Libraries Collaborates with the College of Agriculture to Highlight J. C. Allen Collection

A reception was held in Archives and Special Collections to celebrate an exhibition of photography and artifacts from the J. C. Allen Collection. The event highlighted the successful collaborative efforts of the Libraries and the College of Agriculture to preserve the more than 2,000 prints, glass plates, and negatives that make up the collection. The College of Agriculture had maintained the collection until space became available in Archives and Special Collections.

J. C. Allen came to the Purdue College of Agriculture in 1909, where he photographed significant advances in extension activities, teaching, research, and completion of new agriculture buildings, in addition to chronicling the progress and significant milestones of Purdue. His photographs were used in agricultural publications including *Prairie Farmer*, *Successful Farming*, and *Farm Journal*. Allen's archive of Purdue photos includes images of Amelia Earhart, the Memorial Union construction, and Ross-Ade Stadium, and other historical events.

"Agriculture in Focus: Through the Lens of J. C. Allen," will be on display until December 23 in the Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center. The exhibit was curated by Elizabeth Wilkinson, processing and public services archivist.

Jim Mullins presents a framed copy of the poster used for the exhibit to John Allen, grandson of J. C. Allen. Pictured with them is College of Agriculture Dean, Jay Akridge and Life Sciences Information Specialist, Marianne Stowell Bracke.
Jane Taylor to retire on December 1

Jane Taylor, assistant to the Dean, will retire on December 1, 2010 exactly seven years after she began her Purdue career in the Libraries.

Jane came to the Libraries as a receptionist in the Administrative Offices working under the supervision of Diane Lasic. After Diane’s retirement in 2004 Jane was promoted to her current position. “Life is a lot about luck; I was lucky to be working in the Libraries and to have the opportunity to be offered my current position,” says Jane. “I thoroughly enjoy what I do, how much luckier can it be to be able to say that and mean it?”

Of the many duties Jane has, her main job is to keep the dean’s schedule flowing smoothly and trying to make things easier for him. “Keeping the dean’s calendar is kind of like being an air traffic controller; scheduling appointments, bringing in the client, and making sure there aren’t any ‘crashes’ along the way. When I first started in this position I had to use a spreadsheet that included everyone’s daily schedules and make a lot of phone calls. Outlook certainly made it much easier!”

“Jane’s role as ‘air traffic controller’ was an incredible help to me, she made my role as dean much easier,” says Jim Mullins. “She kept things organized for me, the Libraries' staff and the people with whom I was meeting.”

Some of her other favorite jobs included overseeing the remodeling of the Libraries administrative office area and event planning. “I’ll never forget planning the first staff awards picnic on Memorial Mall. The tent was too small, it rained, and it was cold, but it was great fun and the staff seemed to appreciate the extra effort of having the picnic atmosphere.”

“My time in the Libraries has certainly been fun, exciting, and challenging. I wouldn’t trade it for anything, okay, well except retirement,” laughs Jane. She is thankful for the many opportunities she has experienced while working in the University environment and especially getting to know the Libraries staff. “Working on a college campus helps keep one’s mind active and alert, in touch with today’s youth, and staying young at heart. I am so thankful to have had this experience.”

Retirement will find Jane and Phil, her husband of almost 49 years, spending time in their country home overlooking the Wildcat Creek, traveling to visit with their three children and their nine grandchildren, and cultivating new gardening activities. Jane also plans to perfect her knitting and crocheting skills during the day. “Trying to be creative, watch a movie, and relax all at the same time during the evening hours is difficult to do – sleep too often ends the struggle!”

Jim says, “Jane always greeted me each morning with a smile, always ready to help and offer her support. I will miss her, but at the same time, I envy her for what lies ahead with family, travel, and doing just what she wants with her time. I wish for her a wonderful retirement, she has earned it! Congratulations Jane. Enjoy!”

A reception for Jane will be held on Monday, November 30 in STEW 279 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Please stop by and congratulate Jane on her retirement.

Libraries extend hours to help students prepare for finals

Libraries staff have been hard at work rearranging schedules, partnering with staff in other libraries, and looking for budget-conscious ways to provide students with a great place to study at the end of the semester.

Four libraries will again extend their hours and provide refreshments for students who are preparing for their final exams and projects.

The Hicks Undergraduate Library and the Siegesmund Engineering Library will be open 24/7
starting on Sunday, December 6th, through 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 19.

The Humanities, Social Science, and Education Library and the Management and Economics Library will be extending their regular hours to stay open until 2:00 a.m. during finals week (Sunday, December 13–Thursday, December 17).

Hours are posted online at [http://www.lib.purdue.edu/libraries/hours/2009/ExtendedHoursFall.html](http://www.lib.purdue.edu/libraries/hours/2009/ExtendedHoursFall.html).

### Staff members recognized for 265 years of service

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The honorees will be recognized by the Libraries Administration and staff on Thursday, December 17 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in STEW 279. Please plan to attend and offer them your congratulations.

All new staff who have joined the Libraries since November 2008 to the present will also be welcomed and recognized. They include: Libby Wahl (DPIA), Dacia Wiesler (ACS), Michelle Conwell (HR & BUS), David Stotler (DPIA), Shauna Borger (ASC), Sharon Weiner (Booker Chair), Jennifer Scruggs (BUS), Charles Watkinson (PUP), Stephan Miller (DPIA), and Amanda Gill (ENGR).

The Annual Arts & Crafts Show and Sale will also be held at this time. Contact Dot Lanzalotto for more information.

### University Library Committee gives feedback on Information Literacy, Purdue’s core curriculum

The University Library Committee (ULC) is a subcommittee in the University Senate that advises the libraries on key issues and initiatives. The ULC met with Dean Mullins and Sharon Weiner, the Booker Chair for Information Literacy, on Friday to discuss information literacy initiatives and the work of the University’s core curriculum committee.

Dr. David Radcliffe, Epistemology Professor of Engineering and Interim Head of the School of Engineering Education, made a presentation to the ULC on the role of information literacy in Engineering Education, based on a program he helped implement first at the University of Queensland, Australia and now at Purdue.

Members of the committee had questions about assessment, how information literacy applies across multiple fields, and how this model for information literacy might be applied in the University’s core curriculum work.
Andrew Luescher, who is chairing the Core Curriculum Committee and attended the ULC as a
guest, indicated that a rough draft of the committee’s core curriculum plan is due by the end of the
Spring 2010 semester, and that information literacy is being considered by the committee as a
component.

For more information on councils that advise the Libraries, see the Dean’s Councils page. For a full
list of ULC members, visit the University Library Committee page.

**Campus view of October's Harvest Moon**

Photo by Patrick Whalen, HSSE

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**Copyright Myth #4**

**BY DONNA FERULLO**

**Myth:** The public domain is a database of books and journals that can be freely
accessed.

**Truth:** The term “public domain” is used in copyright to define when a work is
not protected by copyright. When a work is in the public domain, it can be used
without seeking permission from the copyright holder or paying fees to use it.
There are two categories of public domain works. The first category is works
where the copyright has expired. Works published in the U.S. prior to 1923 are in
the public domain. The second category is works that are produced by U.S.
government employees when it is a part of their job. Works produced by state employees are
protected by copyright. There is no one database that includes all public domain works.

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**Green Tambourine**

**BY CLAIRE ALEXANDER**

According to Robin Mills Ridgeway, Director of Sustainability and
Environmental Stewardship, an opportunity to provide input on green issues for
the campus will be available in early January:

Purdue has hired a consultant to help us prepare a Strategic plan for
Sustainability at Purdue. This same consultant prepared the Plan for UC
Riverside. A draft of that plan is available here:

In preparation, you may want to read the above plan and explore current efforts by Purdue’s
Housing and Food Service, including capital projects: http://www.housing.purdue.edu/
HTML/Sustainability/Default.htm

Watch for an announcement of the discussion group for the consultant to gather input from the
Purdue community. If you want to continuously be informed, you can go to the Purdue
sustainability web site and sign up to be on their email list. http://www.purdue.edu/sustainability/.

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**Q. What do you do for fun?**

A. Sports, video games, movies, hanging out with friends.

**Q. Future Plans?**

A. Be a teacher, get married, have a family.

If you would like to feature one of your student staff members please contact Teresa Brown.

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**TIPPY UPDATE**

Tippy jumping over the moon. Photo by Marianne Stowell Bracke.

Check USAIN Conference for more information about the conference to be
held at Purdue in May 2010.

Have a Tippy photo? Send it to Marianne Bracke. View other Tippy photos here.

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**WHAT’S COOKING?**

Apple-Raisin Sourdough Stuffing

Visit the Libraries Intranet site for
this recipe.
Hours of operation for UnderGrounds beginning finals week and through winter break:

Saturday, December 12 - Thursday, December 17
10:00 a.m. - Midnight

Friday, December 18
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 18 - Sunday, January 10
CLOSED

Monday, January 11
Resume regular hours