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LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Welcome to Fall Semester 1999! Henderson Library has returned to its regular schedule: Sunday at noon until Friday at midnight, and 8 a.m. until midnight on Saturday. The semester's first schedule variation will be for the Labor Day holiday. The Library will close at 8 a.m. on Monday, September 6 and reopens at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7.

You can find the [library schedule](#) and the [library calendar](#) online or phone (912) 681-5028.

PERIODICALS OFFERED ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH JSTOR

This summer the Henderson Library was able to acquire access to the **JSTOR** collection of periodicals. The collection of periodicals includes complete backfiles of core scholarly journals in the humanities, social sciences and sciences, many of which reach back to the early nineteenth century. Journals in JSTOR are displayed in full-image, using the Adobe Acrobat web browser plug-in, and are complete--from the front cover to the back. You may search JSTOR, as you would other periodical databases. You may also get access to journals by title and issue, choosing to see an 1892 issue of the *Economic Journal* or the *William and Mary Quarterly*. The JSTOR project started out to address concerns about preservation and storage of significant journals, seeking to use new digital preservation techniques to maintain journal backfiles and provide extended access to those journals. Because the emphasis of this collection is archival there is a delay, usually of several years, between the publication of the journal issue and its inclusion in JSTOR. For access to current issues of these journals you will still need to turn to GALILEO databases such as *Periodical Abstracts* or *EBSCO Index Complete*. Access to JSTOR is currently limited to computers connected to the Georgia Southern network. You can get to it from the library's homepage (see "[Licensed database not on GALILEO](#)") or by going directly to the web site at: <http://www.jstor.org> where more information about JSTOR is available.

GALILEO CHANGES ITS LOOK

This fall some of [GALILEO's](#) most heavily used database will have a new look. *Periodical Abstracts, ABI/Inform, EBSCO Index Complete*, and others will begin using the database producer's search interfaces rather than the familiar GALILEO interface. This change will allow the GALILEO project to provide users access to full images of many journal articles, to more current and accurate databases, and to the ability to search the full text of articles in the databases. The GALILEO project will also be able to add databases at a quicker rate and explore new avenues for supporting Georgia libraries as a result of this change. The Henderson Library will offer workshops to acquaint faculty, staff, and students to these changes. A faculty/staff seminar will be offered through CET on 9/3 from noon to 2pm for new GALILEO users and 9/7 from noon to 2pm for experienced GALILEO users. Register at the [CET website](#) for these workshops.

Workshops will also be offered in the library for students, faculty and staff. For new GALILEO users, the workshops will be 9/9 11am, 9/13 6pm, 9/23 4pm, 10/5 6pm. For experienced GALILEO users, the workshops will be 8/30 3pm, 9/9 2pm. Call the Reference Desk at 681-5645 to register for these classes. See the [library workshop schedule](#) for more workshop information.

CHANGE OF LOST BOOK FEE

Henderson Library has been charging customers \$30 for lost books for the last six years. However, in light of the fact that books purchased last year averaged \$61 dollars each, beginning the first day of Fall Semester classes the Library will charge the actual replacement cost of each lost book that is in print and \$40 for each lost book not in print. Unlike most libraries, we will not charge a processing fee.

NEW UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

[W. Bede Mitchell](#) assumed the duties of University Librarian on August 2. Dr. Mitchell comes to Henderson after serving as Associate University Librarian at Appalachian State University for nine years. After doing an excellent job as Interim University Librarian during 1998-99, Laura Davidson returns to her position as Head of Information Services.

ONLINE INTERLIBRARY LOAN ORDERING

Watch for the unveiling in the next few weeks of our web based forms for Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery for off-campus students. These two forms have been available for years on our Catalog Menu and will continue to be, but this will make accessing these forms more convenient in many cases.

BUILDING UPDATE

Several building related projects got under way during the last year, and several more have been funded for the coming year. A major physical change was the conversion of the two public restrooms on second floor to a fully ADA compliant single restroom. The main staircase was

covered with colorful vinyl to replace the worn carpet. The floor in the Zach's Snack area was replaced when grass started growing in the area! The interior of the building is currently in the process of being painted, and five hundred new chairs are scheduled to be delivered on August 24. A new chiller is scheduled for installation beginning in December. That should complete the upgrade of the heating/air-conditioning system that began more than two years ago. The leaky roof is scheduled for repair after the chiller installation. That will be most welcome for customers and employees who have dealt with repeated leaks on first and fourth floors. Leaks on the porch are also expected to be addressed in the exterior cleaning project that has been funded. Plans are under way for new carpeting and new lighting.

U. S. CENSUS 2000

CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE FORM INFORMATIONAL COPIES. The next census of the United States will be conducted in the year 2000. Most households will receive a short questionnaire that asks six population questions and one housing question, but about 1 in every 6 households will receive a longer questionnaire which includes the same questions that are on the form, plus 26 additional population questions, and 20 additional housing questions. For persons who use census data in their courses or for research purposes, it may be useful to see the survey questions that will be asked in Census 2000. **A limited number of informational copies of the long and short forms to be used in the upcoming census survey are available within the Henderson Library, Documents Department.** If you would like a copy, come by the Documents Department or call 681-5117.

Census data are the core of any collection of statistical data. Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution directs that **"Representation and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers... the actual enumerations shall be made ... every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct."** The importance of the census as an instrument of democracy has not diminished since 1790, when the first census was taken. The fundamental reason for conducting the decennial census is to determine the number of members of the House of Representatives each of the 50 states is entitled to have. In 1911 a cap of 435 was placed on membership in the House of Representatives. The distribution of members in the Senate is unaffected by the apportionment process as the Constitution provides two senators for each state.

Apportionment, the process of distributing the 435 Congressional seats among the states, depends on the size of the population in each state. Simple division generates fractions and you cannot send a third of an elected official to Congress. The States rely on census numbers for redistricting, redrawing of political districts within the states after apportionment. The 1975 legislation P.L. 94 171, established responsibility for the Census Bureau to work closely with state officials before each census to define a geographic plan that produces the small-area population data needed to redraw state legislative and congressional districts.

The census touches everyone living in the United States, regardless of age or citizenship status. As one of the foundations of our democratic process, it can be viewed that the census provides every person with an equal voice in Congress. Some opinions have been that the use of "statistical sampling" does not provide sufficiently accurate data for apportionment purposes. The Supreme Court supported such opinion with a January 25, 1999 ruling that statistical sampling could not be used in Census 2000 to determine the population count used to reapportion seats in the House of Representatives. The importance of numbers is reflected in the

official 1990 count for Bulloch county at 43,125 total, while the adjusted count is 44,333 total. In addition to apportionment purposes, over \$100 billion in federal funds are awarded annually to localities based on census numbers.

It is estimated that the Census 2000 will cost over 4 billion dollars. April 1, 2000 is the next Census Day. From March through May 2000, census questionnaires will be sent to citizen addresses and returned to the Bureau. December 31, 2000, the apportionment counts must be delivered to the President. All states will receive redistricting counts April 1, 2001.