The National Library Week Committee’s week of scheduled activities went off without a hitch. On Tuesday, April 21, Southern University authors were honored at an Author’s Reception. The 1998 Honorees were Dr. Huey L. Perry (Race, Politics, and Governance in the United States), Dr. Emma Pitts (An Interdisciplinary Approach to Multicultural Teaching and Learning), Dr. David Porter and Scott Gwara (Anglo-Saxon Conversations), and Drs. Daryl Wedwick and Vicki Lott (Three Arts: Elements and Principles). Wednesday featured Dr. Edward R. Jackson, Chancellor of the Southern University Baton Rouge Campus as the keynoter for the official Library Week program. Dr. Jackson’s timely message was warmly received as he promised sterling support for the library. The program, presided over by Committee Chair Roslyn Tolson, featured Library student assistants. Niles Haymer, Computer Lab student assistant (Junior, Political Science) offered the invocation; Derrick Peters, Administrative Office student assistant (Sophomore, Music Education) performed a clarinet solo, and a vocal solo was rendered by the Library Grant Writing Committee submitted its fourth grant to the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund's Enhancement Program (8g grant fund). The grant was not only funded but received the highest rating (93 out of a total score of 100) among the 58 proposals submitted from Louisiana universities in the Enhancement category. Dean Emma Bradford Perry received profound congratulations from Chancellor Edward R. Jackson for receiving a number one rating for the grant proposal “Enhancement of Electronic Research for Educational Support.” He called it “an achievement of great optimism provides a healthy, longer life. People who look on the bright side have reasons to be optimistic. In a recent study, evidence shows that people who are optimistic have healthier, longer lives than their gloom-and-doom counterparts. For years, research has shown that optimists weather coronary bypass surgery better and live longer with other

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major illnesses. Another study suggests that positive thoughts are also good for healthy people. The research strengthens the notion that thoughts and feelings can affect the immune system.

Other research has found that the more stress people experience, the more likely they are to get colds. Optimism may help people avoid getting sick during stressful times. The study further found that the more optimistic one is, the greater increase in the immune system. The research showed that the optimist had healthier attitudes and habits, they perceived less stress, had less intense mood disturbances, exercised more, avoided smoking and alcohol, was slow to anger, was not mean spirited, didn’t participate in malicious gossip and generally had a positive outlook on life. The optimist is self-assured, secure with self and does not feel threatened by others. If people are able to change habitually negative thoughts, they can improve many aspects of their lives. •

Music Listening Center Transformed
by David Candler, Music Listening Librarian

The Music Listening Center (MLC) has undergone a complete transformation, making Southern University’s listening facility second to none anywhere. Rather than attempting to repair broken and outdated equipment, the decision was made in consultation with Dean Perry to replace everything. All replacements are state-of-the-art and are now installed and ready for use by students, faculty and other patrons.

The music faculty will be able to explain listening assignments for their students with instructions provided via the CD-Burner which will allow them to record their spoken voice giving clarification and more definition for the listener. Listening stations in the MLC’s control room have increased from seven to eleven. It boasts all new power amplifiers, two new stereo CD players, four technics turntables, a true high speed cassette duplicator, a 100 disc CD-jukebox, and a CD-Burner. All 16 listening carrels are now equipped with new CD/cassette combi-decks. The CD/cassette combi-decks provide many features which allow students to record from their favorite CD’s directly to cassette tapes.

The Music Librarian’s office has a new face also. There are two new electro voice speakers installed, a dual cassette/cd boom box, a Gateway 2000 computer system, and a VCR with screen. Music Librarian, David Candler, hopes that the new facility will be used and appreciated by all.

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Tieneka Johnson, Cooperative Education student assistant (Senior, Mass Communications), Dawn Kight, Manager/Systems and Technology, presented a computer generated animated review of the Library’s impressive technological achievements and milestones.

Student honorees, Morticia Latrice Pierce, Reference student assistant (Senior-Sociology) and Wendy G. Scott, Shade Collection student assistant (Sophomore-Speech Pathology and Audiology), were introduced. Morticia was chosen as Student Assistant of the Year, and Wendy was recognized as Honorable Mention Student Assistant of the Year.

The week’s activities were rounded out with Thursday as Fine Free Day, and a New Electronic Resources Display. On Friday, the library staff donned their Library T-shirts and enjoyed a light repast in the staff lounge.

A beautiful, eleven-page National Library Week program souvenir booklet was designed by Christopher Rogers, Media Specialist Librarian. This booklet was distributed at the main program.

National Library Week Committee members were: Chair, Roslyn Tolson, Linda Forsythe, Charlotte Henderson, Dorothy Lewis, Geraldine Metevia, Christopher Rogers, Ledell Smith, and Nettie Robinson. Subcommittee members included Dawn Kight, Janice Bell, Christopher Rogers, and Debra Tilson.

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This piece could well be called Library Memories or Memoirs. In my 28 years as a librarian, I have had the occasion to have many laughs along with the serious moments. I have jotted down the reminisces, not in chronological order but as they came to my memory as I wrote.

• I shall never forget the day when the University Library was across the street directly in front of the present library. The door that led into the Acquisitions Department faced onto the street. Since it was in the summer, the door was opened wide so as to allow air to circulate in the small area (the air conditioner was not working). About 40 yards to the right of this door, there is a ravine which has a bridge leading to the dormitories on the back of the campus—the Quadrangle. I and several of the ladies with whom I worked were at our desks, when suddenly a man tapping his cane strode in the doorway. We could see that he was blind or visually handicapped, but he came in the door so swiftly, it took awhile for us to really comprehend the situation. In fact, he stumbled over the door jam. We said, almost in unison, “May we help you?” because that entrance was not the student’s entrance. He said, surprisingly, “Is this the ravine?” We could hardly contain ourselves enough to tell him that he was about 40 yards off the mark.

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• A young lady came to the Reference desk recently. She wanted to use a style manual currently in vogue. She said, very seriously, “Ma’am, do you have the latest edition of the AARP Manual?” Realizing what she was trying to say, but a bit surprised, I replied, “Young lady, you’re too young to retire. You must mean the APA Manual”?

The following were submitted by Mrs. Roslyn Tolson, Documents/Periodicals Librarian. She writes:

• I was looking for a 1996 issue of Black Issues in Higher Education last semester. I didn’t realize that there was a big bucket on the top shelf to catch the rain, since there were many leaks in the roof on the third floor. When I accidently shook the shelves a little bit during my search, the bucket tumbled down. It was full of water and my hair and clothes got soaked. I went to my team leader and she asked, “Are you aware that there was a bucket of water on top of the shelves?” She said “Nooo!” She then proceeded to call the Office. The leaks are now repaired.

Quote for the Month

“If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astonish ourselves.”

- Thomas Edison, American inventor
Library Tidbits

Library’s Government Documents Passes Inspection

The Library's Government Documents Collection passed its periodic government inspection in fine manner. Dean Emma Bradford Perry expressed her personal and profound thanks to all Library faculty and staff for their hard work, which sometimes required working overtime to prepare for the inspection. The Library is in compliance according to the official report. The only area of concern to the Inspector was Bibliographic control, which should be resolved now that LOUIS has been implemented.

The Documents/Current Periodicals staff consists of Charlotte Henderson, Head and Team Leader, Sheila Floyd, Documents Librarian, Roslyn Tolson, Ruth Robinson, Dorothy Lewis, and Seldon Chapman. Other library staff that lent a hand during this preparatory period were: Sana Alawady, Dawn Kight, Christopher J. Rogers, Christopher Russell, Kaye Coleman, Janice Bell, Lucille Bowie, Rose Martin, Geraldine Metevia, Linda Forsythe, Clyde Betz, Murphy Johnson, David Candler, Edwia Richardson, and Dean Emma Perry.

The Library is a partial depository for federal documents and the collection is located on the west end of the third floor. Government Documents and Current Periodicals were combined in 1993. The documents collection consists of 275,010 volumes with 615 government CD-ROM titles.

Ph. D. Students’ Borrowing Privileges Extended

Dean Emma Bradford Perry has extended the borrowing privileges for S. U. Ph. D. students effective July 1, 1998. Only Southern University Ph. D. students will be able to check books out of the John B. Cade Library for a semester at a time. Books must be renewed or returned at the end of each semester.

However, the Library reserves the right to recall a book at any time if it is needed by another user. This one semester checkout period is already available to Southern University faculty.

The director of the respective Ph. D. programs or the Dean's designee will be responsible for providing the students' names to the Library. The Library will also need to know if a student drops out of a program.

LSU will allow Southern University's Ph. D. students to check out materials at LSU for a 28 day period.

Library Included in Chancellor Jackson’s "Ten Reasons..." Recruitment Effort

In his comprehensive recruitment campaign Dr. Edward R. Jackson, Chancellor of the Baton Rouge Campus is compiling a provocative "Ten Reasons Why You Should Attend Southern University" to send a positive message about Southern University across the state of Louisiana.

His April 14, 1998 memorandum provided the first four reasons. Under Reason # 1, Superior Academic Programs, addressing the question: "What do accrediting agencies and external reviewers say about the university's learning environment?", the Library is cited thusly: "The John B. Cade Library has been rated highly by four different review teams for the quality of its leadership, service, and outstanding technology-intensive support system."

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Library Holdings Climbing

Library valuation statistics have been finalized and the Library's holdings are still climbing, however slowly. A comparison of library holdings for the last two years reveals that only 51,241 volumes were added during 1997-98. This figure represents the lowest number of added volumes in the last three years, from 1995-96 to present. Total holdings include:

- Total volumes: 1,396,602*
- Total books: 396,673
- Bound serials: 104,275
- Current periodical subscriptions: 1,967

*Includes all formats, recordings, microforms, slides, videotapes, filmstrips, pictures, maps, media kits, computer discs, video discs, films, musical scores, CD-ROMs and art reproductions.
Dr. Sana Alawady, Chair of Readers’ Services, has been appointed to a two-year term on the Tenure and Promotions Committee. Her term of service will expire on May 31, 1999. Alawady also attended a three day class on Management in State Government, Level I on January 20-23, 1998 at the State Capitol Annex Bldg.

Additionally, Alawady was appointed to the University Committee on Integrity in Research in March 1998. The Committee has been charged with the task of looking into the procedures and guidelines for reporting and handling cases of alleged academic misconduct or fraud in research on our campus.

Janice Bell, Special Collections Librarian and Team Leader, Charlotte Henderson, Head of Government Documents/Periodicals, and Jane Robinson, Reference Librarian, along with Emma Perry, Dean of Libraries attended the American Library Association Conference in Washington, D.C., June 1998.

Dorothy E. Davis, Reference Librarian, served on the Committee for Naming SU Buildings, is a member of the core committee for the newly organized “Women of Excellence” Project, formulated and co-chaired by Dr. Nedra Clem Jackson, and Mrs. Cynthia Tarver. A mentoring program, it is scheduled to begin operations with Freshman women students in fall 1998.


Kathryn Johnson, Head of Reference and Team Leader, became a member of the Board of the Baton Rouge Council on Human Relations in January 1998 and attended its Annual Awards Ceremony in May.

Murphy A. A. Johnson, Jr., Stack Maintenance, is to be commended for completing the shifting of all of the books on the 3rd floor, a job which would have normally taken six to eight months. The task was completed in 3 1/2 weeks with help from community service workers.

Dawn Kight, Manager/System and Technology, and Angela Proctor, Assistant Director for Electronic Reserve, attended the National On-Line Meeting in New York City, NY, May 12-14, 1998.

Kathy Knighten, Administrative Secretary, returned to work after a car accident in mid-June. We are pleased to have her back.

Eric Lendo joined the staff as Facility Guard in April. He has attended Southern University and the Baton Rouge Commercial College.

Jayne Massenberg, Bindery Librarian, and member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), attended the Southern University Women’s Luncheon Meeting speaker was Mrs. Cynthia Tarver, wife of Dr. Leon R. Tarver, II, President of the Southern University System. She spoke on her experiences at Southern University, including her job and responsibilities of being First Lady.

In April, Massenberg was appointed as a member of the Board of Supervisors for The Center, an adult day care and health care facility directed by Mrs. Ruth Hubbard. In May 1998, Massenberg was elected as President of the Southern University Federation of Teachers Union.

Vickey Murray, a 1983 graduate of Alcorn State University joined the Technical Services staff on May 4, 1998 as a Typist Clerk III. She has a B.S. in Health Science, and was previously employed in the education area at Earl K. Long Hospital. She is married and has three children: two girls and a boy. We welcome Vickie to the staff.

Emma Bradford Perry, Dean of Libraries, was appointed by Governor Mike Foster to the Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board subject to confirmation by the Senate. She has also been appointed as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the OCLC Academic Advisory Council of College and University Libraries; is a member of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 1999 ALA Conference to be held in New Orleans; and was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

Christopher J. Rogers, Media Librarian, attended the Learning Technology Conference, June 14-18, 1998 in Atlanta, GA. Also his son, Christopher J. Rogers, II was recognized as the top male academic student in his pre-school class, and received the President’s Education Award in recognition of outstanding educational improvement. This award was given on behalf of U.S. Secretary of Education Dick Riley and U.S. President William J. Clinton.