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The historic records of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization (PATCO) are available for research at Georgia State University Library's Southern Labor Archives, one year before the 30th anniversary of the strike that broke the union. President Ronald Reagan's confrontation with PATCO in 1981 marked a turning point in U.S. labor relations. The records at the Southern Labor Archives are the largest PATCO collection available to researchers, and they provide insight into one of the most tumultuous and significant events in recent labor-management history.

The PATCO records, created and used by officers and staff at their national headquarters, detail the daily operations of the union and the administration of its regional and local offices. Highlights of the collection include records related to the 1981 strike; files from the offices of the president, vice presidents and director; and publications. The collection consists of more than 200 feet of material housed in more than 450 boxes. ▶▶

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The Thomas University Library celebrated National Dog Day on Aug. 26. "We had the Thomasville-Thomas

County Humane Society come out with two adoptable puppies and invited students, faculty and staff to bring their dogs by the library for a treat," said Robyn Hurst, public services librarian. "We also conducted a dog food drive and collected more than 100 pounds of dog food for the local Humane Society." ▶▶

University of Georgia news and notes

What can you do with a digital library? Win an Emmy!

Stars from several departments in the University of Georgia Library were part of the collaborative effort — from the genesis of the Civil Rights Digital Library to the program conceived by Ambassador Andrew Young — that culminated in this honor.

On June 26, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences held its 36th presentation of the Southeast Regional Emmy Awards in Atlanta. UGA came up a winner for its work on the program "Andrew Young Presents: How We Got Over," which showcases the Civil Rights Digital Library and the role archives play in preserving the past. The program was recognized in the category of Outstanding Achievement: Television Crafts Achievement Excellence, Technical Achievement. ▶▶

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