

Renovations continue at Houston Cole Library

By Bill Hubbard
University Librarian

In August, Hudak and Dawson General Contractors commenced a series of renovations that will result in an entirely new-appearing library interior. Floors 3-11 are being painted (the Ground, Lobby and eighth floors were painted as part of the 1988 renovations while the second and twelfth floors were painted within the past year). New carpeting is being laid on the second through seventh and ninth and tenth floors (the Ground and eighth floors were recarpeted three years ago).

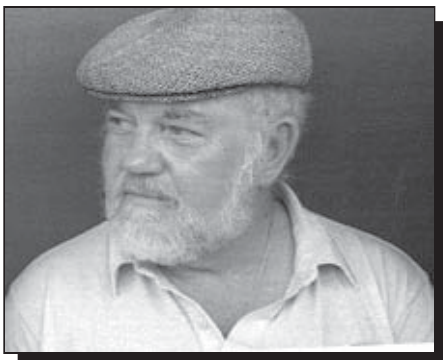
Construction of new elevators with electronic controls will begin in December. One elevator at a time will be taken out of service for replacement, so vertical transportation may be slowed somewhat. The new elevators, while not moving faster, should speed interfloor access appreciably due to their electronic controls.

The soft seating on the subject floors recently was reupholstered by Alabama Correctional Industries after 30 years of hard use in the library. Thanks to President Meehan and Vice President Turner for their financial assistance in the reupholstery project.



Michael Sanders

Part of the interior facelift at Houston Cole Library is new carpeting on floors 2-7 and 9-10. Patrons are reminded to watch their step between the stacks until the new carpet squares are 'squared away.'



**Clyde Bolton to
speak at Oct. 7
Friends event**

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Library implements Uniprint payment system for printing

By Don Walter

Starting with the May Semester 2003, the Library began using the Uniprint system for print services. The campuswide Uniprint system requires a JSU ID or JSU Guest card to pay the 5-cent per page printing cost. Cards can have value added at any of the four Debitex Cash-to-Card machines at the Library, Bibb Graves, TMB, or Merrill Hall. Blank Guest cards can be purchased at the Debitex Cash-to-Card machines for one dollar.

Printouts can be released to the printer by charging the copy cost against the balance on the JSU ID or Guest card at one of the two release stations adjacent to the circulation desk in the library lobby. The Library's copiers also have been fitted with card readers for the JSU cash cards making copier use much more convenient.

Further information on the Uniprint system and the JSU ID and Guest cards is available at:

<http://uniprint.jsu.edu/>

Bolton to appear at HCL Friends event

Clyde Bolton will appear at the fall 2003 Friends of Houston Cole Library author event, Tuesday October 7 at 7:30 p.m. on the 11th floor. Bolton has been recognized most recently for his novels, *Turn Left on Green* (a novel depicting NASCAR racing), and *Nancy Swimmer: A Story of the Cherokee Nation*. He has a lifetime of achievement as a writer.

Bolton notes that he has been read more times than any other Alabama writer in history. That includes all writers, not just those who wrote for newspapers.

Bolton penned four columns a week for *The Birmingham News* for 31 years. If each was read by 50,000 persons (a conservative estimate), that's 200,000 readings a week or 10 million readings a year—or 310 million readings for the 31 years.

And that doesn't include the millions of readings of his feature stories, game stories, news stories, magazine articles and books.

Bolton joined *The Birmingham News* sports staff on September 4, 1961, and retired on September 7, 2001, at age 65. When he retired he was the dean of Alabama sports

writers. He previously worked for *The Anniston Star*, *The Gadsden Times* and *The Montgomery Advertiser* in Alabama and *The LaGrange Daily News* in Georgia.

In addition to his newspaper writings, Bolton is the author of six novels and 10 non-fiction books.

He wrote the first popular histories of Alabama and Auburn football, *The Crimson Tide* and *War Eagle*. His other non-fiction books—all of which have sports themes—are *Unforgettable Days in Southern Football*, *Bolton's Best Stories of Auto Racing*, *They Wore Crimson*, *The Basketball Tide*, *Silver Britches*, *The Alabama Gang*, *Talladega*

Superspeedway, and *Remembering Davey*.

His latest novel, *Turn Left on Green*, is about NASCAR racing, but the other five have non-sports themes. *Water Oaks*, *Ivy* and *The Lost Sunshine* are about life in a small Southern town in the 1950s; *And Now I See* is a biblical novel; *Nancy Swimmer, A Story of the Cherokee Nation*, is about an Indian woman before, during and after the Trail of Tears.

Bolton has won numerous state and national awards for his newspaper writing. In 1995 he became the first winner of the most prestigious prize in auto racing writing, The American



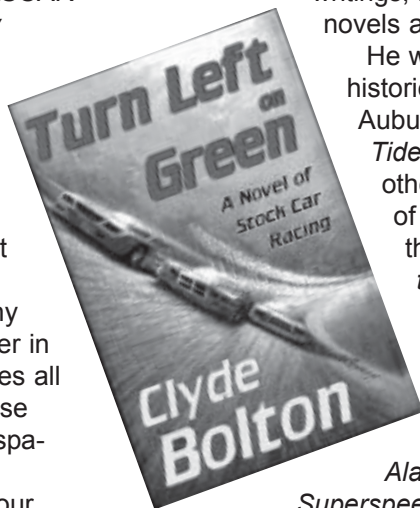
Bolton

Motorsports Award of Excellence, which is given for the best story on Winston Cup racing in the nation. In 1966 he won the Permatex Award for the best story on short track racing in the nation.

The All-American Football Foundation presented Bolton its Lifetime Achievement in Sports Writing Award in 1996. In 2001 he was inducted into the Alabama Sports Writers Hall of Fame.

Bolton, who lived in Wellington as a boy, is a graduate of Alexandria High School. He briefly attended Jacksonville State. He and his wife Sandra live in Trussville. They are the parents of three grown sons.

Copies of Bolton's most recent novels will be available for purchase and signing at the Friends of Houston Cole Library event on Oct. 7. Refreshments will be served. Call the librarian's office for questions, 256-782-5255.



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Between the Stacks

Two HCL Librarians publish in *Academic Exchange Quarterly*

September 5, 2003 - Librarians Paula Barnett-Ellis and Luke Griffin have had an article entitled "Faculty Use of Electronic Library Resources" accepted for an upcoming edition of *Academic Exchange Quarterly*. The issue will be Fall 2003, Volume 7, Issue 3.

Graham article picked for *Alabama Librarian*

September 25, 2003 - Librarian John-Bauer Graham's article entitled "Now's Not the Time to Be Neutral: The Myth and Reality of the Library as a Neutral Entity" was published in Vol. 53, Issue 1 (2003): 9-11 of the *Alabama Librarian*.

Government Docs Librarian presents at Federal Depository Library Council

May 12, 2003 - Luke Griffin, the Government Documents-Electronic Resources Librarian, recently presented his research on the Federal Depository Library Program at the Depository Library Council meeting in Reno, Nevada

Librarians published in *Journal of Academic Librarianship*

May 2, 2003 - Librarians Mary D. Bevis and John-Bauer Graham have had an article entitled "The Evolution of an Integrated Electronic Journals Collection" printed in the current edition of *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*. The issue is Volume 29, Issue 2, February 2003, Pages 115-119.

Library makes the grade

The Houston Cole Library participated in a user survey to determine the service quality of our faculty and staff. We surveyed both faculty and students of the university using an international survey instrument called LibQUAL+. This survey reports ranges of acceptable service based on user perception, and the results list data points that help determine if we are meeting, exceeding, or falling short of your expectations.



You gave the library high marks across the entire spectrum. Based on this data improvements can be made and best practices can be established. An electronic copy of the results is available through the library catalog.

New computers allow more searching, music alternatives at HCL

New computers have been installed in the library to further enhance the learning experience. With the installation of networking cable, there are now computers in two areas previously unserved. The Alabama Gallery is now equipped with a machine that will allow searches of the Library's catalog from within that room. There is also a new station in the music lab, which will allow users to play CDs.

Cole Library Gallopers are defending champs

On Sept. 11, Jim McLaughlin of JSU's Wellness Program presented the President's Cup Award for the highest number of participants (from a single department) to Kim Weatherford and Laurie Charnigo, recruiters for the library's 2002 Gamecock Gallop team. The team went the distance in the Nov. 9, 2002 homecoming event, with nine library faculty and staff participating. Team member Laurie Charnigo was also the 5k's top female overall finisher with a time of 22:17:2. The team was made up of Bill Hubbard, John-Bauer Graham, Sonja

McAbee, Kim Weatherford, Debra Deering, Laurie Charnigo, Paula Barnett-Ellis, Arland Henning and Linda McCrelles. The award will be displayed in the lobby of the library until it is passed to the next winners following the Nov. 15, 2003 race.

Griffin co-authors with South AL colleague

Luke Griffin has completed work on the book, *Guide to Popular U.S. Government Documents, 2000-2003 7th Ed.*, which is due out in November. Griffin and co-author Vickey L. Baggott from the University of South Alabama produced this updated reference work which is an annotated bibliographical subject guide to government information.

Documents to the People accepts Griffin-Ahrens article for fall printing

Griffin and co-author Aric Ahrens from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, IL have had their article "Gerry-meandering: An Assessment of the Congressional District Model of Depository Allocation" accepted for publication in the upcoming fall issue of *Documents to the People (DttP)*.

Familiar faces, new places

Deering promoted; former student assistants and summer intern go full-time

Debra Deering, who joined the JSU Library staff on August 15, 1979 as a cataloging assistant, recently was promoted to the position of Supervisor of User Services/Interlibrary Loan. Her new position fills the vacancy left when Pam Key retired in 2002, and incorporates her own previous duties as HCL's Interlibrary Loans specialist. In addition to her duties as ILL and Universal Borrowing manager, Debra supervises seven full-time employees in the Circulation Department, Library Reserves and Music Lab.

Lori Alderman joined the JSU Library Staff on July 11, 2003 as a Circulation Assistant. Lori works the evening and weekend shifts at the Circulation Desk. She checks out Library materials to patrons and assists with the Uniprint System and various other tasks. She is a JSU Graduate and former Library Student Assistant (1989-1993) and a Graduate Student



Michael Sanders

From left: New full-time staffers Lori Alderman, Beth Skaggs and Elisha Thompson; and Debra Deering, who was recently promoted at Houston Cole Library.

Assistant (2000-2002).

Beth Skaggs is a 2003 graduate of the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alabama. She joins the staff as the Government Documents Assistant and will be processing and handling the Government Documents collection. She replaces Janda Ledbetter, who retired in July. Beth interned at the Library last summer.

Elisha Thompson joined the JSU

Library Staff on June 11, 2003 as a Circulation Assistant in the Library Reserves Department. She works the evening and weekend shifts at the Reserve Desk and fills in at the Circulation Desk when needed. Elisha is a JSU Graduate and former Library Student Assistant (1999-2002) and a Graduate Student Assistant (2002-2003). She received the Martha Cole Award for Outstanding Student Worker in 2002-2003.

Fall Fireside Finds

The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting cooler. Here are a few 'fireside' reading suggestions from among our recent acquisitions:

Fiction:

- *Four spirits : a novel* / Sena Jeter Naslund.
- *The Secret Life of Bees* / Sue Monk Kidd
- *The Da Vinci code : a novel* / Dan Brown.

Non-Fiction:

- *Benjamin Franklin and the invention of America : an American life* / Walter Isaacson.
- *They marched into sunlight : war and peace in Vietnam and America, October 1967* / David Maraniss.
- *Life strategies : doing what works, doing what matters* / Phillip C. McGraw.

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