



Mona Mellon, niece of former JSU librarian Dr. Alta Millican, unveils a portrait of Dr. Millican during rededication ceremonies for the library.

## Friends name fifth floor for late librarian

During the Oct. 21 rededication ceremony, the Friends of the Houston Cole Library paid tribute to former librarian Dr. Alta Millican by renaming the fifth floor, which houses education and juvenile titles, in her honor.

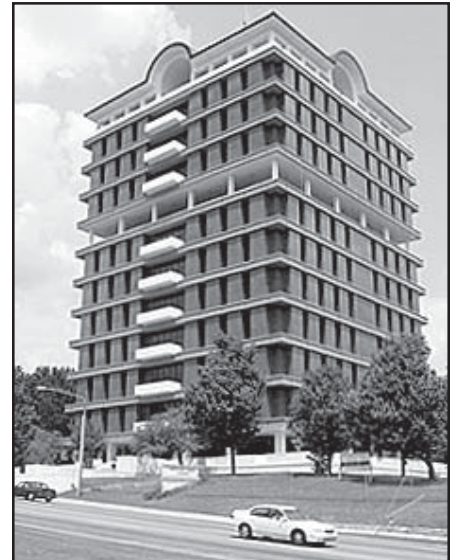
Dr. Millican was the University Librarian from 1968-1986, and was

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## Red and rededicated

### October ceremony marks completion of exterior renovation

After extensive exterior renovations, Houston Cole Library was rededicated on October 21. The marble panels that formed the exterior facing of the library had deteriorated to the point where they were in danger of working loose from their moorings and falling. They were replaced by panels of red



At left: Assisting in cutting the ribbon at the rededication of Cole Library are, from left: Pete Mathews, chairman, JSU Board of Trustees; Theron Montgomery, former JSU president; Bill Hubbard, University Librarian; Bill Meehan, JSU president,; and Harold McGee former JSU president.

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## Universal Borrowing comes to Jax State

Beginning this semester, Houston Cole Library will join several other academic libraries in Alabama in implementing a Universal Borrowing (UB) System. The libraries involved in the project will be limited to those using compatible software systems.

Institutions expected to participate are Jacksonville State University, Auburn University, Auburn University at Montgomery, University of Alabama at Birmingham (Sterne Library), and the University of Alabama.

Using ALLIES, the Alabama Libraries Exchange Service, Library patrons will be able to walk into a participating library and check out materials using a photo ID. Materials can be returned to



any library in the ALLIES system.

In addition, Library users will be able to request books from these libraries and have them delivered quickly to any library in the ALLIES system. UB allows ALLIES users to identify materials of interest by simultaneously searching the participating libraries' catalogs. Once identified, the availability of a title can be seen in real time. An online form immediately sends the request to the holding library. There, the item is readied for delivery to any participating library for

pickup. When the requested item reaches the destination library, the borrower is notified it is ready for pickup. Throughout this process the status of the item is always available through the online catalog. The borrower can monitor the status through their patron infor-

mation record.

Eligible patrons include:

- A currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student who has circulation privileges at his or her home institution;
- A currently employed faculty or staff member who has circulation privileges at his or her home institution; and
- Retired faculty.

Circulating books will be the only type of material eligible for Universal Borrowing.

The ALLIES libraries have agreed to a common 28-day loan period.

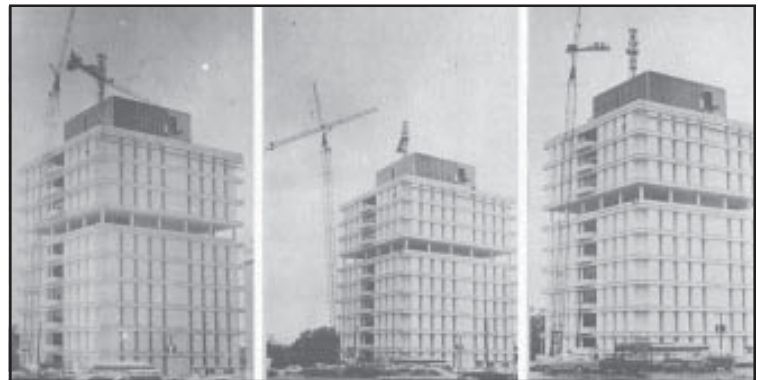
*NOTE: To browse online catalogs for any of the ALLIES partners, select the ALLIES tab at the top of any of the Library's simple search pages (<http://library.jsu.edu/>).*



## A Volume of History

From the Alabama Gallery on the 10th floor, Cole Library tells its own story in photographs.

Clockwise from left: Dr. Cole reviews plans for the new facility, which in this drawing boasts eight stories. Above, Four on the floor and counting... the beginning of construction is captured by the Chanticleer in 1970. Below, the crane is removed very carefully from the nearly complete building. And finally, Houston Cole stands with his namesake.



## Rededication and History

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Texas polished granite, which better match the brickwork of most other campus buildings. A canopy and metal roof was constructed over the existing penthouse in order to address the leakage experienced with the exposed glass panels on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor. This new roof treatment and exterior panels radically change the appearance of the state's tallest academic building.

The Houston Cole Library, named in honor of the President Emeritus who served the University from 1942-1971, was built during a time in JSU's history when the campus infrastructure appeared to be living up to the homecoming theme from 1969: "Jumping Jax."

Buildings were popping up all over-- Sparkman and Wallace, Merrill and Brewer Halls were all

built within a few years of each other. Then came the biggest investment for the University: the Library.

The project cost a whopping \$5 million and employed the talents of many skilled laborers representing the architectural firms of Charles H. McCauley Associates, Inc. of Birmingham and Blondheim, Williams

## Millican

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also Dean of the School of Library Science and Instructional Media, later the College of Library Science, Communications, and Instructional Media.

She was responsible for the development of the non-print instructional media services, and the re-establishment of a program of teaching library science accredited

of Eufaula. Contractors for the job were Jones & Hardy of Montevallo.

Cole Library was dedicated on October 15, 1973, more than a year after the University's 400,000 volumes and library staff took up residence in the building in August, 1972. Today, the Library's holdings number 650,000 volumes.

by the State Department of Education and by NCATE for master's and educational specialist degrees. Dr. Millican had previously served as a teacher at Jacksonville High School and a dormitory director and history teacher at JSU. She received her master's degree in library science from Florida State University and her doctorate in education from Auburn University.

# Between the Stacks

## Added online search feature makes it easier to track new arrivals

A new feature available on the Houston Cole Library Web site allows patrons to find out what's new on the library shelves. The New Books, Videos, etc. Search feature provides an easy way to find out what books and audio-visual materials have recently been added to the catalog. Users may select a subject or search by all subjects; specify the date range (from last month to the last four months), and then choose to have the results sorted by call number, title or author. In addition, an optional search box allows further limiting of searches with words from the title, author name, or beginning of a call number, such as QC. The New Books, Videos, etc. Search may be accessed by clicking the last tab in the online Voyager catalog or from a link on the catalog home page at <http://library.jsu.edu/>.

*By Paula J. Barnett-Ellis*

## Library's Smart Lab relocates and expands

The Library's interactive "smart lab" used for library orientation and subject specific bibliographic instruction sessions has an additional nine workstations.

The lab now has a total of twenty-five workstations for patrons to use while learning about the library. The library's smart lab has also been moved to the basement of the building. The hands-on learning facility is now located in the old card catalog room. For more information on the smart lab or to schedule Library orientation or instruction sessions, please contact the Library Instructional Services Coordinator at 782-5252 or e-mail [jgraham@jsucc.jsu.edu](mailto:jgraham@jsucc.jsu.edu).

*By John-Bauer Graham*

## Serials Solutions makes locating electronic journal titles a cinch

The Houston Cole Library has access to more than 21,000 full-text journals which are contained in over 90 databases. Finding which journal is

contained in any given database has always been a difficult task, until now. We are now subscribing to a service from Serials Solutions which provides a searchable index of the journal titles and quickly points the way to accessing the full-text. The index is updated every two months to include changes in our database selections.

*By Luke Griffin*

## Library continues free access to Anniston Star

The Anniston Star has recently implemented a restriction on accessing the online version of the newspaper. Access now requires a username and password.

The Library's institutional subscription allows free access to the online version by authorized users, who do not have to login with a username and password. All JSU employees and students are authorized users.

To access the Star easily, we have placed a link at the bottom of the Library's homepage:

<http://www.jsu.edu/depart/library/>.

## Five Library Faculty in Phi Kappa Phi

On December 3, librarians Mary Bevis, Linda Cain, Bill Hubbard, Sonja McAbee, and Charter Member George Whitesel were inducted as the first members of Jacksonville State University's Phi Kappa Phi chapter. JSU was awarded a chapter of this prestigious international academic honor society after an extensive written review and a campus visit. The library responded to five pages of standards on its Mission, Goals and Objectives; Collections; Services; Budgetary Support; Staffing; and Accrediting Agencies. Next came a site visit by national and regional officers, which included an extensive tour of the library.

At the induction ceremony, Dr. Wayne Lacy, a Phi Kappa Phi Regional Vice President emphasized the library among academic support services reviewed when he explained the criteria on which new chapter applicants are evaluated. He then presented the Jacksonville State University Phi Kappa Phi charter to chapter president, John Jones, who intends to

hang it next to the Phi Beta Kappa Association Charter in the southeast lobby of the library.

Congratulations to Jacksonville State University, Houston Cole Library, and the new inductees to this prestigious academic honor society.

## Librarians Publish in the Summer Edition of *The Southeastern Librarian*

Librarians John-Bauer Graham, Jodi Poe, and Kim Weatherford have had an article entitled "Interface-Lift: The Houston Cole Library's Web Page Redesign Project" published in *The Southeastern Librarian*. The article appears in the volume 50, number 2, Summer, 2002 issue. In addition, Law/Technology Librarian Hanrong Wang had an article entitled "Resources and Services for Remote Access" published in the same issue. Wang coauthored the paper with William Hubbard, University Librarian.

*By John-Bauer Graham and Hanrong Wang*

## HCL staff present at Southeast Voyager Users Group Meeting

Sonja McAbee, Head of Library Services; and Don Walter, Library Systems Administrator, presented a program on Integrating Electronic Reserves with Docutek, Voyager and EZProxy at the SEVUGM Meeting in Auburn on Monday and Tuesday, July 22-23, 2002. The presentation discussed the implementation procedures, policy implications, workflow issues and technical aspects of integrating a non-Endeavour product with the Voyager catalog to provide students access through a familiar portal.

## Library hosts Collection Development Seminar

On November 7, the Library hosted a Collection Development Seminar for about 20 public and academic library acquisitions personnel from throughout the state. The presenter was Dr. Annabel Stephens of the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies.

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# On the Brink



Annual Conference  
on Emerging  
Southern Writers

February 15

Houston Cole Library

This year's theme:

"I'm Happy for Them to Do It"  
featuring

Aileen Henderson  
Tenderfoot Teacher

Brian Hicks  
Raising the Hunley

Cassandra King  
The Sunday Wife

Norman McMillan  
Distant Son

Michael Morris  
A Place Called Wiregrass

Lynn Pruett  
Ruby River

Steven Sherrill  
The Minotaur Takes a Cigarette  
Break

Hans Watford  
Mortal Strain

Isabel Zuber  
Salt

For information or to register

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## A special invitation...

Join the Friends of the Houston Cole Library  
for an evening with

## Alabama's Writer of the Year

Sena Jeter  
**Naslund**

Author of

Ahab's Wife

Sherlock in Love

The Disobedience of  
Water

Four Spirits



Monday, February 24th  
7:30 p.m. - Cole Library

For more information call 782-5248

Books will be available for purchase for signing

*This event is part of JSU's "Kaleidoscope" Festival of the Arts*

## Cole Train

the official newsletter of the  
Houston Cole Library  
Jacksonville State University