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Colgate Libraries Newsletter

Case-Geyer Opening Friday, October 5

- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm - Open house featuring tours, student performances, readings, and art displays (Case-Geyer)
- 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm - Boxed lunch in the Hieber Café (Case-Geyer)
- 1:30 pm - Keynote address by John Seely Brown, Golden Auditorium (Little Hall)
- 4:15 pm - Dedication ceremony and reception (Case-Geyer)

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Students in the Hieber Café

Realizing the Vision: the New Library & Geyer Center for Information Technology

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At a time when students and faculty can access information anytime and anywhere, I would like to take a moment to celebrate Case Library and Geyer Center for Information Technology as the intellectual heart of the Colgate campus. Looking at the campus map, this building connects the geographical center of the campus with its intellectual heart. It also serves as a new campus hub that integrates various components of campus life and connects the Col-



Case Library and Geyer Center for Information Technology

gate community to the world. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many friends and donors who gave vision, time, energy, and money to make this terrific building a reality. For the October 5 opening of Case-Geyer, we have chosen

as its theme the phrase, "Connect ~ Discover ~ Create," to indicate the richness and integrated nature of its collections, technologies, spaces, and staff. Please come and enjoy the opening events, speaker, and ceremony. ●

Hieber Learning Commons

Perhaps the most exciting and popular space in the new Case Library and Geyer Center for Information Technology is found on Level 5! The beautiful views, cappuccinos, and bridge to the hill are attracting students, faculty and visitors. There is more than meets the

eye on 5. A collaboration between librarians and information technologists has given rise to a *Learning Commons*, which seeks to enhance research, teaching and learning at Colgate by providing expert assistance to support the use of the unique technology re-

sources found there. Those resources include 23 PC and Macintosh workstations, multimedia work rooms where groups of students can use cutting-edge hardware and software, high-end computer hardware,

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Keynote speaker: Visionary, “Chief of Confusion,” and former Hamiltonian



The Social Life of Information by Seely Brown was published in 2000 by Harvard Business School Press

Have you ever asked yourself: “How does information take on meaning?” “Is it possible to learn even faster?” or “How do you learn as much from a partner as you learn from creating something yourself?” John Seely Brown, co-author of the much acclaimed book *The Social Life of Information*, has, and he is coming to Colgate University to pose similar questions in his keynote address at the dedication of the Case Library and

Geyer Center for Information Technology.

This former Chief Scientist for Xerox Corporation and Director of the Palo Alto Research Center (PARC) sees his mission today as “Chief of Confusion,” working to help people ask the right questions. Managing radical innovation and exploring how individuals and organizations learn, especially in a digital age, have been his enduring research interests.

Seely Brown is scientist, teacher, artist (executive producer of an award-winning film), and has a Colgate connection to boot: his father Alfred Seely Brown taught in the Chemistry Department at Colgate, and John Seely Brown grew up in Hamilton and worked on the University’s earliest computing system. ●



John Seely Brown

Connect ~ Discover ~ Create

Books on Shelves - A 15 Day Odyssey

Project Manager told Colgate librarians that she wished Colgate students could work with her on all of her projects.

Found yourself looking for the “Request this item” button to get a book out of LASR (Library Automated Storage & Retrieval system) lately, only to discover that the book is freely available on the Library’s shelves? Colgate students and Library staff worked exceptionally hard this summer to get our books back out on the accessible shelving areas on Levels 2 and 4 of the

Case Library. The project, headed by Frank Gavett (Head of Borrowing Services) reflects tremendous planning and organization on the part of all involved. The move began with LASR staff, including Toni Terzieva ’10, who earned high praise from LASR supervisor, Mike Williams, for doing an “absolutely terrific job” moving books out of the LASR system.

Porscha Albert ’08, Genisa Babb ’08, Angelia Chapman ’10, Amber Codiroli ’10, Lisa Dodd ’09, Brian Doyle ’09, Caitlin English ’09, Kaitlin Gnojek ’09, Ryan Keller ’08, Curry Knox ’09, Shevorne Martin ’08, Jim Meara ’08, Meg Mylan ’09, Kelsey Nordstrom ’07, Ashley Rowe ’09, Freddy Sessoms ’08 and Alex Woodhouse ’09. Amazingly, all this took place in a 15 day period! Diane told Colgate librarians that she wished Colgate students could work with her on all of her projects!

A special thanks go to all those whose hard work has placed books back in our hands! ●



Books ready for browsing

The 337,000 books removed from LASR were then organized and placed back on the shelves by a team hired by Diane Pikul of National Library Relocations. Among those working on the project were 17 Colgate students,

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kerchof '49 Enhances New Faculty Carrels

The Libraries would like to acknowledge a generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kerchof '49 of funds to be used at the discretion of the University Librarian. Received last fall, the gift was used to purchase new ergonomic chairs and bookcases for the 24 faculty carrels in the building. ●

Gifts That Made Case-Geyer Possible

Level	Room #	Description	Donor
1		Geyer Center for Information Technology	Geyer
1	100E	Video Studio	Burke
1	100C	Audio Studio	Burke
1	109	Government Documents Room	McClellan
2	236	Group Study Northeast (1)	Friedman
2	240	Group Study Northeast (2)	Grover
2	200-B97;(2) 200-C132	Digital Media Suites (3)	Awad
2	256	Faculty Study	Rm 256 Reichert
2	289	Faculty Study	Rm 289- Bob Wilson
2		Faculty Study	Solomon
2		Faculty Study	Steppacher
2	275	Vault/Rare Book Reading Room	Loesch
2	235	North Seating Area	Theriot
3	335	Northeast Seminar Room	Anonymous
3	337	Group Study Northeast	Verni
3	345	Computer Classroom/Lab	Picker
3	325	Reference Reading Room	Martin
3	355	IT Office Suite	Kurtz
3	300A - 300F	Library Office Suite	Ammarell
3	365	Music Listening and Multi Media Viewing	Kindler
3	390;390A	Circulation Desk Area	Class of 1954
3	324	North Seating Area	Dempsey
4	415	Northwest Seminar Room	Niederauer
4	438	Northeast Seminar Room	Niederauer
4	441	Group Study Northeast (2)	Richter
4	425	Periodical Stacks & Lounge	Glendening
4	450	IT Office Suite	Kuglen
5	515	Northwest Seminar Room	Petersen
5	535	Northeast Seminar Room	Herbst
5	520	Collaborative Work Room "Learning Commons"	Hieber Family
5	525	Seating Area "Reading Room"	Hieber Family
5	585	Cyber Café	Hieber Family
5	575	South Terrace/Entranceway	Wesson
5	565	Flexible Work Room	Theriot
5	560	Large Meeting Room	Batza
5	555A-E	Digital Media Suites (5)	Nozette
5	545	Large Media Work Room	Leary/Gleason
5	510;511	Group Study Space (2)	Kilcullen 510/ Lenehan511
5	501	FSEM Computer Classroom/Lab	Cronin



Friendly Librarians

Colgate University Libraries

Regular Library Hours Academic Year 2007–2008

Case Library and Geyer Center for Information Technology

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–2 a.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.–10 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.–10 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.–2 a.m.

Cooley Science Library

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–midnight
Friday: 8 a.m.–10 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.–10 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.–midnight

For exceptions to the regular hours see:

<http://exlibris.colgate.edu/about/hours.html>

Phone Numbers

Case Reference: 315-228-7303
Case Circulation: 315-228-7300
Cooley Library: 315-228-7312
ITS/Source: 315-228-7111

New Resources

America's Historical Newspapers (AHN)

This database consists of full text newspapers from 1690 through 1922 from all regions of the United States. We

added series 4 and 5 of AHN to our original purchase of series 1-3 and the new content is to be included over the next 2 years. Over 200 titles and 86,000 issues were added, bringing the con-

tent to over 1,300 titles. Publications dating to just before, during and just after the Civil War were particularly strong in these releases. ●

Learning Commons (continued from page 1)

and the Cronin Learning Lab (a 20 seat classroom for hands-on computer and research instruction).

Monday through Thursday each week, members of the Collaboration for Enhanced Learning (CEL) are available to answer questions you might have on enhancing your teaching, learning, and/or research with technology and information resources. A rejuvenated CEL has extended its focus beyond faculty to

embrace students and other members of the Colgate community.

Demand for a variety of meeting, class and study spaces is met in the Learning Commons with:

- two Seminar and two Group Study Rooms
- lounge and table seating in the Hieber Reading Room
- Batza Meeting Room for large group presentation
- Hieber Café, featuring Starbucks coffee, and table, booth and soft seating
- Theriot Flexible Room, with furniture that can be arranged by users into any configuration

Soon the Café and the Flexible Room will be accessible 24/7 when classes are in session, extending the opportunity to utilize the building beyond the Library's 2 a.m. closing time!

Headed by Dave Baird (ITS) and Rebecca Hewitt (Library), CEL is anxious for your feedback on how the Learning Commons facilities and services are meeting your needs. Please contact us with your comments and suggestions. ●

Reserving Rooms in Case-Geyer

Rooms in Case-Geyer are available for use by the Colgate University community for both instructional and non-instructional activities such as meetings or informal gatherings. For more information about available spaces, follow the "Facility/Rooms" link on the Libraries' webpage:

exlibris.colgate.edu.

Group Study Rooms, Group Viewing/Listening Rooms, Seminar Rooms, and the Batza Meeting Room can be reserved in Colgate's Events Management System (EMS). A link to EMS is available from the "Facility/Rooms" page, or directly at:

ems.colgate.edu.

The Seminar Rooms on Levels 4 and 5 (415,

438, 515, 535) may also be used as the primary classroom for courses. ●



South entrance of Case-Geyer