

## FRIENDS OF THE UT ARLINGTON LIBRARY

The UT Arlington Library system enjoys broad support from the surrounding community, as is characterized by the nearly two decades of support offered by the Friends of the UT Arlington Library. This organization was chartered in 1987 as part of a unique partnership bringing together members of the University and the local community who share a love of books, ideas, and learning, and also a desire to help improve the Library.

The 2005-2006 officers, elected earlier during the year, were Mary Ellen Emery, President; Bill Stallings, First Vice President; Judy Reinhartz, Second Vice President; Penny Acrey, Secretary; Brent Nicholson, Treasurer; and Dorothy Ren-curel, Parliamentarian. LaVerne Knezek was elected to the Friends' Advisory Council, which also included Shirley Applewhite, Richard Browning, Betty Clark, Charles Duke, Jenny Hudson, Jim Johnson, Don Kyle, Lisann Peters, Allan Saxe, Terry Wang, Tommie Wingfield, and the officers.

The Friends gave free one-year memberships to 58 new faculty at UT Arlington. Membership dues and gifts in kind from members (other than through the Adopt-A-Journal program) totaled \$13,560 for the year. There were 357 members who joined or renewed their membership during the year.

The Friends sponsored the following programs:

**September 16, 2005.** The Friends partnered with the Department of Physics to host a presentation by John S. Rigden, author and physicist, who discussed "Albert Einstein: Man or Superman?" Rigden is

the author of the book *Einstein 1905: The Standard of Greatness*.

**October 21, 2005.** Olyve Abbott, author of the popular book *Ghosts in the Graveyard: Texas Cemetery Tales*, talked about the paranormal and seemingly haunted sites across Texas for a pre-Halloween program.

**November 18, 2005.** The Friends hosted their first annual Friends of the UT Arlington Library McNair Scholars Awards Program. The program honored awardees Bianca R. Canales, Rachel Hansen, and Faith Nibbs for their outstanding research achievement in the McNair Program at UT Arlington. Each received \$500 and a plaque. The McNair Program awards grants to institutions of higher education for projects designed to prepare promising undergraduates for doctoral studies by involving them in research and other scholarly activity. The Friends organization voted to create the McNair Scholars Award to recognize outstanding student research achievement. The recipients are chosen by a committee composed of Friends' members. This is the first year the award was given. The amount raised to date is \$4,645.

**December 9, 2005.** The Friends' Dickens Christmas Celebration featured Tony Arangio, Arlington educator and actor, giving a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

**February 10, 2006.** James C. Wright, author and former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, discussed his new book, *The Flying Circus: Pacific War 1943 as Seen Through a Bombsight*.

Wright's poignant, moving, and often funny presentation focused on his service during WWII as a bombardier flying numerous missions over Japan.

**February 25, 2006.** The Friends and the Honors College joined together for a road trip to Thurber, Texas, a late 19th and early 20th century coal mining and brick making town west of Fort Worth. The Friends toured the W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas Museum, heard presentations by museum director Dr. T. Lindsay Baker and Dr. Richard Francaviglia, former Friends' president and director of UT Arlington's Center for Greater Southwestern Studies and the History of Cartography. Dr. Baker also gave a walking tour of the ghost town.

**April 21, 2006.** The Friends were the first outside group to visit the new Planetarium at UT Arlington, the largest in Texas. Robert Bonadurer, Director of the Planetarium, hosted the Friends for a special screening of "The Stars at Night Are Big and Bright," a program that he had directed. More than 150 Friends members attended the special showing.

Also at the April 21 meeting, the Friends elected as officers for 2006-2007: Bill Stallings, President; Penny Acrey, First Vice President; Betty Clark, Second Vice President; Kit Goodwin, Secretary; Brent Nicholson, Treasurer; and Mary Ellen Emery, Parliamentarian. Tom Hellier, Melissa Deur, Daniel Kauth, and Betty Bob Buckley were elected to the Friends' Advisory Council. The new season for the Friends began in September 2006.



## SPACE: THE FINAL FRONTIER

Space in the libraries on campus has been an issue for more than a decade but during the year the University took a major step in helping to alleviate space problems. During spring 2006 the Library began its first move of materials into the Library Collections Depository (LCD) on campus, a new 15,000 sq. ft. structure devoted to the efficient storage of low use but still relevant library materials. This building has been a dream (and an absolute necessity) for several years, and it is satisfying to the many staff members who helped to plan the structure and the first move of materials into it to see it completed. Once the building is full, we anticipate that it will hold more than 450,000 volumes and 8,000 boxes of archival materials on its 16' tall shelves. It will also house the

the inevitable "clean up" activities and problem solving necessary resulting from the move, and devising an efficient retrieval system so that our users will not be unduly inconvenienced when they order materials from the LCD.

The first move (and there will be others over the next few years) focused primarily on materials in our severely overcrowded Science and Engineering Library (SEL). We identified and moved more than 78,000 items from SEL along with 8,000 volumes from the Central Library, and 2,300 boxes of archival materials from Special Collections.

The impact of the move in SEL has been major. Before the move there literally was not room for new materials or additional seating space for the branch which was bulging at the seams. After the move, the SEL staff moved quickly to have five ranges removed, four relocated, and more user space added to the branch. A revised floor plan made it possible to add more study areas and space for an additional 16 PCs, which will come in 2006-07.

Special Collections also received immediate relief for its space problems, especially in its stacks area, where the amount of available shelves had long been used and archival materials, as a result, had been housed in temperature and humidity controlled commercial storage facilities off campus and even in Austin at the Library Storage Facility, a part of the UT System's Pickle Campus.

The next two moves will focus on items in the Central Library and later Architecture and Fine Arts Library, and once completed will allow us to rethink some of the spaces there.

And speaking of space, the sixth floor Atrium of the Central Library received a much-needed facelift during the year, including new texture on the walls, new paint, and a new floor. Asbestos had to be abated for the project forcing all staff and offices to be moved for a short period of time. This project was coupled with the re-carpeting of the offices in Special Collections and new furniture in the offices.

The total remodeling and renovation of all of the restrooms in the Central Library was completed in September as well.



framed art which is part of the Library's collection.

Most of the staff participated in the first move into the LCD in one way or another by bar coding items that had not been bar coded (18,000-plus items), selecting what would be transferred during the first move, measuring the items and determining where on the shelves in the new building they would go, working with the professional movers to transfer the items, changing bibliographic records of each item moved, performing



James C. Wright was the speaker at the Friends February meeting, discussing his book *The Flying Circus*. Here he visits with Friends President Mary Ellen Emery.



John S. Rigden, author and physicist, was invited to address several events commemorating the centennial of the publication of five of Albert Einstein's seminal papers. Here he signed a book for Nosike Nwankwo.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENT/NEW SERVICES

**Books on Demand.** In its second year, the collaborative project between Access Services and Information Resources purchased recent publications requested from Interlibrary Loan (ILL) to quickly add them to the Library's holdings. ILL received 446 requests to be considered for purchase, and 75% of these were ordered for the collection, while 23% were already a part of the collection. The median turnaround time from order to receipt of the books was eight days. This project was such a success that the original \$8,000 allocated for the project had to be increased to \$15,000.

**More Public Workstations.** Sixteen public access computers were added to the second floor of the Central Library, requiring the removal of some government documents and shelving, and the addition of power poles, new furniture, and computers. Also, library "catalog only" computers were added throughout the Central Library and the branches.

**Digital Media Studio Use Skyrocketing.** The use of the Central Library's basement Digital Media Studio (DMS) grew dramatically this year. The DMS is a learning space for students and faculty interested in integrating multi-media into their teaching, research, and assignments. The space has sixteen state-of-the-art computers with software that supports website authoring, desktop publishing, audio/video editing, animation, graphics creation, 3D modeling, photo editing, computer programming, and distance education. The studio has also become a popular training venue for many classes.

**Expanded Hours.** Information Services staff responded to requests from Social Work students by adding 13 hours per week for the Social Work Electronic Library (SWEL). Also, the staff extended the "Ask a Librarian" service hours as part of the UT System collaborative virtual reference project designed to assist students across the system.

**Extended Loan Periods.** During the year the Library studied and later approved extended loan periods for all patron categories. Undergraduates will be four weeks, one semester for graduate students, and a year for faculty. In addition to this change (effective Fall 2006), Access Services implemented automated patron-initiated "holds," "recalls," and requests for items from the LCD. The Science and Engineering Library in March also extended its loan period for all of its laptops available for check out from four to twenty-four hours.

**Changes in ILL Lending.** The Library studied new procedures for handling lending requests for journal articles that we have only in electronic format. Previously, we declined these

requests due to uncertainty about the limits of the licensing agreements. Access Services staff during the year began studying the license agreements for some of the more common databases to determine which ones allow ILL. We now have a special queue for "electronic only" requests and fill them where the licensing agreement permits. While it is time consuming to process this type of request, we are able to get articles into the hands of our requesting libraries in cases where we previously had to decline, leading to an increase in our lending fill rate.

**Papers Due Drop In.** Information Literacy staff developed a new program called Papers Due Drop In (PDDI), an evening drop-in research assistance lab held in Central's basement classroom during long semesters. PDDI librarians give one-on-one, in-depth assistance to students with research, source citation, and information evaluation questions. Last year, 261 students visited PDDI.

**Geographic Information Systems Workshops and Applications.** Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are computer systems that aid in the management and analysis of geographically referenced data. The Library's GIS program has become noteworthy in its field and was featured in the February 2006 issue of *Nature* magazine. GIS offered four workshops throughout the year to highlight the possibilities of GIS: **ESRI Geoprocessing** analyzed the inter-visibility of Ireland's stone circles; **To Catch a Thief** used GIS to analyze and predict crime patterns and targets; **Create Your Own Google Maps Mashup** featured a hybrid application that merges information sources; and **Mapping the Afghan Experience** used GIS to explore various sociological aspects of the Afghan experience in the U.S. The latter sessions in 06-07 are in conjunction with English 1301 classes, the first time GIS and English



Students attended one of the four workshops that highlighted the Library's GIS services.

classes have been combined. The workshop topic reflects the University's 06-07 OneBook selection, *The Kite Runner*. OneBook is a University program that requires all freshmen to study the same book in their ENGL 1301 class. Newly developed GIS applications included: **Friday Night Hangout** that used Google Maps as a front-end interface to show where in Tarrant County others with similar preferences might be hanging out; **GeoSpat** (Geospatial Catalog) that enabled researchers to search the GeoSpat metadata catalog to locate items in the Library's geospatial holdings; **GIS News**, a web page which aggregated over 150 RSS feeds into 15 categories; and **Texas Time Machine**, which made select maps from the Library's Virginia Garrett Cartographic History Library available in a GIS environment.

**Goodbye SSN.** Access Services and Library Systems staffs worked to eliminate social security numbers for secondary users (for ex., general public, Friends of the Library, community members purchasing library cards, etc.). This brought the Library into compliance with University policy on the use of SSNs. Library Systems staff also modified the patron load process into our Voyager system so as to use the new student information system ID number (EmplID) in place of the SSN.

**Syllabus Analysis.** Information Resources staff members began a systematic process to analyze course syllabi to determine each course's level of library dependency and to add materials to evaluate and supplement the Library's holdings in the subject of the course. **Integration of Voyager Test Server.** To assist staff as they use both the Voyager production system and the Voyager test system, Library Systems developed a desktop application called VoyagerConnect (VC), allowing staff to select either system and then load clients as appropriate (circulation, acquisitions, cataloging, etc.). VC reminds users which database they are using to minimize mistakes.

**Print Management.** An initiative that consumed a considerable amount of time and effort on the part of the Library Systems staff in particular was the evolution of the Pharos print management system to a quota and fee-based system. This project required extensive collaboration with the Office of Information Technologies and MavExpress. Printing policies at other institutions were evaluated in an effort to define the most generous quota system possible while at the same time making an effort to curb abusive use of the open/free printing environment on campus. Modifications to Pharos functionality required an upgrade to the Pharos system itself,

## INFORMATION RESOURCES AND COLLECTIONS

The Library continued to increase its acquisitions budget to not only cover the dramatic increases in inflation that we experience every year but also to add new resources. The resources budget for books and serials/electronic resources was increased to \$1.1 million and the serials budget by \$3.3 million, a 10 percent increase. The Special Collections acquisitions budget was increased by \$8,500, making its base \$50,000, and \$30,000 was allocated for new electronic resources. Also, the Library set aside an additional \$50,000 to pick up TexShare databases that could have been cancelled if the State support for this project decreased. TexShare is a statewide consortium of academic, public, and medical libraries managed by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Some of the new electronic resources that we acquired include: AIAA Meeting Papers Online; Choice Reviews Online; Communication & Mass Media Complete; Directory of Grantmakers Online; eHRAF Collection in Archaeology; eHRAF Collection in Ethnography; EMBO Journal & Reports; Encyclopedia of Genetics, Genomics; Executive Compensations; Mergent Global Industry Reports; Nature Journals—Chemical Biology; Materials; Physics; Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center; Sage Education Journal Collection; Sage Psychology Journal Collection; and Stat!Ref.

Through the UT System Academic Libraries Collection Enhancement Program (a consortium of the libraries in the System) we receive Institute of Physics Journal Archive, 1874-1995; Historical New York

making it necessary to upgrade every public access workstation on campus. Print release stations were constructed for use at public printers, and the quota/fee based system was implemented in Spring 2006 after meetings on campus with Student Congress and faculty governance groups, such as the Faculty Senate. The new quota system provides \$100 of free printing a year (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters combined) for each student. Once a student has reached his quota then he/she is charged \$.10 for single-sided printing or \$.15 for double-sided; color printing is \$.20 a page. The Library added a color printer in the Architecture and Fine Arts Library as a printing option. The quota system dramatically reduced the amount of printing occurring in OIT labs and in the various libraries on campus.



George Woolworth Colton and C. B. Colton and Company, "Our New Sunday School Maps." No. 1 Map of the Scripture World (New York, 1866). Maps from the Virginia Garrett Cartographic History Library are used for research and display, and have been used in exhibits at UT Arlington and elsewhere.

Times; Nature Archive, 1950-1986; Nature Research Archive; and Science Direct Journal Archives for Neuroscience, Nursing & Health Professions, Organic Chemistry, Social Sciences (240 titles). Databases canceled but picked up by TexShare include Topic Search; Newspaper Source; and Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition.

Special Collections staff members added forty-five archival and manuscript collections, totaling close to 250 linear feet.

**More Network Connectivity.** As the Central Library reached its saturation point with regard to network connectivity, measures were taken to improve this. Upon consultation with the campus network group in the Office of Information Technologies, plans were developed and implemented to construct additional network communications closets on the third and fifth floors of the Central Library.

**Website Changes.** The Library's website was re-branded during the year, incorporating the University's new logo that was unveiled after a year of development. Also, a text-only version of the website was made an option for those accessing the Library online.

Among the collections are the Edmund B. Underhill Civil War Letters, G. T. Boardman Civil War Diary, Dunnagan Brothers WWI Letters, Lesbia Word Roberts Papers, League of Women Voters of Arlington Records, Col. Edgar Keltner Papers, and the Jessie May Smith Fort Worth Star-Telegram Birding Columns.

A number of important maps were added as well, including Adrien Hubert Brue's *Nouvelle Carte du Mexique et d'une Partie* (1840), W. & D. Richardson's *Map of the City of Galveston* (1859), Heinrich Kiepert's two maps *Nord Amerika* (1874) and *Sud Amerika* (1874), and a collection of plat maps of Fort Worth. Also, the University of Texas at Dallas transferred a number of British Royal Admiralty Charts to the Virginia Garrett Cartographic History Library.

Because of the 2006 Garrett Lectures exhibition "Mapping the Sacred," Special Collections acquired, among other maps, Victor Levasseur's *Planisphere* (1845), George Woolworth Colton and C. B. Colton and Company's "Our New Sunday School Maps," No. 1 *Map of the Scripture World* (1866) and "Our New Sunday School Maps," No. 2 *Map of the Holy Land* (1867), C. Hachiro Kajiwara's *Map of Japan from the Best Authorities* (1892), and Emil Vasilievich Bretschneider's *Map of China, Prepared for the China Inland Mission* (1898).