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# SIMON SAYS

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## Library Patio Area Created by Local Donor

CSU students now have a Library patio area—complete with seating—thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Hazel Lewis, a long-time friend of CSU and libraries. Last fall Mrs. Lewis contributed funds to purchase three substantial concrete tables with matching benches. The outdoor furniture arrived in October 2003 and was placed just off the Library's veranda, on a concrete pad in front of a large bed of daylilies. The tables came equipped with large green canvas umbrellas, which are currently being stored inside during the winter months.



Governor Carl Sanders (L), Hazel Lewis (center),  
Dr W.H. Shaw (R)

The donor for this project, Hazel Lewis, has always been a strong advocate for education. Born and raised in South Georgia, Mrs. Lewis is a retired educator with over 40 years of experience. Her first job after graduation from Valdosta State University was at the Ray City Elementary School. She later earned her Masters and Specialist degrees at Auburn and the University of Georgia, respectively. In addition to teaching, Mrs. Lewis worked as an educational consultant and was Director of

Instruction in Crisp County. Much of her career was spent in Muscogee County, where, after retirement, she served as a member of the Board of Education, holding a variety of offices including 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president and chair of the Library Committee. A long-time friend and supporter of President Frank Brown and CSU, Mrs. Lewis recently donated her personal memorabilia to the CSU Archives. She has also been a patron and benefactor of the CSU Baptist Student Union.

In a show of thanks, the University hosted a dedication ceremony and reception on November 18, 2003 in Mrs. Lewis' honor. The addition of patio tables to the Library's landscape has created a very inviting space, a space that has already become a favorite gathering place for students to study, take breaks, snack and visit with friends.

*Callie McGinnis*

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual University-Wide Faculty Research Forum Series 2004

*Sponsored by the CSU Libraries*

**Note: All forums will be held on the first floor of the Main Library in the area behind the Computer Lab. Refreshments will be served. Attendees are invited to arrive early for food and fellowship. These forums are open to all; students are encouraged to attend!**

**Tuesday, March 2, 12:30pm – 1:30pm**

Dr. Joel Tishken (History Department)

*Prophecy and Leadership in the Nazareth Baptist Church of South Africa*

Dr. Amitabh Dutta (D. Abbott Turner College of Business)

*An Exploration of the Changes in Inward U.S. Foreign Direct Investment: 1998-2002*

**Thursday, March 4, 12:30pm – 1:30pm**

Dr. Lisa McNary (D. Abbott Turner College of Business)

*Effects of a Person's Name in the Organizational Setting*

Dr. Mei Yang (Department of Computer Science)

*Scheduling with Dynamic Bandwidth Allocation for DiffServ Classes*

**Tuesday, March 30, 12:30pm – 1:30 pm**

Prof. Tena McQueen (Department of Computer Science)

*Vista Pilot Project*

Dr. Nick Norwood (Department of Language and Literature)

*Poems from "The Soft Blare" and "A Palace for the Heart"*

**Thursday, April 1, 12:30pm – 1:30pm**

Dr. Vikki Collins (College of Education)

*Change Comes to Class: The Implementation of an Effective Transactional Literacy Program in an Urban School Setting*

Prof. Betsy Witt (Department of Criminal Justice)

*Court Processing of Felony Child Abusers*

## Archives Opens Joseph B. Mahan/ISAC Reading Room

On October 24, 2003 over fifty people gathered on the third floor of the Simon Schwob Memorial Library to celebrate the opening of the Joseph B. Mahan/ISAC Reading Room, located in the Columbus State University Archives. A generous donation of \$25,000 by the Institute of the Study of American Cultures (ISAC) allowed for the construction of the room, as well as renovation of the general public reading room of the Ar-

chives. On hand to christen the space in a formal ceremony were Morton A. Harris, President of ISAC, Martha Saunders, CSU Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Ms. Donna Blasko, niece of the late Joseph B. Mahan, and Reagan Grimsley, CSU Archivist. A reception and open house preceded the opening ceremony.

Joseph B. Mahan Jr. earned a BA from Reinhardt Col-

lege, a MA from the University of Georgia, and a PhD from the University of North Carolina. In 1952 he moved to Columbus, the city where he would spend the remainder of his life. While in Columbus he served as the first Curator of the Columbus Museum, was a founding member and the first Director of Westville, and was a Historic Preservation Planner for the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Planning Commission. He

was the author of four books on local history and pre-Columbian civilizations.

ISAC was founded in 1983 to research cultural exchanges before the voyage of Columbus. Joseph B. Mahan was a key member of the organization, and was instrumental in its birth and subsequent growth. The 2003 Conference marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization.

*Reagan Grimsley*

## CSU Archives awarded NEH Preservation Assistance Grant

The Columbus State University Archives has been awarded a Preservation Assistance grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities for \$3810. The grant will allow the facility to conduct a preservation assessment of the overall physical environment in which documents are housed, evaluate the quality of environmental control, and plan for effective long-term preservation of all of the archival collections held by the Archives.

The CSU Archives was the only Georgia institution selected for funding in the 2004 grant cycle.

“Maintaining adequate conditions is a key to the longevity of archival materials,” stated CSU Archivist Reagan Grimsley. “This grant will allow the archives to evaluate our preservation procedures and determine if we need to make changes or improvements. Our ultimate goal is to permanently preserve our materials for future generations of users.”



*Reagan Grimsley - archivist.*

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. The Preservation Assistance Grant Program has assisted small and mid-size institutions, including libraries, museums, and historical societies, town and county records offices, archival repositories, community colleges, and underserved departments and units within colleges and universities and other larger institutions, to improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections since 2000.

The collections preserved by these facilities include books, journals, manuscript and archival materials, maps, moving images, sound

recordings, decorative and fine arts, prints and photographs, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, and historical objects.

Established in 1975, the CSU Archives serves as a repository for records documenting the history of Columbus State University and the greater Columbus region. Located in the Simon Schwob Memorial Library on the main campus of CSU, the Archives contains local history materials in a variety of formats, including, but not limited to, manuscripts, photographs, maps, and oral histories. The Archives is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

For information on the CSU Archives, contact Archivist Reagan Grimsley at (706) 568-2247 or visit the archives website at <http://archives.colstate.edu>

*Reagan Grimsley*

## netLibrary™

netLibrary makes 27,000 titles available to any CSU student who can get to the internet and create a personal account. While Netlibrary does not replace the Simon Schwob's library's physical collection, it is a great resource for students whose busy schedules make it hard to come to the library.

To obtain a netLibrary password, one needs to visit the library and sign on to one of the computers in the Information Commons.

Type in:

<http://www.netlibrary.com> and click on **Create and Account**. Your netLibrary password and userID are good for a very long time if not for life.

Once you have a netLibrary userID and password, simply point your browser to <http://www.netlibrary.com> You can do this from any machine with internet access.

Type in your userID and password and click the **ruby red login button**. Hitting the **return key will not work**.

Once you have logged in, you can search for a book by filling out the form on the left hand side of the page. You do not have to fill

out all the fields. More often than not, the title field is good enough. Subject, author, or keyword searching also work.

For in depth searching, click the **gold Search Tools button** in the top search bar then choose **Command Search**. **Command Search** gives instructions for setting up a Boolean search. For example, to find books on Greek antiquities, (artwork and treasures) your search might look like **su:greece** and **su:antiquities**.

Your netLibrary search usually results in a list of titles. netLibrary has the unhappy habit of mixing juvenile and popular literature in among scholarly items. Examine your results closely.

To learn more about an individual title, **click on it**. netLibrary returns a frame within the screen tht often has an image of the book title plus other information. If you want to return to this title later, click on **Add to My Favorites List**. You can also **Recommend** this e-book to a friend. netLibrary saves your **Favorites** list even after you end your session.

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book that you read repeatedly saved to **Favorites**. netLibrary is really not suitable for a long leisurely read, but it is excellent when one needs a part of a book for research, reference, or instruction.

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You can turn the pages in an e-book, by clicking the **little ruby red and white arrows** on the top of the screen near the right corner, and hide the left hand frame, by clicking on the **gold Hide Tools** button in the upper left corner of the screen. To bring the tools back, just click on **Show Tools**. Note: some netLibrary titles are in PDF format, requiring Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Besides a table of contents the left frame offers you a chance to **bookmark** specific pages, **search** for words within the title, and even leave up to forty **notes**. The **bookmarks** and **notes** remain even after you end your session.

If you would like a hard copy you can, print up to ten pages at a time of your e-



book, by clicking on the **print icon** at the top of the screen near the right hand corner. Remember if you are on campus, netLibrary printing comes out of your paper quota.

To see more titles, click on **Search Results**, written in small text in a box above the main left box.

To start a new search, click on **Home**, also in the small box.

To end a netLibrary session, click on **Logout** in the upper right corner of the screen or close your browser.

netLibrary's 27,000 volumes are not evenly distributed across all subject areas. netLibrary works extremely well for computer science and is a valuable addition to the library's literary criticism collection. It does not, however, work as well for pet care, biology, popular works of fiction, or popular science. netLibrary complements, rather than replaces the library's print book collection.

*Eileen Kramer*

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## In Memoriam

*In December, 2003, the CSU Libraries lost two special friends and benefactors. We take a moment to remember them—*

### Edward “Ed” Martindale 1951 – December 13, 2003

Ed Martindale was the owner of Beetlebinder’s, a quaint and unique bookstore located at 1717 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. “Possibly, the



ultimate bookstore,” as Ed used to say, Beetlebinder’s shelves contain an interesting mix of scholarly and popular works as well as children’s books—some new, but most pre-owned and

lovingly cared for. The walls of the store are hung with original art and pottery and sculpture pieces are displayed throughout. With Ed at his desk in the back of the store, Beetlebinder’s was always an interesting gathering place for creative minds and avid readers. It was a bookstore with character.

Ed was born in Tacoma, Washington in 1951. He no doubt inherited his love of books from his mother, Gerry Martindale, who is a retired English teacher with a masters degree in Library Science. As a book-lover, Ed collected books and spent countless hours researching the history of books. He also amassed a wealth of expertise in book repair and restoration.

After his wife Vicky accepted a position at TSYS in 1997, the Martindales relocated from Wichita, Kansas, and Ed established Beetlebinder’s in March of 1998. He opened the bookstore in the Linwood neighborhood, because, as one of his eulogists said, “He thought Linwood needed a bookstore.” There he sold books and enjoyed talking with his customers. He also took on the mission supporting local writers and artists. Consequently his bookstore became a place for them to mix, mingle and show off their wares. And, in addition to selling books to walk-in customers, Ed sold academic books on the web.

Columbus State Libraries are grateful to Ed Martindale for the hundreds of gift books he donated over the years. On December 2, just eleven days before his passing, he delivered a donation of 223 books (most of them new) to the Schwob Library. We will remember him fondly as a friendly and generous man, who was always reaching out to help others.

### Alfonso Biggs February 14, 1904 – December 29, 2003

Over the years, noted local Black historian Alfonso Biggs made many donations to the CSU Archives. A collection bearing his names contains over 30 items, including some recipes and genealogical material. He also donated a few non-book items, including a framed sketch of himself that was done by Columbus artist Garry Pound and a few nineteenth century quilts that had been stitched by members of his family.

Alfonso Biggs was famous in Columbus for his knowledge of local Black history. Living to be almost 100 years old (just 48 days short of that birthday), Mr. Biggs, as most people called him, not only had a large repertoire of stories—but a special knack for telling them. A frequent speaker at schools and other venues, Mr. Biggs captivated audiences of adults and children with his retelling of local incidents as well as stories that had been passed down in his family.

Mr. Biggs spent most of his working life as a cook. He was renowned throughout Columbus as a gourmet chef, and was especially famous for his cheese straws. At a Schwob Library event in the mid-1980s, Mr. Biggs not only gave a talk—he also baked up a delicious plum pudding that was covered with whipped cream for the audience to enjoy.



Alfonso Biggs received many honors in his later life. In 1994 he participated in the Smithsonian’s National African American Museum Project, lending the Smithsonian numerous artifacts from his personal collection.

He also received the Georgia Governor’s Award in the Humanities in 1997, and in 1999 he was one of the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer’s “100 People to Remember.” Mr. Biggs will be remembered by his Library friends as a generous benefactor, who donated many unique items to the Archives and freely shared his knowledge of local Black history.

*Callie McGinnis*

## The Schwob Memorial Library Hosts Rite of Passage Lectures (Fall 2003-Spring 2004)

The academic tenure process is “the longest probation of any profession,” Dr. Martha Saunders, Vice-President of Academic Affairs tells us. The following Columbus State University professors received full professorship this fall and were invited to present a lecture about their journey in education and their professional field.

Dr. Richard P. Long, Professor of Communication, earned his BA and MA at West Virginia University and PhD at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. He was appointed to CSU in 1991. Dr. Long spoke on October 28, 2003, involving his audience in *Lecture, Conversation and Possibilities*, demonstrating some of the communication styles he has studied.

Dr. Renjin Tu, Professor of Mathematics, who earned a BS at East China Normal University, a MA at the University of Utah and a PhD at the University of Florida. She has taught at CSU since 1994. In her entertaining speech, *A Journey of Learning and Serving*, on

November 11, 2003, Dr. Renjin Tu paid tribute to all the people who helped and encouraged her in her career. She successfully pursued her advanced degrees as both an older woman and in another country. With humor and wisdom she is an inspiration for the student who wants to pursue education no matter what age or where.

Professor Manuel Diaz, Professor of Music, received his BS at the Technical University of Chile and a MS at the National Conservatory of Chile. He was first appointed at CSU in 1990. Professor Diaz related to us in his presentation, *Destiny*, on November 20, 2003, his story of endurance and resourcefulness in his dual career of violist and engineer in the face of political instability. He believes that his “destiny” still calls. He has recently received a patent on a vibrating metronome.

Dr. Baiqiao Deng, Professor of Mathematics, gave his “Rite of Passage” lecture on January 22, 2004. The title was “Subdivisim: A Mathematical Scheme and Application.” He received his BS at

Zhejiang University in China and PhD at the University of South Carolina. CSU is fortunate to have him here since 1993.

Dr. Ronald C. Linton, Professor of Computer Science, will lecture on April 6, 2004. His degrees are a BA from the University of Louisville, MA from the University of Kentucky and PhD from Vanderbilt University. He has worked at CSU since 1998.

Dr. Vladimir S. Zanev, Professor of Computer Science, has worked at CSU since 1996. His MS and PhD degrees are from Sofia University in Bulgaria. He will present a ‘Rite of Passage’ lecture on April 15, 2004.

Professor Jeffrey K. Burden, Professor of Art and Chair of the Department of Art, has been at CSU since 1993. His BFA is from the University of Evansville and MFA is from Indiana University. His lecture will be presented on April 27, 2004.

## GA Supreme Court Links With CSU via GSAMS

Since the inception of GSAMS (*Georgia Statewide Academic and Medical System*) in 1992 (under the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Act), medical and academic facilities have been saving travel time and money by meeting . . . *virtually*. Doctors, educators, and students can all meet using teleconferencing equipment and a special array of telephone lines called a T-1 line. CSU has been taking advantage of this system since 1993 by connecting with sites all over Georgia including the University of Georgia, the Medical College of Georgia, and recently, the Supreme Court of Georgia.

In January, the ITS department of CSU was contacted by Kevin Teng from the Supreme Court. Mr Teng said he was interested in a February 10th link between his site in Atlanta and one of four sites at CSU so that Columbus lawyer, Brace Luguire, could argue a case concerning bankruptcy and repossession. For Mr Luguire it was a way to save time and money since the Supreme Court is 100 miles away in Atlanta. For the Justices, it was an opportunity to try their recently installed GSAMS equipment. After checking site schedules, ITS agreed to provide a site. On February 10th, the meeting went off without a hitch and both the Justices and Mr Luguire were happy with the experience.

Although GSAMS is used primarily for educational purposes, CSU sometimes reaches out into other areas to help the community or other state institutions. Hopefully this experience will act as a positive endorsement for technology and education in Georgia.

*Steven Roach*

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Or

Music Library: <http://library.colstate.edu/music/index.html>

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If you are searching for a place on campus to study for an exam or get a group of students together to discuss a group project, the Simon Schwob Memorial Library has a variety of spaces which can accommodate your needs. Currently nineteen study Rooms are available for single student or group use on both the second and third floors of the Library. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Below is a complete list of the spaces available:

**Group Study rooms are:**

201, 202, 203, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 313, 314, 315 and 316.

**Rooms open for individual study are:**

204, 205, 206 and 207