Breaking ground for the library are, from left, Don Craig, dean of the library; Mike Green, state commissioner of safety; Dr. Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. James Walker, MTSU president; Mary Ann Eckles, state representative; John Bragg, state representative; Andy Womack, state senator; Bryant Millsaps, THEC director; Jim Kennedy, vice chancellor for administration and facilities management; Kristin Baker, SGA president; and Mary Elizabeth Stivers, faculty senate president.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new library building have passed and construction has begun. The exterior design of the building has been widely publicized and is visualized in the model displayed on the first floor in Todd Library. But what will the building be like inside?

A previous issue of the Todd Library Update briefly described key elements of the interior design. The dominant feature of the front section of the building is a four-story atrium or multi-floor lobby surrounded by major service areas. Beyond the atrium, in the core of the building, are the main stair, elevators, public restrooms, and maintenance areas. On each floor, the rear section of the building, behind the core, houses most of the library’s collections. All bookstacks are located here.

The atrium rises above the lobby floor to the roof, with balconies on upper levels overlooking the first floor. The atrium is a pivotal element in the building’s functional design. As one enters the atrium from the building’s entrance, it will be possible to see or identify the location of major service points on all levels of the building.

The interior spaces of the building are arranged in zones with varying degrees of quietness and noise from front to back and from bottom to top of the building. Thus, noisier areas are at the front and on lower levels, with spaces gradually becoming quieter as one moves up and toward the rear of each floor.

An extended hours study room is located immediately inside the main entrance to the building. This room provides study space for students and faculty during hours when the library is closed. A vending area, information kiosk, and public telephones are available here. Surrounding

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the atrium on the first floor are several major service points: Circulation, a Help Desk, Reference, and the Electronic Information Center (EIC). Circulation, which handles reserves, checking out materials, and fines and fees, occupies one side of the atrium.

The Help Desk immediately inside the main entrance is the place to ask for directions and general information. Assistance in using library and information

resources will be available in Reference, which is located on the side of the atrium opposite Circulation. The EIC, located inside the main entrance next to Reference, is the electronic “heart” of the library, having over 70 computer workstations to access the library’s catalog, CD-ROM, and Internet information resources. Additional workstations are scattered throughout the building.

Other service points are conveniently located adjacent to the first floor atrium: Interlibrary Loan, Off-Campus Library Services, and Adaptive Technologies, which provides specialized equipment for students and faculty with disabilities. The service points located beyond the core on the first floor, in the rear section of the building, are the Periodicals collection and a large, central copy center. Smaller copy

rooms are located adjacent to the elevator (and just outside the bookstacks) on each upper floor.

On the second floor in the front section of the building, two library instruction rooms equipped with computer and audio visual equipment overlook the atrium. Across the atrium opposite them, is the Microtext collection. User services staff offices are located near both these areas.

The bookstacks begin on the second floor in the rear section of the building and continue vertically on the third and fourth floors. They are directly above the Periodical collection on the first floor. A second stairway at the back of the building and the bookstacks connect all four floors vertically and provides an alternate to the elevators and main stair for moving between floors in the bookstacks. Sixty faculty studies and 150 graduate carrels are located at the back of the bookstacks on the second, third, and fourth floors. These provide private space for faculty and graduate students involved in extensive research.

On the third floor, Collection Management, which orders and processes library materials, is located on one side of the atrium. Across the atrium is a large study area with a variety of seating choices. Many of the 43 small group study rooms for four to eight people are located here and in other areas on the second and fourth floors. Study tables, carrels, and lounge seating are distributed throughout the building and in the bookstacks as well.

The fourth floor houses the Library Administration and Systems offices on one side of the atrium. On the opposite side is Special Collections, where older and valuable materials are preserved in a climate controlled environment. The interior of the library will be decorated in natural, earth tones. A combination of wood tables and chairs in public areas and systems furniture in computer and work areas will provide variety in the furnishings.

Research Computers Now at Electronic Information Center

Todd Library has made good use of some of the student technology fees to provide nine new “Scholar’s Workstations” at the Electronic Information Center this semester. These workstations are for research only and provide access to CD-ROM databases, the Infotrac indexes, and the Internet through Netscape software. They do not have word processing software or provide access to computer accounts such as Frank. Students and faculty are enjoying the more powerful Pentium computers with a Windows environment, along with the ability to access several databases from one terminal.

Todd Library now has several of its legal resources available in CD-ROM format at stand-alone computers in the Electronic Information Center as well. The new electronic format provides easy access to the information which would require searching in many print volumes. The conversion from print to electronic format will not only save users time, it has also saved the library money, saved shelf space in the reference area, and eliminated the tedious filing of frequent print updates.

The new products include Research Institute of American (RIA) publications dealing with taxes, most of the Shepard’s Citations volumes, and many of the legal resources published by Matthew Bender. Please come in to try out these new resources, and be sure to ask a librarian if you need assistance. Arrangements can be made to demonstrate the use of these valuable resources to classes or groups by calling 2817.
Library Receives Tennessee Bicentennial Collection

Todd Library was recently designated as a depository site for the Tennessee Heritage Library (THL) program. As one of only fifteen libraries across the state chosen to participate in this unprecedented venture, Todd Library has been donated a significant collection of books pertaining to the state’s history and beyond.

The program was established by Providence House Publishers of Franklin, Tenn., to encourage the writing of Tennessee history during the state’s bicentennial and beyond.

“We wanted to create a unique program that preserved the stories of the people who call themselves Tennesseans,” said James A. Crutchfield, executive editor of the Tennessee Heritage Library. “This is a highly valuable historical contribution to the recorded history of Tennessee.”

Over the next four years, the local histories produced through the THL Bicentennial Collection will share a variety of features and benefits, including a planned CD ROM Edition of books in the program and a complete index.

“In order to permit adequate time for research and writing, a five-year-publication schedule has been established,” said Andrew B. Miller, publisher of Providence House Publishers.

Todd Library currently has the following titles:

- 973.82 Old Enough to Die
- 976.856 National Register Properties, Williamson County, Tennessee
- 610.92 Doctor With Big Shoes
- 976.856 Toil Turmoil and Triumph: A Portrait of the Tennessee Labor Movement
- 286.1 Cumberland Gap’s Hillbilly Preacher

Black Joins Library Faculty

William K. Black joined the Todd Library faculty in September to assume the newly created position of administrative services librarian. He comes to Todd Library with an extensive background in supervision, recruitment, policy formulation, report writing, budgeting, and planning. Bill Black is also the author of a number of publications dealing with library management, staff development, collection building, sexual harassment, affirmative action, and more.

Before coming to MTSU, Black served as associate to the dean at Iowa State University Library.
Library's Web Page Updated to Include Forms

New address: http://www.mtsu.edu/~library/

- As a convenience, MTSU faculty and graduate students can now order books and journal articles from Interlibrary Loan using the forms available on the Todd Library Web Page. From the main screen of the web page, select “Make an Interlibrary Loan Request” and complete either the books or periodicals form. The completed forms are sent to the Interlibrary Loan Office to be processed. There is also general Interlibrary Loan information available on the web page. Undergraduate students must still use the paper forms because a faculty signature is required on their forms. Paper forms are still accepted and are available at the Interlibrary Loan Office and at the Reference Desk.

- MTSU faculty, staff, and students may now search the Infotrac indexes from the Todd Library Web Page. From the main screen of the web page, select “SearchBank: Web Access to Expanded Academic Index and Business Index.” The SearchBank contains the same information as the version available through Frank, with some additional features.

If you are using a graphical browser such as Netscape, you may view the illustrations available with articles such as photographs, charts, and graphs. These graphics may be printed at the new article print station available in the library (for 50 cents per article), or may be viewed and printed from your own printer.

Because the Infotrac SearchBank is only for the use of MTSU faculty and students, it may only be used on campus, or through Frank or the MCI accounts available from the Office of Information Technology. If you have an Internet account through a third-party provider, you will not be able to use the SearchBank. Please call the Reference Desk at 2817 if you have any questions about using the Infotrac indexes.

- You may now “virtually” browse through Todd Library's new books and bestsellers from your home or office from the Todd Library Web Page. Choose “Browse through New Books and Bestsellers” from the main screen of the web page. The new books are updated each month and are divided by Dewey Decimal subject area. If the title of the book is underlined or highlighted, you may click on it to go to a publisher’s description of the book, a book review, or a related internet site. The bestsellers page is also regularly updated, and offers annotations of the books, as well as links to publishers’ descriptions. Be sure to check this page regularly to keep up with new books in your area of interest.

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