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Valdosta State News and Notes

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Georgia Southern news and notes

On Oct. 22-23, 2010, Zach S. Henderson Library co-hosted the 2010 Georgia Literary Festival, along with Statesboro Regional Library, sponsored by the Georgia Center for the Book and the Georgia Humanities Council. Max Cleland, Vietnam War hero, former U.S. senator and author of the recently published *Heart of a Patriot*, was keynote speaker for the festival, which included presentations by 24 Georgia authors including Nate Evans, Sally Russell, Ferrol Sams and Natasha Trethewey. Georgia Southern University faculty writers Lori Amy, Rebecca Davis, Sonya Huber, Annette Laing and Eric Nelson were also among the presenters.

Wendy Harrison, a graduate of Ogeechee Technical College, began work as senior secretary in special collections on Oct. 18.

Information services librarians have been busy with out-of-state presentations. Bob Fernekes co-presented "Creating Value for Your Library User" at the American Library Association's Annual Grassroots Program in Monterey, Calif., where he also co-presented "Using Facebook as a Learning Management Tool" for the 2010 Internet Librarian Conference; late November found him

at Northeast Normal University in Changchun, Jilin, China, where he gave seven lectures introducing the attendees to technical advances in Georgia libraries. JoEllen Broome and her husband, Dr. John H. Brown of the School of Economic Development in Business Administration, presented "Progressivism and the Environment" at the 79th Anglo-American Conference of Historians on Environments sponsored by the University of London's Institute for Historical Research. Meanwhile, on Nov. 6, collection and resource services librarian Jonathan Harwell co-presented on the automation of the ongoing subscription review at the Charleston Conference on Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition. ►►

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Betty D. Paulk, associate university librarian and professor at Valdosta State University's (VSU) Odum Library, retired Nov. 30. She began her career at VSU in 1973 as reference librarian and assistant professor. She served as Georgia Library Association president in 2008.

Michael Holt has joined the faculty of the Odum Library as an assistant professor of library science and reference librarian. He received his Master of Library and Information Science from VSU in May 2010. ►►

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