



Study Time

Students studying for final exams can be found on every floor of Mitchell Memorial Library. The library remains open 24-hours during exam time.

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Services Department at 325-0810 or instruction@library.msstate.edu.

Individual consultations and instructional sessions are available through the Reference Department and may be arranged by calling 325-7667 or by email at reference@library.msstate.edu.

LIBRARY LINKS

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consist of more than 36,000 works and 2,400,000 images.

As of 31 October 2003, the collection contained over 1,459,000 pages with content digitized through document

number 30,364 (published in 1796).

The Evans Digital Edition was purchased through a cooperative arrangement between the History Department, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Office of Research, and the University Libraries. Access is available through the Libraries' web page.

BOOKMARKS

Evans Digital Edition Now Available at MSU

The Mississippi State University Libraries is pleased to announce the recent acquisition of the Evans Digital Edition (1639-1800).

The Early American Imprints, Series 1: Evans (1639-1800) has been hailed as one of the most important collections ever produced on microform.

Based on the renowned American Bibliography by Charles Evans and enhanced by Roger Bristol's *Supplement to Evans' American Bibliography*, the collection was first published by the Readex Corporation in cooperation with the American Antiquarian Society (AAS).

For decades, the collection has served as a foundation set for research involving early American history, literature, philosophy, religion, and more.

Series 1: Evans is the definitive resource for information about every aspect of life in seventeenth and eighteenth century America. Continuing their long-term relationship, Readex and AAS are undertaking a massive project to digitize the entire Evans collection.

The Evans Digital Edition will include every item previously produced on microform plus more than 1,200 additional works located, cataloged, and digitized since completion of the original work.

By searching ASCII text associated with the images, researchers will enjoy an unprecedented ability to locate relevant materials. Bibliographic records created by the AAS are integrated into the database and provide additional access points. Upon completion, the Evans Digital Edition will

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Montgomery Honored

Former Congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery was honored during a special luncheon earlier this semester when he spoke at the MSU Library as part of the Collins Speaker Series. More than 16 speakers paid tribute to the leader during the program, including MSU President Charles Lee and Montgomery's former Press Secretary Anne Buffington. The Congressman enjoyed visiting with old friends during the day, including (top photo) Wayne Weidie, Dave "Boo" Ferris and Hank Moseley. Congressman Montgomery also signed copies of his book, *Sonny Montgomery: The Veteran's Champion* - written with MSU Libraries' Mike Ballard and Craig Piper (below), during the event.

Patrons benefit from Library's Web of Science

Faculty and students who rely on the ISI citation indexes will be pleased to learn that improved access to these important research tools is now available via the Internet through the Web of Science.



Providing online access to Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, and Arts & Humanities Citation Index, the Web of Science provides seamless access to current and retrospective multidisciplinary information from approximately 8,500 of the most prestigious, high impact research journals in the world.

The Web of Science is most noted for providing cited reference searching, which allows users to track the dissemination of key articles throughout multiple disciplines.

Web access also significantly enhances other searching capabilities.

The Web of Science is comprised of a three year back file (2000 to the present) and supplements the Libraries' current holdings in print and CD-ROM.

Recent workshops focusing on the individual components of the Web of Science have just been completed.

Users may request instruction for their department or class by contacting the Library Instructional

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Good Citations: MSU Libraries Provide Access to EndNote

The MSU Libraries has signed an agreement with the Institute for Scientific Information ResearchSoft (ISI), which permits the Libraries to sell copies of the EndNote bibliographic management software to MSU faculty, staff, and students.

EndNote is favored by millions of researchers, faculty, students, and libraries to organize references and create bibliographies.

Version 7 introduces sever-



al new features including the ability to instantly create a bibliography with subject headings, manage and cite images with EndNote and Microsoft Word, and use EndNote with Palm handheld software.

MSU affiliated users may purchase EndNote at a subsidized price. EndNote 7 will be

sold to faculty for \$75 and to students for \$50. Departmental transfers can be arranged. The software will be available for this price at the MSU Libraries' Access Services desk.

Each person purchasing a copy of the software will receive the program on a CD-ROM and will be entitled to all software upgrades during the contract period.

EndNote will work seamlessly with the online resources available through the

MSU Libraries.

Introductory and advanced training sessions will be conducted during the Spring 2004 semester through the Libraries' Instructional Services department.

Users may also find assistance online at the EndNote Resource Page: <http://library.msstate.edu/li/EndNote/>.

Workshop dates and times will be posted on the Libraries' web page.

Request Books Online With BOO

Faculty members in academic departments can submit and track their book order requests through Book Orders Online (BOO), a web based acquisitions system.

Designed to banish order cards forever, BOO allows faculty to submit orders and review outstanding book orders.

The requests go through the same review process as orders submitted in writing.

Approval by the Departmental Library Representative and Library Liaison is still required prior to submission to the Libraries' Acquisitions Department.

For more information or a demonstration of how BOO operates, contact June Schmidt at 325-7672 or jschmidt@library.msstate.edu. Faculty may also contact their Library Liaison.

Reference Department Reaching Out to Undergraduate Students

The MSU Libraries provides a variety of resources and services to assist undergraduate students in their research.

The Reference Department actively encourages freshmen to use the Library through the following programs:

- **Bully Says!** cards: promotional cards which are designed for students to put on their bulletin boards or back packs. These cards have been distributed to the freshmen living in dorms and are available to other groups.

- **Undergraduate Research Center (URC):** Located in the Reference Room, the URC is designed to assist students with

speeches and papers on a wide variety of popular topics. Current career resources are also available at the URC.

- **Residence Hall Workshops:** The reference librarians are conducting workshops in the residence halls to discuss library resources and services.

- **Just for Undergraduates!:** A web page designed to assist undergraduates as they use the Libraries' resources. Undergraduates can connect with research resources, reference assistance, and other library information in one convenient place online.

Available online at: <http://library.msstate.edu/reference/jfundergraduates.asp>.



Minor Speaks During Collins Series

Political columnist Bill Minor spoke to MSU faculty, staff, students and friends during the Library's latest Morris Collins Speaker Series event. The longtime columnist discussed a number of subjects before spending some time with old friends like Stennis Institute Director Marty Wiseman (left), Dean of Libraries Frances Coleman and Associate Provost for Academic Affairs George Rent.

Time to Schedule Workshops, Facilities

Exams, grading, Christmas - who can think about spring semester when there is still so much to do to wind things up this semester?

But the staff of the Instructional Media Center would like to encourage you to think ahead.

"This is the perfect time to schedule spring workshops or reserve Library classrooms for next semester," said IMC coordinator Pattye Archer.

The IMC teaches custom

workshops on a number of software programs including Dreamweaver, FrontPage, Adobe Illustrator and PhotoShop, Power Point, Excel and more. And these workshops can be tailored to meet a professor's specific need, Archer said.

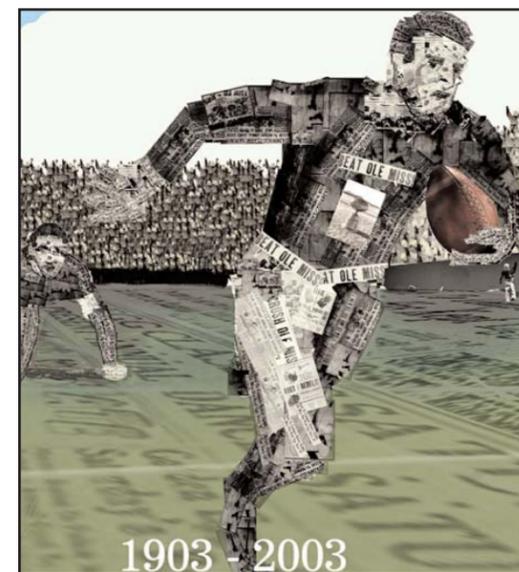
"We are here to assist professors as they integrate the newest technology into their course curriculum. If we can help in any way, please contact us at 325-7676 or write parcher@library.msstate.edu," Archer said.

Egg Bowl History Now on Display

Come see the history of football and the Egg Bowl at MSU!

The MSU Libraries' are sponsoring an exhibit through the end of December on the history of football at Mississippi State University. And what history would be complete without Egg Bowl mementos and information?

Visit the exhibit cases on the second and third floors of the Mitchell Memorial Library to find out more about the history of the Egg Bowl!



Survival Skills Target Graduate Students

The Survival Skills for Graduate Students is an online resource pulling together library and campus resources to assist graduate students at every stage of their studies.

Designed to bring together commonly used resources, the Survival Skills for Graduate Students web space supports the research and instructional efforts of both on-campus graduate students and those enrolled in distance education courses.

The web page is available at <http://library.msstate.edu/li/ssfsgs/>.

The web page also provides access to supporting materials used in the workshop series by the same name. Workshops offered this past semester include:

- Research and Dissertation Basics
- Job Hunting in Academe: Landing



on the Tenure Track!

- Developing a Literature Review: An Overview for Graduate Students
- Grant\$ for Grads: Dissertation and Research Funding
- Crafting the Winning Curriculum Vita

The workshops will be offered again this spring. Departments may arrange for special sessions of any of these workshops for their graduate classes or student organizations by contacting the Library Instructional Services Department at 325-0810 or instruction@library.msstate.edu.

MSU Authors Website: Online Again!

The newly revised and enhanced MSU Authors Website is now available at <http://library.msstate.edu/msuauthors/>.

Originally created in 1997 as a project of the Giles Distinguished Professors, the MSU Authors Website is currently maintained by Dr. Michael Ballard, University Archivist.

This project recognizes the monographic contributions of researchers at

Mississippi State University. Authors may submit publicity photographs, book jacket images and information, as well as other information about the author and book publications.

MSU authors may log onto the MSU Authors website and submit their information. Dr. Ballard will review the entry and post the completed information to the MSU Authors Website. If the

book is available in the MSU Libraries, a link from the author's web site to the catalog entry in the Galaxy Online Catalog will allow easy access to the call number of the requested publication.

Currently, the MSU Authors Website provides information only on books. Future enhancements will include the ability to list other types of research materials.

SFX comes to MSU

SFX has come to MSU and with it a world of online access options. The MSU Libraries recently completed implementation of SFX, a comprehensive linking service which allows for the integration of full text access and print holdings information.

SFX provides direct links from citations in selected databases to the full text of the item (if available).

SFX is a third party service which works with the Libraries' indexes and online catalog to facilitate access to both electronic and print resources.

When searching a database, simply click on the SFX@MSU button, which will bring up a menu of available services. From this menu, users may link directly to the full text of the article in another database, search the MSU Libraries Galaxy Online Catalog to see if the material is available in the Library, or submit an inter-library loan request through the Illiad system.

An online FAQ for SFX is available on the Libraries' web page: <http://library.msstate.edu/resources/openURL/sfxfaq.asp>.

Users may also call the Ready Reference Desk at 325-7667 for additional assistance with SFX.

MSU's MyLibrary Service Earns Award From ALA

The American Library Association has recognized the MyLibrary service as an "innovative web-based reference service."

MyLibrary is a customizable service which allows users to create a portable web page using resources from the MSU Libraries web site.

The personalized web page becomes a one-stop reference tool featuring the user's preferences and favorite library resources.

The service is available online at <http://library.msstate.edu/mylibrary/index.asp> or by selecting the "My Page" option from the Libraries' maroon menu.

MSU joins university libraries at Cornell, New York, North Carolina State, and Virginia Commonwealth in being recognized for "innovative or interesting locally developed reference projects."

