FROM THE DEAN

Shen' Downer

The beginning of each new school year is as exciting as it is challenging for all of us at the Auburn University Libraries. Every time I walk through the doors of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library after classes have begun in the fall, I am excited about the experiences and opportunities for study and learning that are taking place in the University Libraries. I see students, faculty and staff using our resources and realize what an honor it is to be a part of this wonderful educational environment.

We in the libraries are continually evaluating, updating and developing our materials collections and services to support the educational and research missions of Auburn University. We have built an outstanding collection of online journals while still respecting the need for paper materials and the importance of the book in academic life. We have completely updated our wireless service, now providing wireless access in nearly every nook and cranny of the RBD Library and in the Library of Veterinary Medicine. Hundreds of hours of teaching sessions are offered each semester providing for individual classes and faculty instruction. The Study Partners Program uses classroom space in the library and our newest resident is the Biggio Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning on the fourth floor of the RBD Library.

Last year we initiated a test project to expand library hours and found that the usage of the library increased tremendously during those extended weekend and late night hours. We have now adopted those hours permanently at the RBD Library and will expand the library hours at the Library of Architecture, Design and Construction beginning this fall.

AU DIGITAL LIBRARY NOW ONLINE

Stephanie Morgan

AU Libraries announces the availability of its new Digital Library online. The new library includes digitized images, text, and other resources and should provide permanent, remote access to items from the Auburn collection that were either only available within one of the library facilities or from the Special Collections and Archives Department.

The AU Digital Library is part of a state-wide initiative called "The Cornerstone Project: Building the Foundation for Sharing Unique Treasures" and is funded, in part, by a major Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grant for the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries. This grant provides money for digitization projects in libraries and archives throughout the state including Auburn University. Funds from the grant have been matched by funds from the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Auburn University, The University of Alabama, and the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries. The purpose of the Cornerstone project and the Auburn Digital Library is to make historical treasures from Alabama's archives, libraries, museums, and other repositories electronically accessible to Alabama residents as well as scholars throughout the world.
The Auburn Digital Library currently includes several collections from the University Archives and other places on campus. For example, the Alabama Postcards collection includes digitized images of close to 300 historic postcards depicting places of interest from around Alabama. Most of the postcards date between the 1920s and 1940s. Another collection in the Digital Library is "Auburn: The Loveliest Village Photograph Collection" which includes images and captions from the book 'Auburn: A Pictorial History of the Loveliest Village' by Mickey Logue and Jack Simms. AU Libraries plans to continually expand the Digital Library to include even more collections.

Patrons can access the Auburn University Digital Library from a link on the AU Libraries' Homepage (www.lib.auburn.edu) or directly at http://diglib.auburn.edu/. If you have any questions about the Digital Library, please contact Beth Nicol at 844-1731 or Dwayne Cox at 844-1707.

NEW INTERLIBRARY LOAN SYSTEMS AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

- Stephanie Morgan

In July, Auburn University Libraries introduced a more advanced Interlibrary Loan system from Voyager. The new system is completely integrated with the circulation system and the online catalog, AUBIECat. Users are now able to request Interlibrary Loan materials directly from the catalog.

The new Voyager system has several other advantages that result in a few changes. Patrons requesting materials now check out their loan materials as if they were owned by Auburn University. This means they will receive courtesy and overdue notices via email like other items they might have checked out from AU Libraries. Checking out loaned materials also means when patrons check their borrowing record online they will see the loaned items listed and the dates they are due, in addition to any other items they might have borrowed.

Because interlibrary loan items are checked out on a patron's card, they have to pick up and return their materials either at the Circulation Desk on the first floor of RBD Library or at the Circulation Desks of either of the two branch libraries, Cary Veterinary Medical Library or the Library of Architecture, Design, and Construction, depending upon which location they indicate on the request form. Checking our materials also means only patrons with a current Auburn University barcode number will be allowed to place requests and those items can only be checked out on the card of the person who first placed the request.

The introduction of the new Voyager system comes on the heels of the hiring of a new unit supervisor of the Document Delivery Department of AU Libraries. Jeff Luzius, formerly a reference librarian at RBD Library, was hired as the new supervisor in mid-May. The Document Delivery Department not only handles Interlibrary Loan requests, but also AUBIEExpress, Purchase Xpress, Courier Requests, and Ingenta Requests. This fall Jeff will be conducting Faculty Seminars on all of the Delivery Services. Watch AU Daily and the Campus Calendar for dates and times. For more information, see the Delivery Services website at www.lib.auburn.edu/newilI or contact Jeff Luzius at 844-1745.

EXTENDED HOURS AT RBD A SUCCESS: TRIGGERS HOURS EXTENSION AT BRANCH

- Stephanie Morgan

The extended hours experiment at RBD Library was a huge success! Students, Faculty, and Staff used the extended hours throughout the 2003 Spring Semester prompting RBD Library Administration to make them a permanent fixture during 2003 Fall and 2004 Spring Semesters. In fact, the experiment was so successful that the Library of Architecture, Design and Construction, a branch of Auburn University Libraries, is extending its hours this Fall. The Architecture Library will be open until midnight Sunday through Thursday instead of only 10:30 PM starting August 20, 2003.

Draughon Library designed the experiment to satisfy patron requests for longer hours of operation at the library. At its implementation in January 2003, the program was intended as an experiment with the later hours becoming a permanent fixture during the regular semesters only if patrons were actually in the Library during the later hours. "We want the library open during hours that patrons will actually use it," said Interim Dean Sheri Downer of the experiment. "Keeping the library open during hours that patrons will actually use it, requires resources that could be used elsewhere. We are willing to
keep the library open, if patrons use it during the later hours.

Well, they used it! The number of people in the library during the extended hours increased consistently from the first week of Spring semester until the last. In fact, the average number of people in the library each week during just the extended hours increased from about 400 people per week in January to almost 1000 people per week in April!

So, the RBD Library employees would like to say THANK YOU for showing us that you want the library open during the extended hours. Please continue to use the library!

To view library hours, see the “Hours” button on the AU Libraries homepage (www.lib.auburn.edu). If you want to take a look at the actual numbers, take a look at the figures at http://frontpage.auburn.edu/rbd-library/extendedsuccess.pdf.

NEW INSTRUCTION LAB FOR RBD LIBRARY

- Stephanie Morgan

AU Libraries recently received a GFE grant from Auburn University’s Office of the Provost to construct a new instruction lab in RBD Library. The new lab, which will house 21 computers, printers, and multimedia projectors, will be used by library faculty for class sessions taught throughout the year.

AU Libraries offers a wide range of classes for students and other AU community members that cover everything from basic library research strategies to how to use specific software like EndNote. These classes can be tailored to specific courses or fields of study. Professors and Instructors on campus can schedule library classes to introduce students in their courses to the resources available from AU Libraries or on the web and how to find them. For information about library instruction see: www.lib.auburn.edu/bi/instructionguide.html or contact Jim Jenkins at 844-1765.

The new instruction lab will be constructed within office space on the 3rd floor of RBD Library. Construction of the new lab will hopefully begin in the Fall of 2003.

ASK A LIBRARIAN: AU Libraries Online Reference Chat Service

- Stephanie Morgan

The Ask a Librarian service from AU Libraries allows web users to ask a question of a Reference Librarian online. Users can find out information about reference citations, historical facts, biographical information, quotations, how to use library services, and other facts by just using the web.

The Ask a Librarian service, formerly known as Infochat, is an attempt by Reference Librarians to help patrons in their research without requiring them to call or come to the library. The service is intended for use by Auburn University students, faculty, and staff and is available from the AU Libraries Homepage (www.lib.auburn.edu) by clicking on the yellow “Ask A Librarian” icon. A Reference Librarian is available to answer your questions during the following hours:

- Monday – Thursday: 8 AM – 10 PM
- Friday: 10 AM – 4 PM
- Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM
- Sunday: 1 PM – 10 PM

After these hours, patrons can email the Reference staff from the Ask a Librarian page and their question will be answered within 48 hours. If patrons need immediate assistance, patrons can call the Reference Desk at 844-1737 or 1-800-446-0387 from outside the Auburn area. If you have any questions about the Ask a Librarian service, please contact Marcia Boosinger at 844-1739.

AU LIBRARIES ADS

NEW WIRELESS AND LAPTOPS

- Stephanie Morgan

AU Libraries Systems Department has installed a new, improved wireless internet system in RBD Library. The new system should be faster and compatible with more wireless cards. Along with installing the new system, AU Libraries has purchased new laptop computers for Auburn University faculty, staff, and students to checkout at the
Circulation Desk of RBD Library and use within the library.

Working in conjunction with the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and Telecom, technology experts at RBD Library installed the improved system during the spring of 2003. The new system is not only faster but it also has more access points that allow the network to cover more of the building. The wireless network is the same network available in Foy Union, the Pharmacy Building, Brown Hall, Danstan Hall, and Haley Center.

Patrons can check out one of the 23 laptop computers available and use them with the wireless network within RBD Library whenever they are available. The computers have been upgraded to use the Windows XP operating system and include the Office XP Pro suite of programs (including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and FrontPage). In order to use the computers, each patron must log on to the wireless network using his or her AU User Name and OIT password.

In addition, patrons with their own laptops and wireless card should be able to use their computers within the RBD Library and any of the other buildings listed above. Directions on accessing the wireless network are available on the OIT website at www.auburn.edu/oit/connect/wireless.html. If you have problems accessing the network with your own computer, please contact the OIT HelpDesk at 844-4944.

The new wireless system has been available all summer, but was recently affected by the W32.Blaster.Worm virus that hit computers all over the world. The Worm has infected the server that houses all of the Wireless technology and has caused the wireless network on campus to be temporarily unavailable. OIT hopes to have the server cleaned and running again in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions about the wireless network in RBD Library or the laptops that are available for use within the library, please contact the Circulation Desk at 844-1701 or send an email to aulwire@auburn.edu.

**AU LIBRARIES BOOK CLUB**

The next meetings of the AU Libraries Book Club will be on October 27 in the first floor Systems Classroom of RBD Library. This month we will be discussing *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal* by Eric Schlosser. We will meet at both 11:45 AM and 5 PM and you can choose to attend either session.

*Fast Food Nation* is currently on the New York Times Bestsellers List. Author Eric Schlosser documents the rise of the American fast food industry and artfully ties it to issues like obesity, classism, and environmental devastation. Schlosser uses a truthful journalistic style to raise questions about the practices and the food used by big, corporate restaurant chains. He even critiques the current globalization of the same corporate chains. The *Boston Globe* calls the book “reminiscent of Upton Sinclair’s *The Jungle*.” *Rob Walker of the New York Times* says the text “is a fine piece of muckraking, alarming without being alarmist” and the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* says this “should be another wake-up call, a super-size serving of common sense.”

Join us on October 27 to discuss this nonfiction bestseller. Feel free to bring your lunch if you choose to come to the 11:45 AM meeting or supper if you come to the 5 PM meeting. The discussion is open to everyone. The book is available for purchase from the University Bookstore for 15% off of the cover price. For more information, please contact Stephanie Morgan at 844-2704 or stephanie@auburn.edu.

**AUBURN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES TO HOST DISCUSSION ON GEORGE WALLACE**

Dr. Jeff Frederick is a recent Ph.D. graduate from the Auburn History Department where he was a teaching fellow and member of the Alabama Humanities Foundation Speakers Bureau. Dr. Frederick will present "Old Fashioned Power Politics: George Wallace in Alabama, 1963-1972" on October 16, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. at the Auburn University Library, Department of Special Collections and Archives.

No politician in Alabama history had the power and popularity that George Wallace captured in his early years. Dr. Frederick will trace the factors that made this possible: an inadequate perception of the role of the
federal government and a skillful politician's ability to mix race and class-based appeals with a dose of White Southern morality. He will show how the Wallace administration functioned, the issues and policies they cared about, and draw parallels between the issues Alabamians faced in the 1960's and the issues of the twenty-first century. From George Wallace to Lurleen Wallace to Albert Brewer and back to George again, Alabama experienced comedy, irony, and tragedy on a daily basis. Included in this presentation are plenty of down-home stories about the interesting people and events of the era and hilarious and moving letters from regular folks to the governor. This presentation is part of the Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) 2003-2004 Speaker in the House program.

Dr. Frederick specializes in southern politics and society. He has published extensively on Deep South and Alabama politics in the 19th and 20th centuries, and is currently writing a political biography on George Wallace, which focuses on the governor's policies and legacy in Alabama. Future projects include an analysis of the intersection of politics, religion, and sport in the South.

The Alabama Humanities Foundation is a nonprofit organization funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (of which the AHF is the state affiliate), as well as by corporate and individual donors. The Foundation is dedicated to the promotion and celebration of the humanities throughout the state of Alabama. For more information on Speaker in the House or other AHF programs, please call 205-558-3980. For more information about this program, please call Dr. Dwayne Cox at 844-1707.

During the past five years, many students and scholars have found that they can read or print off much of the journal literature they need online. Of course, this access from home or office is not freely available from the Internet. Auburn students, faculty, and staff have access to thousands of learned journals and popular magazines because the Auburn University Libraries have licensed these titles: we pay over $1,000,000 per year to maintain this online access. At www.lib.auburn.edu, one can click on "eJournals" and get a complete list of links to the thousands of journal titles available; or one can search for a particular journal title in AubicCat to find whether a link to full text is available. Many of these journal titles are among the most prestigious and/or expensive journals in their fields; taken as a whole, this online collection provides researchers access to a more extensive journal literature than Auburn has ever been able to offer.

Because of a censorial contract with other major academic libraries in Alabama, online access is available for about 1,000 journals published by Elsevier (via ScienceDirect); despite the fact that Auburn has subscriptions to only about 350 of these journals. Access to about 400 journals published by Springer Verlag (via SpringerLink) is available, although we subscribe to only a few dozen Springer titles. Access to over 300 journals published by Wiley Press is available (via Wiley Online), despite the fact that Auburn subscribes to only 88 of these titles. Access to over 300 journals published by Blackwell Scientific is available (via Synergy). Access to almost 200 journals published by Oxford University Press is available (via Oxford Journals Online). Access to over 400 journals published by Kluwer is available (via KluwerOnline), and Auburn subscribes to only about 35 of them. This online access to journals from major scientific publishers, combined with access to the journals published or collected by the American Chemical Society, IEEE, ACM, ASCE, MathSciNet, and BioOne bring Auburn researchers access to over 3,000 scholarly journals, however we purchase paper subscriptions to fewer than 1,000 of these journals. This core of online access to journals in science, technology, and medicine is designed to support research by Auburn faculty and students in these areas. Our cooperative censorial agreements make this possible.

Online journals are also available to students in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Full-text access to all of the journals published by the American Psychological Association is available (via PsycArticles); over 100 management journals are available (via Emerald Intelligence); thousands
of education-related documents are available (via the ERIC Document Reproduction Service); articles are available in literature and the Humanities (via ProjectMuse); and back issues of many well-known and long-running journals are available (via JSTOR). To learn more about these or other full text journals in your area of specialization, contact the librarian responsible for your subject area or contact Glenn Anderson at glenn@auburn.edu.

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