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- Training on Endnote citation software. Reference Room at noon on Thursday Oct 8th. Bring your lunch.

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End of an Era: Library Vacates Seabury-Western Stacks

During the late spring, not only did Seabury-Western sell its interest in the United Library collection to Garrett-Evangelical, but the school began to explore selling the Seabury campus to Northwestern.

"At that point," commented Beth Sheppard, Director, "we knew that housing the collection would become a top priority, but GETS was receiving mixed signals from Northwestern about the availability of the stacks in Seabury for continued use by the United Library."

After meeting with NU Library personnel in early June, the library staff began to vacate the Gregory Room, which the NU Librarian indicated that they would need. "We formed a

book cart brigade and the summer student workers spent three days wheeling the items housed there across Sheridan Road. It was amazing", said Sheppard. "Everyone pitched in. No one had to



Empty shelves in the Gregory Room in June 2009.

go to the gym that week — books are heavy!" Those volumes are now in the library annex at GETS.

On July 17, 2009 Seabury finalized sale of its campus to NU. In conversations between Garrett-Evangelical and Northwest-

ern, though, it became clear that keeping the 90,000 volumes in the BX-Z call letters in the Seabury basement would no longer be an option. As a consequence, those books were temporarily moved to storage by Hallett Book movers. Hallett hauled out four semi-truck loads a day for four days. "It was sad to see the end of an era," Sheppard lamented.

The books will be returned late November after new compact shelving has been installed in the library at Garrett-Evangelical.

"We are looking forward to having all the books in one location. It is a bit of an inconvenience now, but it will be a blessing in the end."

Seabury-Western Donates Library Tables

As early as the 1930's photos taken at Seabury-Western show magnificent



oak library tables in the Gregory Reading Room. The extraordinarily heavy tables feature sloped tops and pencil grooves. As Seabury-Western reconfigured itself to achieve a smaller office and class space, they graciously donated the tables to the United Library. "The three tables look great in the new space," enthused one student. "They look like

something from Harry Potter!" With time, the plan is to add outlets in the floor in the room for easier laptop usage.

The tables were re-finished in the 1980's through a gift by Miriam Hoover. We are so glad to retain them for their intended use in the library by Seabury and GETS students. Thank you Seabury!

Q: What did the sign in the Egyptian funeral home say?

A: Satisfaction guaranteed or your mummy back!

Meet the Mummy: Egyptian Artifact Relocated to Garrett-Evangelical

Mummy jokes and riddles are a popular folk tradition. One can hear many now that the mummy, formerly housed in the Hibbard Room of Seabury-Western, has been relocated to the Reference Room.

Discovered by famed archaeologist Flinders Petrie just about a century ago, this mummy and others were unearthed at Hawara, Egypt. It is dated about 150CE and features a caustic wax painted face plate called a fayuum. The use of such burial portraits was common in mummification during the

Roman period.

As the story goes, Mrs. Lydia Hibbard, a benefactress of Seabury-Western, helped to support Petrie's dig. As a result, she was gifted with the mummy which she donated to the school.

In 2000 the mummy was loaned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NY for a display of ancient burial art and fayuum portraits. It was during that exhibit that the mummy was placed into the protective vitrine and pedestal

assembly in which it now resides. During its stay in NY, x-rays and DNA samples were taken for further analysis in the future.

The mummy is that of a six year old girl who would have lived at the time of the early Christians.



Electric Work for New Shelving Underway



Temporary lights dangle from the fixtures in the North Stacks as work proceeds on the library's new compact shelving initiative. For compact shelving, the old lights had to be raised and also reoriented east-west.

In order to make room for the 90,000 volumes that had previously been housed at Seabury, the Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees gave the go-ahead to install compact shelving both

in the North stacks and in the area that extends under the Reference and Reading Rooms.

"We have taken careful measurements," commented a library staff person, "and believe that the new shelving will house about 98% of the volumes that were at Seabury."

The goal was to obtain shelving for the greatest number of books possible, so the new shelving will be bet-

ter suited to regular size volumes rather than oversize. Plans to house the oversize volumes will be part of the library's longer range facilities goals.

"One bright spot," a student remarked, "is that we will get rid of the orange 'retro' colors." Indeed, the new shelving will have simulated cherry wood grain laminate end panels and black handles.

The shelving should be completed in late November.

"It is great to have I-Preach on a Saturday night when the library is closed, its 5 below 0, and I need to write a sermon for the next day."

I-Preach Database Newest Library Resource

The library is pleased to announce the addition of the I-Preach database to our selection of web-based resources. A product of Cokesbury, usually I-Preach is only available to individuals, but by a special arrangement this resource is accessible to all those with NetIDs.

Admittedly, this database does not have a very flexible interface, but as a resource that Cokesbury plans to develop, we were anxious to get in on the cutting edge.

What makes I-Preach so



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appealing is the impressive list of resources that it contains. For instance, it has the full text of the *Interpreter's Bible*, *Interpretation* commentary series and the *Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, just to name a few. Searches can be executed across all of the resources in

the virtual library, or individual folders of individual titles may be opened.

There are folders for Biblical Studies, Theology, Church History, Liturgy and even Children's Sermon Resources.

A training session on this new resource was held on September 17. For those wishing additional guidance, please make an appointment with our reference librarian, Kathleen Kordesh

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United Library/Loyola Sign Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement

Effective August 1, students, faculty and staff at both Seabury-Western and Garrett-Evangelical may borrow books from the circulating collection at Loyola University's main library. Likewise, individuals with current Loyola IDs now have borrowing privileges at the United Library.

Negotiations began in early spring. Although several years ago Loyola was a part of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools and reciprocal borrowing existed through the ACTS agreement, when Loyola withdrew from

ACTS, exchanges between the United Library and Loyola were no longer covered by the ACTS document.

Loyola has quite a few faculty members as well as graduate level students for whom the extensive Catholic studies section of the United Library is a valuable resource. Conversely, there are a number of GETS students who reside in the Rogers Park area for whom studying in the brand new Loyola Information Commons facility is quite convenient.

To use the Loyola facility Seabury-Western and Garrett-

Community members must present their valid school ID to obtain a Loyola card. During the first visit, one may need to press the buzzer at the entry turnstile for assistance.

Travel to Loyola takes about a half hour via the CTA. Students in Evanston should take the Purple line to the Howard stop. At Howard, change to the red line. Loyola is the third stop from Howard. Cross the street and head toward the Info Commons building near the lake.



Lilly Grant Underwrites ATLAS for Alums

The American Theological Library Association has teamed up with the Lilly foundation to offer the ATLAS full text serials database to the alumni of ATLAS member

libraries.

The United Library is pleased to announce that it qualified for this program and will have access to this resource for three years with Lilly funding. There are just under 7,000 living alumni between Seabury-Western and Garrett-Evangelical.

Alumni/ae may access the database by surfing to the URL on our newly de-

veloped "Resources for Alumni/ae" page located at <http://www.garrett.edu/library/alums.htm>.

By terms of the agreement with ATLAS, access is by username and password to preserve copyright and licensing. Please contact United.Library@Garrett.edu or the alumni office of the respective schools (SWTS/GETS) for the username and password.

"Hoorah! It is great to be able to continue my research after graduation!"



Rare Autographed Book Donated to Special Collections

Every once in a while a gift that is at the same time both unique in its own right and also a testament to the relationships formed at school makes its way to the library.

Once such gift was the recent donation of a signed copy of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

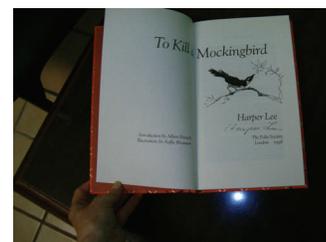
The book was donated by Rev. Thomas Butts, a 1957 Garrett graduate. Rev. Butts has been friends with Harper Lee, the author of the Pulit-

zer-Prize winning novel, for over 40 years. Ms. Lee does not frequently sign copies of her famed novel. This makes the gift valuable in its own right.

But, the motivation behind Rev. Butts' gift is also significant. He chose this means to honor his longtime colleague, Rev. Dr. John W. Taylor. Taylor befriended Butts and his wife when they arrived in Evanston from the South when Butts began to pursue

his studies. Recently, Dr. Taylor celebrated his 80th birthday.

The United Library was very pleased to receive this gift and has accessioned it into the special collections.



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Former Office Transformed Into Conference Room

This summer our student library assistants chose a color of paint (Northern Exposure) and went to work to create a new space for small group meetings.

A small oak table that had been at Seabury-Western seats 6. A refurbished LCD flat screen monitor has been configured so

that professors might use it for displaying DVDs played through laptops or Power-

Point presentations.

In recent history this room has been used for many purposes including a typing suite and an office. The legacy of such use is an abundance of electrical outlets which are perfect for today's gadget-driven note taking and studies.

One corner of the room has been reserved for use by the library as a book digitization and scanning station. The ATIZ book scanner recently arrived and library staff hope to configure the software and

commence scanning by the middle of the semester.

To reserve this room for a meeting or class, e-mail United.Library@Garrett.edu.



The new "purple" Conference Room.

