on the Library's Web page by going to <http://www.jsu.edu/depart/library/graphic/granpath.htm>.

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For more frequent news updates from the Library, visit our online newsletter at www.jsu.edu/depart/library/news/libnews.htm.

Milewicz, Wang have articles published

Two articles by outgoing Education Librarian Elizabeth Milewicz were accepted for publication during spring semester.

Milewicz co-authored these articles with Dr. Patricia Moyer-Packenham and Dr. Carol Donovan, Education professors from George Mason Uni-



Milewicz

versity and The University of Alabama, respectively. Publication dates for the articles are forthcoming.

"Learning to Question: Categories of Questioning Used by Preservice Teachers during Diagnostic Mathematics Interviews" was accepted by the *Journal of Mathematics Teacher Education*. In this article Milewicz and co-author Moyer-Packenham examine the questioning strategies used by 48 preservice teachers during one-on-one diagnostic mathematics interviews with children. Each participant in the study conducted an audio-taped interview with one child. Using transcripts of these interviews along with students' written reflections,

the authors developed three general categories to describe the types of questions used by the preservice teachers:

1) checklisting, 2) instructing rather than assessing, and 3) probing and follow-up questions. The results indicated that using the diagnostic interview format helped the preservice teachers to recognize and reflect on effective questioning techniques. Additional suggestions are offered for teaching the skill of mathematics questioning in preservice teacher education courses.

"Fostering and Sustaining Young Children's Interest in Reading and Writing for Multiple Purposes" was accepted by *Young Children*. Co-authors Milewicz and Donovan call attention to the variety of purposes for written language that children encounter in their everyday life, and highlight the importance of children's early exposure to multiple genres if they are to successfully read and write for multiple purposes in school and throughout their lives. Their article (1) briefly reviews what is known about children's early use of oral and written language for different purposes; (2) argues that an early appreciation of multiple genres is essential for cultivating children's disposition to read and write for enjoyment, information, and communication;

and (3) suggests activities that may be used early in young children's school careers to develop their awareness and enjoyment of the diversity of language.

Technology/Law Librarian Hanrong Wang was notified by the Secretariat Office of the International Conference that her contribution, "Developing a Specialized Reference Service System: A Model for a China Digital Library" has been accepted for inclusion in the conference proceedings publication.

The international conference, which will be held in July in Beijing, is entitled "IT Opportunities and Challenges in the New Millennium."

Earlier this month, another of Wang's articles, "Resources and Services for Remote Access," was accepted for publication in *The Southeastern Librarian* in the September 2002 issue. Wang co-authored the paper with William Hubbard, University Librarian.



Wang

New Search Feature for Library Home page

The "Search this Site" link on the JSU Library's home page now searches only the Library Web site.

Previously, the "Search this Site" link went to the JSU Search page, providing a large number of search results from every JSU department. Users looking for something specific within the Library's Web pages will now find it more easily by searching a smaller set of pages. To try out the new search, go to <http://www.jsu.edu/department/library/graphic/search2.htm>.

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students and faculty.

On March 18, John-Bauer Graham and Jodi Poe demonstrated the new system to Academe attendees. Their presentation included a "live" demonstration on submitting a request for a reserve item and searching strategies. Brief information about the system was also included, and the audience was provided a webliography, which can be found on the Library's webpage by going to <http://www.jsu.edu/department/library/graphic/crwebliography.pdf>.

Access to electronic forms of reserve documents will be available from the library catalog at <http://library.jsu.edu> by clicking on the Course Reserve link.

Files are in .pdf, Portable Document

Format, and users must have free Adobe Acrobat Reader software on their computers to view them. The software is available for download at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

Faculty should submit materials and completed Course Reserve Request forms to the first floor at least one week before the document is needed. The form is available online to faculty at <http://www.jsu.edu/department/library/graphic/coures.htm>. See the Reserves Policy at <http://www.jsu.edu/department/library/graphic/polreser.htm> for more information on copyright and general reserve guidelines.

For more information, e-mail reserves@jsucc.jsu.edu or call 782-5758.

Weatherford is Thomas Award winner

Quiet. Bookish. Introverted.

All are adjectives stereotypically assigned to librarians.

Deep in the basement of the Houston Cole Library, however, one librarian is felling those stereotypes with marathon endurance.

By day, catalog librarian Kim Weatherford is usually surrounded by stacks of new arrivals. But those who know her best know that Weatherford is her own tower of sorts, committed to changing the world one stride at a time.

It is that quality that got Weatherford noticed on May 14 when she received one of JSU's highest faculty honors, the Cleo and Carla Thomas Award for Outstanding Community Education and Service. The award was presented at the annual faculty awards reception at the President's Home.

As a recipient of the Thomas Award, Weatherford received a \$500 honorarium and a \$500 budget for the next academic year. She was nominated by fellow librarian Elizabeth Milewicz, who recommended Weatherford not only for the breadth of her community service in 2001, but the depth of her involvement in causes such as the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Habitat for Humanity and the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun, Inc.

"All of Kim's philanthropic endeavors-- whether on campus, in the city, in the county, or statewide-- are in excess of her regular professional responsibilities as senior catalog librarian, yet she treats these outside projects with equal dedication and purpose," Milewicz wrote in her nomination letter to the selection committee.

In fall 2000, Weatherford helped establish the JSU Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. She became faculty sponsor and spearheaded the inaugural Hoops for Habitat fundraiser in March 2001. The game is now an annual event. Also for Habitat, Weatherford represented JSU at a statewide campus cluster training session and spoke about the chapter's mission and commitment to providing better housing in the community.

In the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun, Inc., Weatherford has participated in countless service projects for agencies such as the Red Cross.

At JSU, Weatherford goes above and beyond her professional duty. She created a web page for the JSU Faculty Senate's meeting minutes and announcements, improving communications campus wide. As Member-at-Large for Projects, she created a database for the forthcoming update of the College, University, and Special Libraries (CUS) directory-- a project requiring her to cull Web sites for contact information and work with library liaisons to collect staff listings statewide.

But perhaps the biggest accomplishment -- as well as the biggest challenge-- has been Weatherford's training for and participation in the 26.2 mile Mercedes Marathon for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Birmingham in February.

Profoundly affected by the death of a young cousin and the suffering of thousands like him, Weatherford trained almost daily, with long training sessions every Saturday, for months in order to prepare for the marathon. Her personal goal was to raise \$1,000 and finish the race. She met both goals when she crossed the finish line, having raised \$2,182.20.

In addition to the Mercedes Marathon, Weatherford walked in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for



Encouraging Weatherford toward her goal for the Mercedes Marathon was her team coach, Gina Mabrey, of JSU's HPER department. Of Weatherford, Mabrey says, "Regardless of pouring rain, extreme cold or heat, she endured them all. It was during these times that (her) attitude proved strongest and her commitment... most valiant."

Life" in May as a member of the JSU team.

A native of Birmingham, Weatherford has been at JSU since 1998. She graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in English and received her master's in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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