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Tax Forms Here

- The library has a limited number of Illinois State Tax forms. Federal forms may be downloaded from <http://www.irs.gov>.

- Additional news may be found on our website:

www.Garrett.edu/library

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New Card Payment System for Copies & Prints

The United Library is pleased to announce a new student copy card system that works seamlessly at the United Library (all three library copy machines located at Seabury and Garrett) and at Northwestern's library.

Regarding this change one patron remarked, "This is a good deal. It was annoying to have one card for our library and another for Northwestern."

The thin magnetic stripes on the back of Garrett Student ID Cards and the stripes on the white "Guest Wildcards" that were issued to Seabury students work like vending machine debit cards. Students may add cash (\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20) at the cash-to-card machine located near the Garrett circulation desk or at any cash-to-card machine located on Northwestern's campus. This summer we

hope to install a similar cash-to-card machine at Seabury.

Students may also use their cards in the vending machines located in Northwestern's Norris Student Center or at Kafé Kellogg.



Wildcards, Faculty/Staff Single Cards and Garrett IDs all work!

When some students asked whether their Garrett meal plan dollars, which are also on the Garrett ID cards, are affected by the change, Dr. Sheppard ex-

plained, "The Garrett meal plan dollars are located on the thick magnetic stripe on the back of the card. The library copy machine only pulls money from the second, thin stripe. So no, "Munch Money" and the money added to the cards at cash-to-card machines are not interchangeable. Garrett meal plan dollars will not work in the library copy machines and vice-versa." Despite this drawback, though, most view this new program as a step forward.

Faculty and staff at both Seabury and Garrett were issued special departmental "Single" cards that work only on United Library machines, but which work without the need to "add cash."

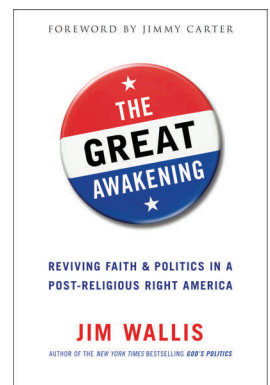
Jim Wallis: Feb 12th Library Lunchtime Book Roundtable

Jim Wallis, author of the *New York Times* best selling book *God's Politics* and the just released *Great Awakening*, will be on campus Sunday, February 17th. Wallis, who is the editor of *Sojourners* magazine, is a dynamic speaker.

To prepare for the visit of this well known guest, the library has put copies of his books on 3 day reserve. In addition, Refer-

ence Librarian Kathleen Kordesh will be hosting a book roundtable discussion in the library reference room during lunch hour on Tuesday, February 12th. Beverages and snacks will be provided by the library on the 12th. Do feel free to bring your lunch. Yes, food is allowed in the library!!!!

Everyone is welcome to attend!



Suggest a movie title for the collection!

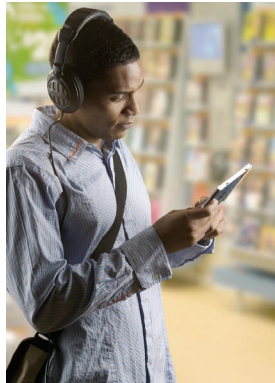
Media Resources Go Digital: DVDs Come to the Library

Those of us old enough to remember vinyl records, often no longer have turn tables. And 8 Track Tapes? Please. Sadly, VHS tapes and cassette recordings are now just as obsolete.

Although the United Library owns an excellent VHS and cassette collection, it is now time to launch into DVDs and music CDs. Over Christmas break approximately 50 new video titles were ordered. We picked titles that were mentioned by faculty, DVDs that portray Jesus or the lives of clergy, and a few items that are billed as "Christian Mov-

ies" by the film industry.

Using just those few guidelines we already have a very varied collection. *Keeping the Faith* portrays the friendship of a



hip Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic priest. Donny Osmond sings his heart out as the lead in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. A cast of lovable cabbages, sprouts, and other assorted produce convey moral lessons and basic Bible stories in *Veggie Tales*.

These and other films will be cataloged and ready for checkout by the end of February.

The library staff also accepts title suggestions. E-mail either:

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UnitedLibrary@Seabury.edu

King James Bible Restored

The Keen Bible Collection includes many gems and rare Bibles. One of the jewels of this collection is a 1611 first edition King James Bible.

Through a very generous donation by Rev. Wilmer Bloy (ETS Class of '56) this Bible has recently undergone restoration at the prestigious Scott Kellar Studio in Chicago.

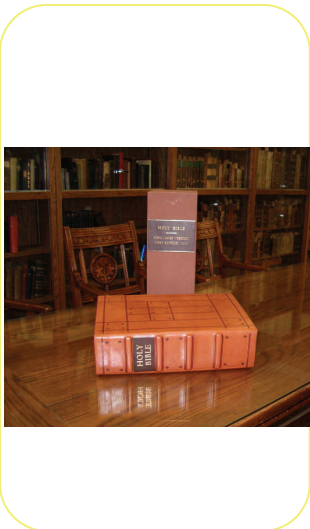
"This is a very rare treasure," commented Mr. Kellar. "It is hard to believe that you have an original King James with virtually all of its original pages. Most 1st editions were disassembled so that

individual pages might be framed and sold as art."

Indeed, the font and illustrations that dance across the pages are striking. In addition to restoring the rich leather binding, the Scott Kellar Studio also provided a felt lined hinged box to further protect this prize for generations to come. The library staff is pleased to show off this Bible. Please contact us for an appointment!

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Our King James Bible is "... a rare treasure."



"When I enrolled one of the first things I did was look at a dissertation to see how thick 200 pages of paper might be!"

Theses and Dissertations by Our Alumni Are Online

Did you ever wonder how long a thesis might be? How to format a thesis bibliography? What the standard might be for a successfully defended work?

Right now the full electronic copies of Garrett PhD dissertations for the last several years are available in the library's Proquest Dissertation and Thesis database! Surf over and take a look.

A link to this resource is located under the general data-

base section of the library's webpage, www.garrett.edu/library. Off-campus patrons and those using wireless internet services will need to input their NetIDs and passwords to open this resource. Once logged on, typing "Garrett-Evangelical" into the "institution" line of the search screen will return a list of the Garrett doctoral theses that are full text online.

The online theses project will be expanding this summer to include Master's and DMin

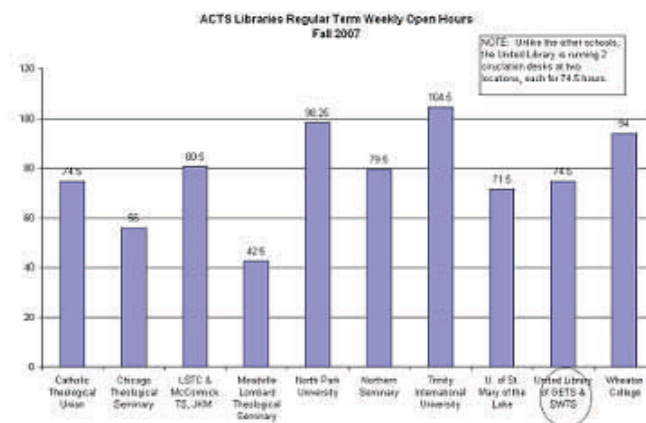
theses submitted at both Seabury and Garrett after July. Older DMin and Master's theses are still available in bound paper versions. They are stored in the "annex" compact shelving units on the Garrett side of the street.

Library Hours Rival Those of Other ACTS Libraries!

In a recent study completed by Reference Librarian Elaine Caldbeck, the library discovered that in comparison with the other ACTS (Association of Chicago Theological Schools) libraries, the United Library's hours of circulation service are on par. Three schools had shorter hours of service than the United Library, while a few others (mostly those whose libraries are a department within a larger university library) were open longer. This is good news since unlike many of its peer libraries, the United Library operates two circulation desks. For instance, other shared libraries, such as the one serving McCor-

mick and LSTC, have only one checkout desk. The United Library is proud of the service it offers patrons and is always looking for ways to

improve. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please contact us at United.Library@garrett.edu.



Circulation Desks Get Makeover

Something is different! The student desk workers are now seated at brand new circulation computers right at the main checkout station.

This change is possible due to the computing power of the new machines. "We had gotten to a point," explained Dr. Sheppard, "where the computers were so old, that most of the tasks our workers were assigned had to take place at secondary worker stations fairly far

away from the circulation counter. The old computers just didn't have the oomph to get the job done."

With the new computers, the focus has shifted back to the checkout area and the extra desks and obsolete computers have been dismantled. The result is a space that has a brighter, cleaner feel.

As an extra bonus, the new computers are multi-media stations. This will enable the desk workers at Garrett and

Seabury respectively to communicate with each other via Instant Messaging and/or video programs like Skype. Thus, the student worker on one side of the street will be able to obtain information to assist patrons instantaneously from their work colleague in the other building. In short, technology will help us bridge Sheridan Road!

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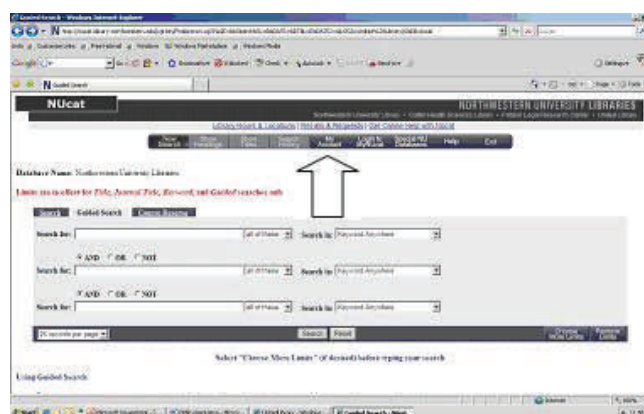
At a Glance: Renewing your books online

Imagine a cold stormy night when a student suddenly recalls, "Eeks! My library books are due today, but my car is buried under a foot of snow. There's no way I'm going out there in the storm."

Never fear. Patrons of the United Library may renew their own books, see if library charges are owed, review due dates and even obtain a list of items that are checked out all by surfing to the library's card catalog. To renew books or access any other

features, simply click the "My Account" link. From there, log in using your library bar code number and your last name. Easy!

Our reference librarians, Elaine and Kathleen, are always willing to assist patrons and demonstrate features of our card catalog. Don't be shy. Ask a librarian!



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Come study in architecturally spectacular environments with materials that range to suit the tastes of readers from the antiquarian to the modern theologian.

Reflect and learn in a variety of stunning settings that ensure spaces for both collaborative learning opportunities and the solitary pursuit of meaning.

We're on the web!
WWW.Garrett.edu/Library

More Items Listed in Online Catalog!



Lingering in a back corner of the Garrett Reference room and in the Garrett stairwell are banks of old fashioned paper card catalog drawers.

While the majority of United Library materials are listed online, there are pockets of the collection where the only records of what the library actually owns are in the paper card catalog.

How many items are "hidden" this way? Estimates vary. It is thought that between 50,000 to 100,000 items need to be transferred to our

electronic catalog.

Progress, though, is being made regularly. Since mid-summer, all of the books in the Methodist Room at Garrett and 3/4 of the books in the Gregory Room at Seabury have been added to the electronic catalog—an amazing amount of work for such a short time!

The library staff believes that this project will be 100% complete within three to five years.

Everyone is truly looking forward to the day when the

entire collection is listed online and the old fashioned card drawers can be removed.

In the meantime, the library full-time staff is well versed in use of the paper card catalog, so if you are having difficulty finding resources, don't panic! We may actually own just the perfect book and it may be listed in the paper card catalog. Please ask a Reference Librarian for assistance. Our librarians are very willing to help.