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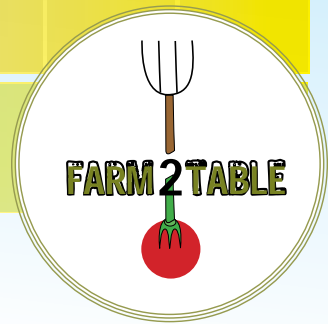
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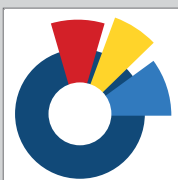
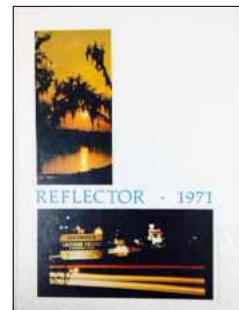
DO YOU HAVE A YEARBOOK FROM YOUR DAYS AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN?

If you missed the chance to purchase a yearbook, you now have another opportunity! Due to the outstanding response to sales of the Reflector, Henderson Library is re-opening their sales campaign and they will once again be available on a first come, first served basis. Please note that some years are more limited than others, and conditions of the volumes vary. For a complete listing of the years available, please visit:

<http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/reflectors-for-sale/>

All editions are \$25.00 and proceeds will benefit Zach S. Henderson Library.

New ordering procedure: To place an order, call the Library's Administrative Office (912 478-5115) between 8 and 5 Monday through Friday, or email <liboffice@georgiasouthern.edu>. Orders may be picked up from the Library, or shipped via UPS. If shipping, a fee of \$8.00 per volume will be added to your order.



DIGITALCOMMONS@GEORGIASOUTHERN.EDU CONTINUES TO EXPAND

by Ashley Lowery, Digital Collections Specialist

Henderson Library has recently partnered with Georgia Southern's Division of Continuing Education to produce conference websites in Digital Commons. Eight sites have been completed or are in development. Each conference will receive submissions, complete the peer-review process, and post the schedule through these sites. After the event, presenters can upload their presentations and additional materials. This process allows Henderson Library as an institutional repository to obtain academic content that is normally lost. In addition, Digital Commons published the latest issue (January 2014) of the *International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*.

Henderson Library also has partnered with the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health to create SelectedWorks sites for their faculty. SelectedWorks pages highlight faculty scholarship and can display abstracts, full-text documents and links to publishers' websites.

SelectedWorks not only expands the content in the repository, but is a great recruitment tool for Georgia Southern. Potential students can search or browse the research of faculty members to determine if Georgia Southern is a good fit for them. The expansion in content is evident in our numbers, as Digital Commons@Georgia Southern currently has over 65,000 full-text downloads. In other words, our content has been downloaded almost 50,000 times since the November issue!

HOW ARE WE REALLY DOING?

by Sonya Shepherd, Library Assessment Officer

In order to answer “how are we really doing?”, we first must identify the areas in which we need you to provide us with feedback. Last year, we conducted a series of assessments which provided us lots of useful data to analyze to help us determine how library users felt about services and resources offered. Assessments such as the **2013 LibQual+ Survey**, the **Distance Learning Survey**, the **Foy Music Listening Survey**, and **Library Instruction Assessment** for both students and faculty were just some of the ways in which we collected data to help us improve library services and resources.

The library’s goals and objectives are categorized according to the three dimensions from the LibQual+ survey: Affect of Service, Information Control, and Library as Place. The data obtained from this survey helps us look at the entire library from different perspectives according to undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty. The Distance Learning Survey results indicates the level of satisfaction among our distance and online learners regarding library resources and services provided to them. Our Music students and faculty complete a survey that provides information on how well the Foy Music Listening Center is meeting their needs. Lastly, the students that receive library instruction on how to conduct research answer questions indicating whether they have mastered six identified learning outcomes.

This year is no different. We continue to evaluate services and resources using the Distance Learning Survey, the Foy Music Listening Survey, and Library Instruction Assessment for both students and faculty. Additionally, we will be conducting a web usability study to help determine how easy it is to navigate the newly revised library web

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site. Furthermore, you may want to smile as you might be caught on video camera. Why you ask? Well, we are also conducting a space utilization study to determine 1) how existing furniture is being used, 2) what furniture is used most often, and 3) busy times to help with staff and budget requirements. Additionally, library personnel are partnering with key university stakeholders to develop a research project that will define the impact of library usage among students on their academic success and retention.

As one can see, we are busy trying to determine how well we are actually providing library resources and services. If there are any questions about the library’s assessment projects please feel free to contact the **Library Assessment Officer** via email: sgaither@georgiasouthern.edu.

BACK HOME 72 YEARS LATER

by Dr. Del Presley, Professor Emeritus

After an absence of 72 years, he returned to the campus where his family name, “Destler,” once was as familiar and respected as the name “Pittman.” On January 9, a cold day between semesters, a handful of faculty and staff welcomed I. M. Destler to his birthplace. Also known as “Mac,” he is the son of the popular professor and community leader of the 1930s, Chester Destler. The event was hosted by an emeritus faculty member who retired in 1999, Del Presley, with campus arrangements coordinated by Brent Tharp, Director of the Georgia Southern Museum.

“It was not my choice to leave Statesboro,” Destler said with a grin. “My father received an order he could not refuse from Governor Talmadge. I was only two years old when we were forced to leave the place my dad really loved.” In 1941 Chester Destler, nicknamed “Chet,” was the first of five faculty and staff members who were fired after the governor ended the tenure of President Martin Pittman. The educational issue was Pittman’s and Destler’s support of interracial understanding, and the governor’s motive was purely political.



In 2005 Dr. Del Presley, the University’s Centennial Historian, reviewed letter-books of Chester Destler, showing his contract of 1939 with the *Dictionary of American History* to write several articles for this prestigious publication. This valuable archive of information about Georgia Teachers College is at Destler’s guest cottage in Great Falls, Virginia.



The plaque on the commemorative wall at Georgia Southern University acknowledging Destler’s years of service to Georgia Teachers College.

In 1934, just months before moving from Michigan to become the third president of the teachers college in Statesboro, Pittman hand-picked the brightest social scientist he said he had ever met, a young and athletic University of Chicago PhD named Destler. Pittman invited the multi-talented social scientist to be the intellectual leader of what Chet Destler called “a great experiment in American education” that blossomed on the Statesboro campus until power politics abruptly ended it in the summer of 1941.

Mac’s lifetime of work is testimony to his intellectual inheritance. Early in his career, he became a member of the **Brookings Institute**, and currently he is



an international fellow of the Council of Foreign Relations. He holds the endowed Stern Chair of Public Engagement at the University of Maryland. He has written numerous books in his field, including *In the Shadow of the Oval Office*, (shown left) an important recent volume on the national security advisers who served Presidents from JFK to George W. Bush.

Del Presley and his wife, Beverly, became friends of Mac and Harriett Destler in 2005 when they twice visited the Destlers at their home in Great Falls, Virginia. There they found the best archive of the Pittman era. Chester Destler's letters and papers include correspondence with President Pittman, university system personnel, local faculty and community leaders. "Because the Pittman papers apparently were destroyed after his death," Presley told Associate Dean Ann Hamilton, "The Destler collection provides the best entry into this extremely important part of our university's history." After introducing the Destlers to the Henderson Library, Hamilton invited him to sign copies of his books that are held in the library's collections.



In early January of 2014, the Destlers renewed their friendship with the Presleys. (L to R) Beverly Presley, Del Presley, I.M. Destler, and Harriett Destler.

DONATING BOOKS & OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS TO HENDERSON LIBRARY

by Paolo P. Gujilde, Coordinator of Collection Development / Assistant Professor

Zach S. Henderson Library continually develops its General Collections and Special Collections to provide additional resources to members of the university and community. One of the ways the library expands its collections is through your continued support and gifts to the library's mission as an academic and cultural institution.

Donating books and other related documents are one way that the library can further provide information resources to you. If you are interested in donating books and other materials, please consider the information below as a guide:

What books and other related documents are accepted?

Henderson Library accepts materials to be added to the General Collection such as books, DVDs, music CDs, and audio books that are in "good condition." Materials in "good condition" are generally clean copies with strong bindings, and are free of mold, marks, and torn pages. The library accepts materials in various subjects, but keep in mind that materials in medical, law, business, technology, and textbooks become outdated quickly and may not be added to the general collection. Additionally, some donated books and/or materials will be considered for the library's book sales in which proceeds of the sales will be used to purchase books for the library.

Other related documents are also considered to be added to the library collection, specifically Special Collections. For the most part, Special Collections materials are of historical significance to the community of Statesboro and the outlying region, and of the university. The library will consider materials such as historic photographs, maps, letters, diaries, ledgers, and other artifacts. Additionally, rare books and significant manuscripts are considered for Special Collections.

Can you do appraisals of donated materials? How about tax information?

Henderson Library does not appraise materials and gifts, and does not provide detailed lists of donated materials for tax purposes. This will be the donor's responsibility, though we will provide a Deed of Gift which lists the total count and type of materials.

Please keep in mind that all donated materials added to the library collection will become part of the Georgia Southern University Foundation and therefore, it becomes state property.

Who should I contact to donate or if I need additional information?

If you are interested in donating books and other related documents, please contact Paolo P. Gujilde, Coordinator of Collection Development, at pgujilde@georgiasouthern.edu or at 912-478-5114.

If you have materials which you believe might be of interest to Special Collections, you may contact Katrina Jackson, Special Collections Catalog/Metadata Librarian, at kjackson@georgiasouthern.edu or at 912-478-5029.

As always, Thank You!

You asked...
We responded!

NEW RESOURCES: NATURE ONLINE, AND IEL (IEEE/IET ELECTRONIC LIBRARY)

by Jessica Minihan, Coordinator of Continuing Resources

As of January 2014, **Nature Online**, and the **IEEE/IET Electronic Library (IEL)** are now available to members of the Georgia Southern University community. Funded by Henderson Library, the **IEEE/IET Electronic Library (IEL)** is an online database that contains the full text of content published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) since 1988 with select content published since 1893 from the following publications:

- IEEE journals, transactions, and magazines, including early access documents
- IEEE conference proceedings
- IET journals
- IET conference proceedings
- IEEE published standards
- IEEE Standards Dictionary Online

The **IEL** is available on the same IEEE Xplore platform that Henderson Library has had access to since 2012. Our previous subscription included content from 2005 to the present, but with the **IEL** we will have access to older content that has been frequently requested by our patrons via Interlibrary loan.

Similarly, we now offer the online journal **Nature** to Georgia Southern University students, faculty, and staff. **Nature** is a weekly international journal publishing the finest peer-reviewed research in all fields of science and technology. We have online access to issues from 2006 to the most current articles. The library also subscribes to the print version of **Nature**, and our print holdings go back to volume 165, which was published in 1950.



The February 13, 2014 cover of **Nature** features the work of Georgia Southern's Dr. Mark Edwards and Noel Murray.

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