William J. Hubbard, University Librarian, was honored with the Alabama Library Association’s Eminent Librarian Award in April at the Association’s Annual Convention.

The Eminent Librarian Award is given to a librarian who has been in Alabama for a minimum of ten (10) years and who, during this time, has made an exceptional and enduring contribution toward the development of library service within Alabama.

Hubbard has served as the University Librarian since 1988. During his time in Alabama he has made an enduring contribution to librarianship through his leadership roles and participation within the Alabama Library Association, the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, and the Library Services and Technology Act Advisory Council.

Within the JSU community he has done an excellent job promoting libraries and librarianship. Through active participation in the Association, he serves as a role model for the library staff. As a result of his guidance and support, JSU librarians are visibly active in state, regional, and national organizations. Further, he continues his scholarship representing the state through publications and presentations at the state and national level.

Of exceptional note is his co-editorship of the *Alabama Librarian* since 1995. During difficult financial and leadership times for the Association, he and Rachel Parker worked to continue and to enhance the publication. The *Librarian* is now indexed in Library Literature and CIJE (ERIC). Through his efforts, there has been an agreement reached with EBSCO Publishing to provide online access to articles appearing in the journal. These important advances bring greater exposure to our authors and to the Association.

Hubbard came to Alabama from Virginia, where he served as Director of Automation and Networks, Director of Library Services, and Acting State Librarian at the Virginia State Library and Archives. Since coming to Alabama, he has contributed his time and expertise to the Alabama Public Library Service’s LSTA Advisory Council.

Mr. Hubbard is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and he received his MLS from the State University of New York College at Geneseo.

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**Graham gets publishing kudos**

John-Bauer Graham, an Assistant Professor and the Library’s Instruc-
tional Services Coordinator, was recently honored at the Alabama Library Association annual convention. Mr. Graham was selected as the winner of this year’s Outstanding Professional Publication Award for the exemplary body of work he has published in the professional literature of library and information studies.

Mr. Graham holds a B.A. in history from Auburn University, an M.A. in history from JSU, and an M.L.I.S. from the University of Alabama. He is currently in the final stages of his doctoral work in Higher Education Administration at the University of Alabama. His recent publications include:


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**Friends to host Cassandra King**

Noted author Cassandra King will be the guest of honor at the annual fall program sponsored by the Friends of Houston Cole Library, Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.

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Campbell retires; Gravette steps in

Mr. Bob Campbell, audio-visual director for Houston Cole Library, retired from JSU last March. His replacement, Mr. Tony Gravette, is new to the director’s job, even though many around campus will see him as a familiar face. He served as a graduate teaching assistant in the department.

Campbell came to work at the Houston Cole Library in 1996 as a circulation assistant. From that position he moved to the Audio Visual Center as the audio visual technician. He took the helm of the A/V Center in 1998, and the department has been growing ever since. Campbell and his wife, Cathy, (also recently retired from JSU) reside in Jacksonville.

Gravette holds a bachelor’s degree in finance and a master’s degree in secondary education from JSU. He and his wife, Angie, reside in Jacksonville and have one daughter, Nicole.

Cleveland is Employee of the Month for July

Congratulations to Noah Cleveland, JSU’s Employee of the Month for July. A Library Technical Assistant in the Serials Department, Cleveland has been a JSU employee since January, 2000.

It is no easy task to see that the dozens of newspapers and periodicals the Library receives daily make their way quickly to the floors, but Cleveland always manages to come through for the students and faculty. It is his daily dedication to this job, as well as his positive outlook while performing it, that makes him a JSU Employee of the Month.

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In addition to these and many other publications, Mr. Graham has also made numerous presentations and written two successful grants.

Mr. Graham was presented with the award and a check by a representative of the EBSCO Corporation at the College, University, and Special Libraries Division annual business meeting. In addition to this honor, Mr. Graham was also recently appointed to the editorial board of the international and highly regarded Journal of Academic Librarianship.
LibQUAL+ survey helps improve library service

The Houston Cole Library has just completed its 2005 run of the LibQUAL+ survey. LibQUAL+ is a web-based survey tool developed and administered by the Association of College and Research Libraries. Houston Cole Library is one of over 500 libraries from institutions around the world that have participated in the survey. The survey is designed to help libraries better understand their users' perceptions of library service quality and to provide information from peer institutions that can be utilized for comparison and assessment purposes. The survey, which consists of 27 questions and a comment box, provides the Library's users with the opportunity to evaluate and express opinions about library services. The Library will use this information to improve its services and better meet users' expectations.

The web-based survey was sent via e-mail to randomly selected undergraduate and graduate students, as well as all university faculty. Of those selected, 76 undergraduate, 33 graduate, and 118 faculty participated, for a total of 227 respondents. The survey was administered entirely by LibQUAL+, so all survey responses were completely anonymous. As a way of thanking the survey participants, the Library offered an iPod Shuffle as an incentive prize. The random drawing for the prize was conducted by LibQUAL+, and Dr. Benjie Blair of the Biology Department won the iPod.

The survey responses are compiled and sent to the LibQUAL+ central database. LibQUAL+ will analyze the data, compile reports, and present the results to the Library later this summer.

JSU’s Houston Cole Library presents Dr. Benji Blair with an Apple Ipod as part of an incentive program to get responses to a survey. Mrs. Bethany Skaggs is shown presenting the Ipod to Dr. Blair of the biology department, right.

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on the 11th floor of the library.

Cassandra King is a best-selling novelist whose fiction has won the hearts of readers everywhere, especially in the American south. Often through the use of first-person narration, her novels portray strong and memorable characters who struggle with the same timely issues and dilemmas that readers face in their own lives.


The Sunday Wife was a Book Sense choice; a Literary Guild and Book-of-the-Month Club selection; a People Magazine Page-Turner of the Week; Books-a-Million President’s Pick for 2002; Utah’s Salt Lake Libraries Reader’s Choice Award nominee; and South Carolina’s State Readers’ Circle selection. Now in trade paperback, The Sunday Wife was the Nestle Corporation’s choice in a campaign to promote reading groups. King’s third novel, The Same Sweet Girls, released in January 2005, was the national number one Book Sense selection for February as well as a Book-of-the-Month Club and Literary Guild selection, and is currently on the SEBA bestsellers list. She is at work on a fourth novel, tentatively titled Queen of Broken Hearts.

Cassandra King has taught writing on the college level; conducted corporate writing seminars; worked as a human-interest reporter for a Pelham, Alabama, weekly paper; and published an article on her second favorite pastime, cooking, in "Cooking Light" magazine. A native of L.A. (Lower Alabama), she lives in the Low Country of South Carolina with her husband, novelist Pat Conroy.

Copies of all of King’s books will be available for purchase and signing. There is no admission charge and refreshments will be served. For more information visit the library’s website (www.jsu.edu/depart/library) or call 782-5255.

Information for this article was taken from www.cassandrakingconroy.com.
Houston Cole Librarians were busy at this year’s Alabama Library Association annual convention held April 19-22 at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center. The theme for this year’s convention was “...And the Magic Continues – 100 Years and Beyond”. Two librarians received individual recognition/awards and eight librarians either presented papers, served as panel members, presented posters, or gave presentations at this year’s convention. Our librarians’ contributions to an outstanding convention included:


**Elected positions**

Jacksonville State University and Houston Cole Library are well represented on professional committees, boards and organizations. Librarians serving in elected positions are:

- Laurie Charnigo: Moderator, New Members Roundtable, ALLA
- Sonja McAbee: Chair, Handbook Committee, ALLA
- Jodi Poe: Member-at-Large for Projects; College, University, and Special Libraries Division, ALLA
- Bethany Skaggs: Treasurer, Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries Secretary College, University and Special Libraries Division, ALLA Faculty Senate
- Kimberly Weatherford Stevens: Inducted into JSU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi; also serving as Treasurer
- Paula Barnett-Ellis: Member-at-Large for Programs; College, University, and Special Libraries Division, ALLA

**Charnigo leads Library team in Lions Club Chief Ladiga 5K**

Houston Cole Library was well represented in the April 16 Jacksonville Lions Club First Annual Chief Ladiga 5K Challenge, organized in large part by club member Laurie Charnigo.

Special recognition was given to Audio-Visual graduate assistant Fiam Khan, who received a trophy as the first overall JSU Class of 2005 award winner. Also participating in the race were Arland Henning, Kim Stevens, Linda McCrelles and Paula Barnett-Ellis, who all placed in their age classes.

In addition to running and/or walking in the race, HCL personnel served in a number of important roles. University Librarian Bill Hubbard was the lead bicyclist. Departmental Secretary Angela Johnson clocked race finishers and assisted Charnigo with displaying and handing out the awards. Circulation assistant Tiffany Onkst helped staff the second water station, and Microfilm/Microfiche Assistant Pamela Maneice was the first mile reader, and took many photos.

The race raised close to $3,000. The Lions Club plans to make the Chief Ladiga Challenge an annual event to raise funds for the charities supported by the organization, including a scholarship to JSU, donations to the Head Injury Foundation, World Alive Food Program, Boys & Girls Club, Hope Harbor, the American Red Cross and the Seeing Eye Dog Program.
**Librarian wins trip to Chicago conference**

Paula Barnett-Ellis, ninth floor librarian, was one of 40 librarians nationwide who received a free trip to the American Library Association annual conference in Chicago in June. Ms. Barnett-Ellis won the trip, a $1,000 value, in Sage Publications' 40th Anniversary celebration drawing.

**Audio-Visual requests now available online**

The Audio Visual Center, in an effort to enhance efficiency has implemented a new equipment request form. The form will allow a patron (Faculty or staff) to order audio visual equipment for his or her event online. There are several required fields that will make this process more efficient and easier for us to schedule your event. The new request form can be found from the Library's home page: www.jsu.edu/dept/library/it will be the first form selection under library forms. Once selected just click Go! We believe you will like the new features of this new service and as always if you need to talk to us we will still be here. Thank you for your patience as we improve our service to you.

**Library digitizes Sawyer’s history of JSU**

By Sherry Kughn
JSU News Bureau

Effie White Sawyer’s *The First Hundred Years: the History of Jacksonville State University, 1883-1983* is now available free online, thanks to the Houston Cole Library and an Alabama history program called The Cornerstone Project.

The Cornerstone Project is sponsored by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education with a National Leadership grant and funds donated from the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Auburn University, The University of Alabama, and the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries. Dozens of other texts of Alabama history have been posted online in a repository of historical information from other libraries and related organizations.

In addition to this book of history, the Houston Cole library will soon donate images of “The Harry Strange Collection of Alabamiana,” which will include more than 200 items related to the early 1800s in Alabama.

The Cornerstone Project was made possible through the efforts of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries consortium, of which Houston Cole Library is a member.

According to Sawyer’s research, the story of JSU starts during the early 1830s when several wives of area settlers asked for a school for their children. The men complied and built a log cabin, likely called the Blab School because of the school’s emphasis on oral recitation. Later, around the 1860s, the school was split into The Jacksonville Male and Female Academies because it was “tradition” that women and men should not attend together. Back then, each course cost between $15 and $30 and was geared toward the teaching of commercial enterprises. The staff assisted students in finding jobs. Some of the courses available were mental arithmetic, elocution, moral philosophy, French painting, and fancy work and chenille. These and other facts can be viewed at www.alabamamosaic.org. To learn more about Dr. Sawyer’s JSU history book, go to http://www.jsu.edu/depart/library/chanticleer/First_Hundred_Years/.
JSU, Talladega College mourn loss of librarian

Jacksonville State University and Talladega College lost a dear friend on April 22 when Dr. Helen Bush Caver, who served as librarian at both schools, was killed in a car accident on Alabama 21 between Oxford and Talladega.

Talladega College held a memorial service for Dr. Caver on April 26. Her funeral was April 30 at Seventeenth Street Baptist Church in Anniston, with burial at Edgemont Cemetery.

Dr. Caver retired from JSU with 28 years' service as librarian and associate professor. Following her retirement, she returned to Talladega College as director of Savery Library. Under her leadership, Savery Library's holdings increased from 85,000 to more than 130,000 volumes. She also introduced an online library, including public access to the library's catalog.

Dr. Caver's first contact with Talladega College began when she attended the college for one year as a freshman.

Caver went on to earn a bachelors degree from Miles College, a master's degree from Atlanta University in 1969, and a doctorate from the University of Sarasota in 1989.

Dr. Caver, whose career as an educator spanned 50 years, was the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions including the Distinguished Black Woman Award from The Alabama Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Calhoun County Leadership Award. In addition to religious activities, she served her native Anniston, Calhoun County and the state of Alabama on the boards of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, the Anniston Museum of Natural History, the Alabama Public Library Service and the United Way.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Matthew Caver. Her survivors include: her son, Norville Caver; granddaughter, Conswaela Caver; brother, Melvin Coleman; uncle, Willie C. Bush; two god-sons: Roy A. Goodson and Gray O. Lewis; and a host of other relatives and friends.

New Reads

Fiction
Skinny Dip / Carl Hiaasen.
Widow of the South / Robert Hicks.
Interruption of Everything / Terry McMillan.

Non-Fiction
Cradle of Freedom: Alabama and the Movement that Changed America / Frye Gailliard.
God vs. the Gavel: Religion and the Rule of Law / Marci A. Hamilton.
Shockwave: Countdown to Hiroshima / Stephen Walker.
The Last True Story I’ll Ever Tell: an Accidental Soldier’s Account of the War in Iraq / John Crawford.
Picture Taker / Ken Elkins, with a foreword by Rick Bragg and afterword by Basil Penny.