

# Cole Train

The Inside Track to the Houston Cole Library

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## Library Gamecock Gallopers retain title

Houston Cole Library defending champion Gamecock Gallop participants again took the President's Cup Award for their efforts in the Nov. 6, 5K event. The plaque, presented on Nov. 18 by Jim McLaughlin of the JSU Wellness Center, will remain on display for another year in the library's lobby.



Overall female winner Laurie Charnigo (left) and team organizer Kim Weatherford accept the President's Award from Jim McLaughlin.



Houston Cole Library staff who helped clinch the President's Cup Award for the third year accepted their plaque from Jim McLaughlin of the Wellness Center (fourth from right) on Nov. 18. Participants in the race were (from left) Hanrong Wang, Jodi Poe, Debra Deering, Paula Barnett-Ellis, Laurie Charnigo, Kim Weatherford, Bill Hubbard, Arland Henning and John Bauer Graham.

The President's Cup Award is given for the highest number of participants from a single department, and was presented to Laurie Charnigo and Kim Weatherford for their efforts in organizing the team.

Laurie Charnigo was also once again the race's female overall winner, with a time of 21:43.75.

The library's 10-member team was composed of Bill Hubbard, John-Bauer Graham, Elisha Thompson, Laurie Charnigo, Kim Weatherford, Debra Deering, Jodi Poe, Paula Barnett-Ellis, Hanrong Wang, and Arland Henning.

## Friends sponsor Pearson visit



T. R. Pearson, author of *A Short History of a Small Place*, *Off for the Sweet Hereafter*, *The Last of How It Was*, *Call and Response*, *Gospel Hour*, *Cry Me a River*, *Blue Ridge*, *Polar*, and *True Cross* appeared at Houston Cole Library September 23, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. for a reading, talk, and book signing. The Friends of the Houston Cole Library sponsored the event honoring the writer whose novels set in the Appalachian Highlands have been compared to the great tradition of Southwestern humorists.

## New microform scanner/printer offers clarity

To assist patrons using old and poorly filmed microfilm and microfiche, the Library has purchased a microform scanner and printer. This new machine, located on the 2nd floor, allows patrons to view, digitally scan, and print microforms. The Houston Cole Library's

microform collection contains newspapers, journals, magazines, and books published as early as the 1600s. This new machine allows for the microform images to be captured digitally to be read and printed with better clarity.

## LibQUAL+ survey set for spring semester

The library is gearing up for its 2005 LibQUAL+ survey. The last survey, completed in 2003, provided valuable information about how users view the library and its services. The 2005 survey, which will be conducted during the spring semester, is a web-based form that consists of 22 questions about the library and the services it provides, as well as a field for user comments. Those chosen to participate in the survey will be notified via their JSU e-mail account and given the URL to complete the survey online. All participants who complete the survey will be entered in a drawing for a free gift.

## Library makes showing in "Use It or Lose It" Spelling Bee

The Jacksonville High School band boosters held their first annual "Use It or Lose It" adult spelling bee at Jacksonville High School on Sept. 9.

Band director Jeff Gossett emceed the fundraising event, and refreshments were provided by the band boosters. The fundraiser, which benefited the Jacksonville High School band, pitted against each other teams from the community, local businesses, and the University. Two of the four University teams were composed of library personnel: Spell Bound (Bill Hubbard, Paula Barnett-Ellis, and Harry Nuttall) and the Post

Scripps (Angie Finley, Kim Weatherford, and Bethany Skaggs).

The library teams made a good showing, with the Post Scripps making it into the final four before being stumped by "tufaceous." After a drawn out struggle, the judges finally declared a tie, the winners being the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher from St. Charles Catholic Church and the Polyglots, made up of faculty from the JSU English Department.

Every team member received a "Surtifikat of Partisapaten" for his or her contribution to the fundraising event.



Post Scripps team members (from left) Angie Finley, Beth Skaggs and Kim Weatherford relax between rounds of the "Use it or Lose It" Spelling Bee at Jacksonville High School.

## Coming & Going

There are a number of new faces at Houston Cole Library this semester, as positions have been filled and replacements have been appointed for recent retirees.

Among the first changes patrons may see at the library are the new circulation staff, **Jorge Ortega**, **Tiffany Onkst** and **Patrick Bolack**.

Ortega, who can be found at the desk each Sunday - Thursday from 3 - 11 p.m., is a native of Los Angeles. Before coming to HCL, he worked at California Baptist University in Riverside, Calif.

Also working the night shift on the circulation desk is Bolack. Some patrons may recognize Bolack as a former JSU Security guard and a current student, as he is finishing his undergraduate degree in sociology. A Pinson native, Bolack recently married. He counts the high level of patron interaction as the best thing about working at the Library.

Recently retired from the circulation staff was **Karen VanCleave**, who left in September.

Up on the fourth floor, HCL has a new departmental secretary. **Angie Johnson** was selected in late summer to fill this new position.

Mrs. Johnson worked for National Credit Service prior to joining HCL and is a native of East St. Louis, Ill. She is married to her high school sweetheart, and the couple has three children and four grandchildren. She enjoys reading, watching Lifetime television, traveling, spending time with her family and helping others when she can.

In Technical Services, there are two new employees. **Delores Collier**, Technical Assistant specializing in the cataloging of serial, juvenile, reference and Alabama titles, came to Houston Cole Library from the Pleasant Valley High School library, where she had been for six years. She replaces **Susan Jones**, who retired in September after 26 years of service.

A resident of Knighten's Crossroads, Mrs. Collier is married and has two children. She is an avid supporter of the Pleasant Valley Band, and is band booster vice-president. She also enjoys gardening and crafts.

Also new to Tech Services is **Lisa Gowens**, who is a cataloging assistant. Prior to joining the staff of HCL, Mrs. Gowens worked at Allstate Insurance in Anniston. She lives in Spring Garden and is married with two children, who keep her busy coaching softball and leading Girl Scouts.

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# Between the Stacks

The Houston Cole Librarians have been busy since the last Cole Train with several publications and presentations. Here is a list of some of their accomplishments:

## Cain, Stokesberry present at Nov. 16 Academe

Mary Stokesberry and Linda Cain gave a short presentation on the Hy 201&202 project. Ms. Stokesberry addressed the classroom issues and Ms. Cain talked on the library research issues at Academe on Nov. 16, 2004

## Barnett-Ellis, Charnigo offer poster session at SELA Conference

Paula Barnett-Ellis and Laurie Charnigo did a poster session presentation at the Southeastern Library Association Biennial Conference/ North Carolina Library Association Centennial Conference, entitled "Offer It and They Will Come: Wireless Networks in Medium Sized Academic Libraries," Charlotte, NC, November 12, 2004.

## McAbee, Hubbard article published in Collection Management

Sonja L. McAbee and William J. Hubbard's article, "The Current Reality of National Book Publishing Output and Its Effect on Collection Assessment," was published in *Collection Management*, vol. 28, no. 4 (2004): 67-78.

## Subject Specialist Librarian Duties focus of Graham, McAbee article

Sonja L. McAbee and John-Bauer Graham's article "Expectations, Realities, and Perceptions of Subject Specialist Librarians' Duties in Medium Sized Academic Libraries," will be published in the November 2005 Journal of Academic Librarianship.

The pair was Awarded the 2004 Alabama Library Association, College, University, and Special Libraries, Research Grant of \$250.00 to go toward expenses to gather data for research in the article. The grant was awarded at the 2004 CUS Research Forum. The paper will be presented at the 2005 Alabama Library Association CUS Research Forum.

## Poe, Graham discuss distance Interactive CDs at May Academe session

John-Bauer Graham and Jodi Poe presented an Academe session entitled: "Going the Distance: Interactive CD-ROMs for Library Instruction," at the Library on May 19, 2004.

## Hubbard to present Wang Pathfinder paper at Shanghai conference

William J. Hubbard will present "Integrating Electronic Pathfinders in Digital Libraries: A Model for China," which he co-authored with Hanrong Wang, at the International Conference on Asian Digital Libraries, Shanghai, PRC, December 13-17. The paper will be published in the conference *Proceedings* publication, as well.



### Surfin' JSU

Technical Services employees got into the spirit of homecoming with their door decoration. Although the three-dimensional Cocky on a Surfboard didn't take top honors with the judges, the "feathered" mascot made the halls of the ground level of Cole Library a little brighter.

*Give the Gift of Knowledge...  
A Membership in the  
Friends!*



The Friends of Houston Cole Library's purpose is to promote the appreciation of the Library as the center of academic life at Jacksonville State University and to provide enrichment for its resources. Membership brings: Opportunities to participate in the enhancement of the library; Your own card for checking out titles; and Special programs and activities throughout the year!

**YES!** I wish to give a membership in Friends of Houston Cole Library as indicated below:

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Contributing	\$25 year	___
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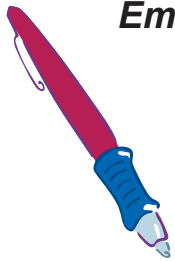
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# On the Brink

**Annual Conference on  
Emerging Southern Writers**



**February 12, 2005  
Houston Cole Library**

“Won’t Do to Give Out  
Too Much Cloth for  
One Pair of Pants”

## Featured Writers and Their Works

Marlin Barton	<i>A Broken Thing</i>
Joe Formichella	<i>The Wreck of the Twilight Limited</i>
Tom Franklin	<i>Hell at the Breech</i>
Tommy Hays	<i>The Pleasure Was Mine</i>
Roy Hoffman	<i>Chicken Dreaming Corn</i>
Gretchen Laskas	<i>The Midwife’s Tale</i>
Dayne Sherman	<i>Welcome to the Fallen Paradise</i>
Frank Stitt	<i>Frank Stitt’s Southern Table</i>

## Tentative Conference Schedule

9:00 - 10:00	Registration and Refreshments
10:15 - 11:15	Session I
11:15 - 12:00	Book Signings
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
2:00 - 3:00	Session II
3:00 - 4:00	Book Signings

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## Long Winter’s Night Reads

A few recommendations from our new arrivals collection:

- *Redbird Christmas* / Fannie Flagg
- *Chicken dreaming corn : a novel* / Roy Hoffman.
- *Villages* / John Updike.
- *Small Town Odds* / Jason Headly
- *The Weatherman* / Clint McCown
- *Alabama 24/7 : 24 hours, 7 days, extraordinary images of one week in Alabama* / created by Rick Smolan and David Elliot Cohen.
- *Fierce : a memoir* / Barbara Robinette Moss.
- *Art of the book proposal : from focused idea to finished proposal* / Eric Maisel.
- *Bloodworth : the true story of the first death row inmate exonerated by DNA* / Tim Junkin.
- *Jacob’s ladder : the history of the human genome* / Henry Gee.
- *Heavy lifting : the job of the American legislature* / Alan Rosenthal.
- *Geographic information systems in business* / James B. Pick, editor.
- *8th habit : from effectiveness to greatness* / Stephen R. Covey.
- *Imperial hubris : why the West is losing the war on terror* / Anonymous.
- *Refuge from the Reich : American airmen and Switzerland during World War II* / Stephen Tanner.

*Happy Holidays  
from the Staff of  
Houston Cole Library*



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