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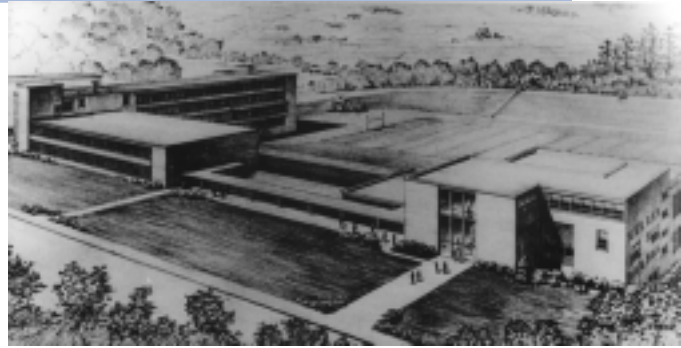
by Terry Ensley, Library Assistant-Circulation

In order to ensure that the Reserves operation for course materials at Hunter Library is in compliance with copyright law, several changes in procedure will be implemented beginning fall semester 2000. These changes involve any photocopy or digital reproduction of copyrighted material (such as an article, or a chapter from a book) to be placed on either traditional or electronic reserve.

- ⇒ Only **one photocopy of each item per class section** may be placed on reserve.
- ⇒ Except for books owned by Hunter Library, a Reserve Cover Sheet must accompany each and every material submitted for reserve. Completing this Reserve Cover Sheet requires providing a full citation for the material submitted, a date by which the material needs to be available, and the title students will be looking for. (Reserve Cover Sheets are provided at the Circulation Desk.)
- ⇒ **Permission from the publisher must be obtained (by instructor) to keep a photocopy or digital reproduction of copyrighted material on reserve for more than one semester, even nonconsecutive semesters.**

In order to offset this limitation of one photocopy, Electronic Reserve is an option to all faculty. Electronic Reserve is the electronic version of printed (or digital) reserve material that is made available via the Library's InfoHunter system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (www.wcu.edu/library/). Students can view, download, or print this material from their computer, a campus computer, or any computer whose web browser can read PDF (Portable Document Format) files.

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1952 Dedication

Joint Celebration of Hunter Library and the Stillwell Bldg.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS 1923-2000

by George Frizzell, Archivist II-Special Collections

How can a library be measured? It can be done in sheer numbers: books, subscriptions, patrons. More importantly, a library must be measured by service, both to its current clientele and in plans to meet future needs. When Western Carolina University, then known as Cullowhee Normal & Industrial School, employed its first full-time librarian in 1923 the library consisted of one room and 1,000 volumes. Sixty years later WCU dedicated a new library addition and a renovated older building that together contained 149,000 square feet, 400,000 volumes, and over one-half million microforms. As the school's curriculum and enrollment grew in the eight decades after its formal organization, so did the library's efforts to provide service. Today, Hunter Library not only houses 600,000 volumes, plus videos, recordings, manuscripts and maps, but offers the WCU community an array of databases and Web access services.

This year Hunter Library will experience a rare transition with the arrival of a new University Librarian. WCU has had only five full-time head librarians: Eleanor J. Gladstone (1923-1931), Lilian Barker Buchanan (1932-1967), Peter W. Hart (1967-1969), Robert L. Balliot (1970-1976), and William J. Kirwan (1977-2000). To mark this milestone, Hunter's staff is taking time to reflect on the library's history.

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Kathryn S. Byer

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The Library's Formative Years

During the school's formative years library facilities were virtually nonexistent. One teacher, E.P. Mangum, noted in 1894 that his reading course was limited and required "books of my own private library, together with the few which the pupils have been able to purchase." That same year Robert L. Madison, the school's president, indicated that 75 volumes had been acquired by purchase and gift as the "nucleus" of a library. Unfortunately, expenditures on the library remained minimal and irregular. In 1916 school president A.C. Reynolds suggested an annual appropriation of \$200 to develop a library. While such sums seem modest by today's standards, administrators later recalled the financial challenges faced by the institution during its first decades and the staff's dedication to providing the region's youth an educational opportunity that otherwise would not have been affordable.

The Gladstone Years

Beginning in 1920 the library received permanent attention and within three years its holdings tripled. In the fall of 1923 Eleanor Gladstone, a graduate of Carleton College in Minnesota, was appointed the first full-time librarian. Gladstone assumed charge of a single large room of Joyner Building, which had been constructed in 1913-14. In that lone room were 1,332 volumes, scattered magazines and newspapers, and long pine tables.

Due to limited resources, the librarian and school administrators exercised particular control over

This year's "*Sunday Afternoon at the Library*" will be co-sponsored by Friends of Hunter Library and City Lights Bookstore. We have teamed up to bring you an outstanding program by David B. Hopes and Kathryn S. Byer. Scheduled for Sunday, April 30th, at the Mountain Heritage Center, this event promises to be a very special occasion. The afternoon's events will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Following readings, there will be an opportunity to purchase selected works by each of the authors and have them signed, while you enjoy refreshments and good conversation.

Many of you know David Hopes for his columns in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*. Hopes is also the author of a number of published works, including, *A Sense of the Morning: Nature Through New Eyes*, which recently was featured



in a number of North Carolina newspapers. As to Kathryn Stripling Byer, I believe anyone who has been around Western North Carolina very long at all has read and enjoyed many of her beautiful poems. These two fine writers promise to make the afternoon memorable.

For those of you who may not already be members of Friends of Hunter Library, you are cordially invited to attend and join the Friends at that time. To our members, we sincerely hope you will take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to enjoy a wonderful afternoon with David Hopes and Kathryn Byer. On behalf of the Friends of Hunter Library and the staff of City Lights Bookstore, we hope to see you there!

acquisitions. As expressed in 1924, Gladstone's philosophy for the library was to:

"... serve the needs, the immediate needs, of those who use it. It should contain that type of books that inculcates a love for the great masters, an appreciation for the great ideas and ideals that shape individual and national destinies. Realizing that such is the purpose and province of real literature, those who have looked after the needs of the library and planned its growth have zealously guarded against anything to occupy a place on the shelves that does not measure up to a high standard."

The article concluded by stressing that no "undesirable" books were allowed to infiltrate the collections. Every book placed in the collections required the approval of the appropriate department head and of the Faculty Library Committee in order to assure that the collection met the needs of the library's primary users: students in training to be elementary teachers. Even so, many students confronted financial hardships that even made the purchase of textbooks difficult. The library, therefore, sought to assist by purchasing multiple copies of a book assigned for a course.



Eleanor Gladstone

Gladstone assumed charge of a single large room of Joyner Building. . . .

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A number of physical and organizational changes were made to the library during Gladstone's tenure. The collection grew to 5,800 volumes by 1929 and had been catalogued according to the Dewey Decimal system. Regular operating hours, including evening hours, were established and new furniture enhanced the atmosphere.



Joyner Building, constructed 1914, housed the library until 1952

The Buchanan Years in Joyner Building

During the 1920s the school implemented a 4-year college curriculum and, in 1929, adopted the name Western Carolina Teachers College to reflect its new role. As the school's academic program expanded, the need for an adequate library became more pressing. However, Gladstone experienced health problems by late 1929 and the school hired Lilian Buchanan (1896 – 1991) as an assistant. Buchanan had demonstrated her abilities when she helped organize a public library in Sylva in the 1920s. By Gladstone's retirement in 1931, Buchanan was effectively supervising the library and would be appointed head librarian by 1932. Even after her official appointment, Buchanan continued her education and earned an MLS from Columbia in 1943 in successive summer sessions.

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Under Buchanan, the library grew in both physical space and outreach programs. By 1939 the library occupied the entire second floor of Joyner and provided the necessary space for new activities. Buchanan's philosophy on the role of a library continued Gladstone's belief in providing "good" reading and "the best in all types of literature." However, Buchanan believed in the need to broaden the cultural life of the student body. Under her guidance, the library became a center for social and cultural activities. Buchanan hoped the library might serve "as a place where students . . . can develop their musical and artistic tastes." To this end, a collection of pictures and "the best in recorded music" was initiated, along with an after-dinner hour of "good" music from the collection of record albums.

The dedication of a Browsing Room in 1941 confirmed the library's cultural mission. Patrons described a room filled with popular reading

and stylish, comfortable furniture. The Western Carolinian proclaimed the Browsing Room a success and complimented Buchanan for making the library "not just a static place for routine study, but a dynamic touchstone for student growth."

One perceived by-product of popularity and cultural activities, however, was a concern expressed by librarians and many students about disruptive "socializing." Library staff were authorized to monitor behavior that interfered with study and had the authority to issue "silence cards." In reality, this may not have been a new situation. Reportedly, in the 1920s, young men and women had not only been segregated on separate sides of the room but also physically separated by a bookcase strategically located down the center aisle in order to discourage social interaction.

The Buchanan Years in Hunter Library

After World War II, Western sought to expand its course offerings and physical facilities. By 1951 the school offered graduate work leading to a master's degree in education. As the academic base broadened, the need for a new library facility was apparent and critical. Joyner Building had been adapted for use as a library, but was not well suited to such use. With an aging Joyner in need of constant maintenance, plans were drawn for a building program that had a new library building and adjacent science-classroom building (Stillwell) at its core.

In 1947, in preparation for the school's commitment to construct a building designed specifically as a library, Buchanan traveled to other institutions such as Princeton and Harvard to study their designs and obtain ideas on useful features. She worked closely with the architect, Anthony Lord, and the resultant Cullowhee library bore a noticeable resemblance to Harvard's

Lamont Library.

Although not fully occupied until 1953, the new library was dedicated in 1952 in a joint celebration with the opening of Stillwell building. Named in honor of H.T. Hunter, the school's president of 24 years, who had died in 1947, the new library offered new and expanded services. Hunter's open book stacks were meant, as architect Anthony Lord remarked, to mix students and books as "intimately as possible."



H.T. Hunter. WCU President

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Continuing Buchanan's belief in supporting cultural activities, the library provided a Student Lounge, second-floor Faculty Lounge with adjoining roof garden, and a Gallery for lectures, art shows and movies. The library continued to sponsor a variety of art displays and music performances until new campus facilities became available.

One concern that migrated from Joyner to Hunter was "socializing" deemed disruptive. A 1958 editorial in the student newspaper noted that "the library is no place for unauthorized social gatherings, better known as bull sessions." In part, however, the causes of students' social gatherings could be traced to the overcrowded conditions that prevailed at the school in general. Though Hunter originally had been envisioned as adequate for the school's needs for 25 years, enrollment soon proved otherwise. In the early 1960s, articles in the Western Carolinian bemoaned crowded conditions and the need for an adequate student center to alleviate the use of the library as a substitute. As in the past, librarians were instructed to maintain quiet in designated study areas and given authority to report students for disciplinary action if necessary. At least one contributor to the Western Carolinian, however, considered the policy on silence excessive and described an incident in which:



Lilian Buchanan

"a stone-faced maiden (evidently a retired Harpy, itching to descend from an uppermost book shelf and rip the very tongue and vocal chords from my throat) approached from the dark stairwell. She headed directly toward my table, her dark eyes glaring at every step. Then in a voice of

monotone ferocity, she spoke: 'the rule for no talking applies to the mezzanine area as well as the main floor.'"

Despite such levity, the Western Carolinian typically warned that the impact of rapid growth in enrollment on the library threatened "our intellectual comfort."

By 1967 the school initiated a major program of expansion to Hunter. Renovations converted the roof garden into new offices and space for book stacks. Additions were made to the building's front and rear areas. As work progressed, Buchanan arranged for Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, then First Lady, to preside over a dedication ceremony during a previously planned campus visit in 1967. After this last expansion and dedication, Buchanan retired at the end of June 1967 after 37 years of service to Western.

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The Hart Years

WCU's designation as a regional university coincided with Buchanan's retirement in 1967. As a regional university, Western was given greater authority for research and extension courses, and the library moved to support those new responsibilities by providing services while maintaining accreditation standards.

The challenge to chart Hunter Library's course within the new university setting initially fell to Peter Hart. After his arrival at Western in August 1967, Hart soon acknowledged a need for improvements and initiated a reevaluation of library services. He sought to remedy the low ratio of books per student that had resulted in part from the surge in student enrollment. In the 14 years from Hunter's dedication to Hart's arrival, enrollment had grown from 600 to 4000 and the faculty had expanded five-fold to almost 250. As the number of catalogued volumes increased, so did the need for space. Faced with these new concerns, and with the opening of Hinds University Center in the late 1960s, the library reevaluated its role in campus social functions. The



Peter Hart

Gallery, once a focal point for social gatherings, was converted to cataloging activities. Cataloging especially needed space after Hunter adopted its current Library of Congress Classification System in late 1968 and proceeded to catalog both new acquisitions and current holdings into LC.

Despite a tenure that spanned barely two years, Hart received consistent praise from the student newspaper. The Carolinian referred to him as "a progressive individual" who was "open to constructive criticism and suggestions and often acted favorably on such advice." After Hart announced his resignation in 1969, effective October 31, the newspaper proclaimed that he had "found himself faced with a nearly impossible task — to build a reputable library for an expanding and newly created regional university."

[For additional details on Hart's tenure, see "Peter Hart," Hunter's Clarion, May / June 1999 edition, p. 4 - http://www.wcu.edu/library/whatsnew/clarion/may_99].



Hunter's Clarion will continue this article of the Library's brief history in our next issue. **The Ballot Years** and **The Kirwan Years** offer insight to the challenges of physical expansion as well as facing the task of automation to adequately serve the university community.



New Collection Development Librarian

Pongracz Sennyey

Welcome to Pongracz Sennyey, Hunter Library's new Collection Development Librarian. Pongracz will be responsible for coordinating the development of the collection and will have a number of liaison areas. He has worked at Bradley University, Peoria, IL, as the Collection Development Librarian there. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he earned a Master's degree in Library and Information Sciences. He has a Masters in Medieval Studies from Western Michigan University and completed Doctoral studies (ABD) in Medieval History at the University of Illinois. His wife, Catherine, will be moving to Cullowhee in May.

PC Tip Correction

The Clarion staff and Robin Hitch would like to apologize for any headaches the error that was printed in the last Windows PC User Tips column may have caused. If you have tried the 'Cut' shortcut, you would have found it did not work. The correct shortcut Key for 'Cut' is CTRL-X. 'Copy' is CTRL-C and 'Paste' is CTRL-V.



Front Entrance to Hunter in Mid-'60s

Recent Publications & Presentations of Library Faculty & Staff

Lera Chitwood, Reference Librarian, co-authored an article, "At a Crossroads: Information Professional to Intelligence Analyst," which appeared in the Special Libraries Assoc. publication *Information Outlook*, Feb., 2000, pp.22-25. Lera researched and wrote this with a colleague, Bonnie Hohhof, for SCIP - the Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals.

Announcement

Hunter Library is delighted to announce that Bil Stahl has accepted the position of University Librarian. He will begin August 1, 2000.

Bil Stahl comes to us from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He has been with UNC-Charlotte for 17 years as Associate Library Director (1983-1992), Director of Information Technology Planning (1992-1995), University Director of Information Technology (1995-Present) and Acting Associate Vice Chancellor for Library and Information Services (July 1999-Present).

Reception

Please Join Us — May 5th Reception Planned
in Honor of William J. Kirwan

After 23 years of service to Western Carolina University, Bill Kirwan will retire as University Librarian on July 31. Hunter Library and Academic Affairs will host a reception in honor of Kirwan on Friday, May 5, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the library. The WCU community, members of the Friends of Hunter Library, and other friends are cordially invited to attend the celebration.

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Reserve Changes

Specific copyright information and guidelines that Hunter Library Reserves adhere to are available on the reverse side of the Reserve Request Form provided at the Circulation Desk. You must observe these guidelines when submitting items for reserve.

Due to the volume of reserve materials submitted at the beginning of each semester, items will now be processed according to the required date provided by instructors on the Reserve Cover Sheet. Please be aware that the Reserve Desk must have a week of lead time for processing. ♦

HUNTER LIBRARY HOURS

Spring/Summer 2000

Extended Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 2 a.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday

Noon - 2 a.m.

Mon., Mar. 13 to Wed., Apr. 19

Easter Holiday

Thu., Apr. 20

Fri., Apr. 21

Sat., Apr. 22

Sun., Apr. 23

Mon., Apr. 24 to Thu., May 4

Final Exams

Fri., May 5

Sat., May 6

Sun., May 7

remain open 'Round the Clock until

Fri., May 12

Commencement

Sat., May 13 & Sun., May 14

Intersession

Mon., May 15 to Sun., June 4

Monday-Thursday

Friday

Weekends

Summer

Mon., June 5 to Fri., Aug 11

Extended Hours

8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Closed

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.-Midnight

Extended Hours

8:00 a.m.-Midnight

9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Open at Noon

Close at 6:30 p.m.

Closed

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Closed

Standard Summer Hours

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Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. - Midnight

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

2:00 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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