From the Dean, Larry Boyer

The Heart of Joyner Library

Our faculty, staff, and friends are the heart and soul of Joyner Library. Our collections include more than two million books, periodicals, and government documents as well as thousands of manuscript and special collections. In addition, the Library provides electronic access to 45,000 journals and databases and half a million electronic books. All of this makes Joyner Library the largest research library in Eastern North Carolina.

But our printed and electronic resources would be of only limited value to ECU students and faculty and our community users, without the dedicated work and service of our Library personnel. Choosing and acquiring books and electronic resources; teaching research methods; providing reference and research assistance to students and other campus users; cataloging and metadata tagging items; maintaining and enhancing the Library catalog and webpage; circulating and maintaining the collections; borrowing books and articles from other libraries or lending them in turn: whether it is providing public services or making sure all of the behind the scene details get done, a Library does not function without a committed staff.

Call for Papers Recognizing Student Research

Faculty: please encourage your students who are writing term papers this spring or next fall to compete for the Rhem/Schwarzmann Prize for Recognition of Student Research. Established by Mrs. Ann Schwarzmann in honor of William and Emily Rhem and Theodore and Ann Schwarzmann, the Rhem/Schwarzmann Prize annually recognizes outstanding research papers written by sophomores, juniors, and seniors at ECU. Cash prizes in the amount of $750, $500, and $250 will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place winners. Read official rules on page 3.

Submissions should be sent to Maury York, Assistant Director for Special Collections.

Ann Schwarzmann has also been chosen as the Teaching Resource Center 2010 Featured Area Educator. The TRC has created a display exhibiting her biography and contributions to the field of education in eastern NC. Through this exhibit, Ann will inspire, enlighten and encourage future and current teachers as they visit the TRC. The exhibit includes an account of her teaching experiences and lists the many services and support she has provided to local educators as well as ECU Storybook Theatre students in her honor.

To kick off the exhibit, the TRC will host “Tea with Ann” on March 4, 2010 at 4:00pm in the TRC. Please join us as we celebrate the life and career of local educator and ECU supporter—Ann Schwarzmann.
Exhibit Area, 2nd floor
3/4/10
Tea with Ann Schwarzmann
2010 Featured Educator, 4:00-5:30pm, Teaching Resource Center, 2nd floor

March 2010
Three Cups of Tea Exhibition of Tea Ware
Exhibit Area, 2nd floor

Joyner’s Music Library Celebrating 35 Years of Service

In celebration of its 35th anniversary as a department of Joyner Library, ECU’s Music Library sponsored a composition contest for ECU student composers. Entries had to be 1) scored for an instrumental ensemble of between four and twenty players, and 2) based on a theme from a piece that premiered or charted in 1974, the Music Library’s inaugural year as a department of Joyner.

The winning composition, titled “Fate”, was composed by ECU graduate composition student Rafael Valle. It is scored for a twenty-piece chamber orchestra and incorporates thematic ideas from the 1974 hit song “Kung Fu Fighting.” Valle’s work will be premiered on Saturday, February 27 at 3pm in Fletcher Recital Hall as part of the 2010 NewMusic@ECU Festival. In addition, Valle will receive a bound copy of his work at the concert and another bound copy will be cataloged and added to the Music Library’s collection.

Whichard family honored at Joyner Library

On January 21, Joyner Library honored the David J. Whichard II family with a reception in recognition of the family’s gift of 85,000 negatives from The Daily Reflector. From the negatives, the digital collection “Seeds of Change: the Daily Reflector Image Collection” was created featuring more than 7500 images that tell a unique story about our community.

Guests at the reception viewed the physical exhibit including a sampling of the photographs in the collection and had the opportunity to view the collection online. It is heartening to note that the online collection has been accessed from every continent except Antarctica.

Dean Larry Boyer thanked the Whichard family for their many contributions to the community and generous support for Joyner Library and East Carolina University.

Upcoming Events at Joyner

2/18/10 Eloisa James
SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE: From the Renaissance to the Romance talk and book signing. 7:30pm, Teaching Resources Center, 2nd floor.

2/25/10 FacuTea
Presenter: Larry E. Tise, Wilbur and Orville Distinguished Teaching Professor “Scholarizing the Wright Brothers: New Strategies for Investigating Familiar Tales and the Happy Results” 3:30-5:00, Conference Room 2409.

3/2/10 Student Friendship Tea
In honor of the book, Three Cups of Tea, 4:00-5:00pm,

3/4/10 Tea with Ann Schwarzmann
2010 Featured Educator, 4:00-5:30pm, Teaching Resource Center, 2nd floor

Front: Ann, Jane, and Judy Whichard
Back: Jordy, Jack, and David Whichard

January 21, 2010
Rhem/Schwarzmann Prize Official Rules

2010 submissions must adhere to the following rules:
- Papers can be in any field of study, but must be based largely on primary sources held by the J.Y. Joyner Library’s Special Collections Department.
- Each paper should be not less than 12 pages/3,000 words in length and will be judged on the basis of (a) originality of the topic or thesis; (b) quality of research; (c) quality of style, including documentation; and (d) overall excellence.
- Papers written during the spring or fall semester of 2010 are eligible. Papers must be submitted electronically by December 31, 2010. The author must include contact information (permanent address, e-mail address, and telephone number).
- Each paper must be submitted by the professor for whom it was written.
- Winning papers will be chosen by a panel of three professors selected by Joyner Library’s Assistant Director for Special Collections in consultation with the chairs of departments whose disciplines are closely aligned with the holdings of the Special Collections Department. The judges may elect not to award one or more of the prizes if submissions do not warrant them.
- Winners will be notified early in the spring semester of 2011.

An award ceremony will be held prior to spring break of 2011. Award winners will be asked to discuss their papers, read excerpts from them, and tell how their research experience benefitted them.

Submissions should be sent by e-mail to Maury York, Assistant Director for Special Collections, J.Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University. For more information, call 328-0252 or send an e-mail message to yorkm@ecu.edu. Staff members of the Special Collections Department will work with students to identify fruitful topics for research.

Loving the Library!

“Once again, I am mightily (as Kerr Scott might say) impressed with you and your staff. Your generous assistance to researchers is appreciated.” Dr. Julian Pleasants, retired Professor of History, University of Florida
Faculty Accomplishments


**Patricia Dragon**, Cataloging, received the “Best of LRTS” award for 2009 [Library Resources and Technical Services (LRTS)] is a peer reviewed journal published by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services]. The winning article is entitled “Name Authority Control in Local Digitization Projects and the Eastern North Carolina Postcard Collection.” *LRTS* vol. 53 no. 3 (July 2009). The award will be presented at the American Library Association annual conference in June 2010.

Several members of the Special Collections Division were involved in the *Seeds of Change: The Daily Reflector Negative Collection* project to digitize some 7,500 negatives. Federal Funds administered by the State Library of North Carolina made the project possible. **Dale Sauter** served as principal investigator and **Gretchen Gueguen** led the staff of the Digital Collections Department including **Joe Barricella**, **Mark Custer**, and **Michael Reese** in crafting the Web site through which the images are made available. Recently, the site won the Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services given by the Reference and User Services Association of the American Library Association (ALTA). The award, which includes a cash prize of $3,000, will be presented at the ALA annual conference in June 2010.

**In Memory**

**Dr. Cynthia Summerlin Jones**

(1949-2010)

As assistant director for Library Administrative Services, Cynthia Jones “CJ” was an integral member of our management team and a great team player. CJ routinely pulled more than her fair share and provided insight, experience and creativity when solving problems, tackling issues, and planning for the future.

CJ came to East Carolina University upon receiving her Doctorate Degree from North Carolina State University after retiring from Sprint Telephone Company with 36 years of service. We are all going to miss CJ, and are very thankful that we had the opportunity to work with her and to know her. She will always be with us.

**NC Connecting to Collections**

Joyner Library hosted a NC Connecting to Collections Forum on January 15th. Connecting to Collections is a national initiative sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in response to preservation needs in our nation’s libraries, museums, archives, and historic sites. A 2005 study, co-sponsored by IMLS and Heritage Preservation, called *A Public Trust at Risk: The Heritage Health Index Report on the State of America’s Collections* found that nearly 190 million objects in U.S. collections are in immediate danger of loss through decomposition, poor storage conditions, inadequate security, and the lack of an emergency plan with personnel trained to protect and rescue collections from natural and man-made disasters. The NC ECHO (Exploring Cultural Heritage Online) survey administered by the State Library also revealed that collections preservation and disaster preparedness are critical concerns for cultural, educational, historical, and research institutions in our state. The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, with funding from an IMLS Connecting to Collections planning grant, has established a working group to address the problem. Members of the working group represent several partner organizations; the North Carolina Preservation Consortium, the North Carolina Museums Council, the Society of North Carolina Archivists, the State Historical Records Advisory Board, and the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies. **Robert James**, assistant director for User Services in Joyner Library, is the Executive Director of the North Carolina Preservation Consortium (NCPC) and a member of the working group. The Connecting to Collections Forum here at ECU was one of three regional forums held to gather personnel from various collection institutions to hear their concerns and explore strategies for a successful state-wide preservation and disaster preparedness program. Other forums were held at the Pack Place Education, Arts, and Science Center in Asheville on December 7th and the Greensboro Public Library on February 8th. An educational event for the NC General Assembly will be held this summer to raise awareness among legislators regarding the need to financially support our state’s heritage collections.