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UTA Libraries

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## National Library Week

Special film presentations and directed screenings are the highlight of the 2003 National Library Week celebration. This year the week is co-sponsored by **UTA Libraries** and the **Art and Art History Department**. The collaboration serves to promote the medium of film as an important art form and valuable scholarly material. In time for this event the Libraries have added 100 DVD copies of films to its collection. To find films visit <http://pulse.uta.edu>, enter the title, and choose the optional "quick limit" or "videorecordings." The movies support film classes taught in the Art and Art History Department, language classes in the Modern Languages Department (many have multiple language tracks), as well as literature, history and music courses. The Libraries own many of the screenplays, books, and plays on which the movies are based.

Date	Movie Screening (Fine Arts 148)	Directed Screening— lecture (Fine Arts 148)
April 2 2:15pm, 120 minutes	<b>Network</b>	
April 3 1:15pm, 220 minutes	<b>Lawrence of Arabia</b>	
April 4 1:15pm, 226 minutes	<b>A Personal Jour- ney with Martin Scorsese through American Movies</b>	
April 7		<b>Lawrence of Arabia; Richard Francaviglia</b>
April 8		<b>A Personal Journey with Martin Scorsese through American Movies; Chris Vognar</b>
April 9		<b>Network; Barton</b>
April 11	<b>Keynote Speaker: Ken Harrison, "Film and Literature: The Art of Adaptation"</b> Central Library sixth floor parlor. Reception follows.	

Three films will be shown in their entirety in Fine Arts 148. These are *Network*, on Wednesday, April 2 at 2:15, *Lawrence of Arabia*, on Thursday, April 3 at 1:15 and *A Personal Journey with Martin Scorsese through American Movies* on Friday, April 4 at 1:15. The directed screenings of these films will be held the following week, capped by a keynote address by Ken Harrison on "Film and Literature: The Art of Adaptation."

Community support for the event includes door prizes in the form of movie rental cards that were donated by Blockbuster. More information about the dates and times of these events will be available online at <http://www.uta.edu/library/>, and through various university news sources.

## Focus on Faculty

April 16, noon, Central Library sixth floor Parlor.

**Dr. Craig Depken, "The Economics of Sports Arenas: A Property Rights Approach"**

The standard approach in the economics of sports arenas focuses on the public benefits of a publicly funded venue, including job creation, economic growth, increased tourism and civic pride. However, academic studies consistently show the public benefits of sports arenas may be greatly overestimated, thereby casting doubt on the economic justifications for publicly funded arenas. Notwithstanding this evidence, cities continue to provide millions of dollars for new stadium construction.

This discussion outlines the traditional benefits and costs of public stadium funding and then considers an alternative approach that focuses on those who hold "property rights" to the monetary benefits of a new stadium. Data from professional baseball during the 1990's are used to illustrate the approach.

For more information about Dr. Depken, visit: <http://www.uta.edu/depken/main.shtml>. To learn more about the Focus on Faculty series, visit <http://www.uta.edu/library/faculty/index.html> or contact Tommie Wingfield, phone: 817-272-2658.

## Teleconference

**Cheating and Plagiarism Using the Internet**

**April 3, 2003 1:30-3pm College of Business, Room 154**

The danger: Too many students are using distance learning and electronic technologies to violate the teaching-learning contract. Studies show that incidents of cheating and plagiarism are increasing. The instant availability, 24/7, of vast amounts of information on the Internet has made it easier than ever for students to "cut and paste" their way to a finished essay, and to locate and buy ready-made term papers and custom researching and writing services.

The opportunity: Technology empowers faculty to detect plagiarism, including Internet-based detection services, free software developed by professors and search engine techniques. The best solutions for discouraging and preventing cheating and plagiarism, however, are not "high-tech," but pedagogical: teaching students how to cite sources properly, getting involved in all stages of their writing processes, and, perhaps most importantly, carefully and creatively constructing assignments. Developing and enforcing honor codes are also vital.

This program will offer solutions to the increase of cheating

and plagiarism by:

- Defining the problem, including its scope, causes, and the roles of faculty and administrators in requiring, teaching and modeling ethical behavior.
- Demonstrating strategies for detecting plagiarism.
- Presenting reactive methods of dealing with the problem.
- Most of all, suggesting proactive approaches to dissuading and minimizing cheating and plagiarism.

**Panelists:**

**Hope Burwell**, English Instructor, Kirkwood Community College.

**William L. Kibler**, Ph.D., Founding Administrator, Center for Academic Integrity.

**Jessica A. Kier**, Psychology Instructor, Labette Community College.

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## UTA Libraries: GIS Program

### What Exactly is GIS?

- Geographical Information Systems ('GIS') allows researchers to combine and analyze the following three types of information:
  - Geographic boundary information (countries, counties, etc.)
  - Physical surface information (elevation, land use, etc.)
  - Quantitative data (Census data etc.)

### What We Do at the Library:

- In cooperation with campus certification and degree programs in GIS, the mission of the library's GIS Program is to continuously increase the use and literacy of GIS at the University of Texas at Arlington. We do this in three ways. First, we provide one-on-one, group, or class assistance with GIS on a walk-in or appointment basis (see information about lab assistance hours). Second, we offer open workshops on GIS topics (see information about the current workshop series). Third, we purchase, collect, and make available geographic, physical, and quantitative data sets to the UTA community.

- For more information, see our website at <http://libraries.uta.edu/gis/index.html>.

### GIS Librarian

- To further the Library's GIS Program, Joshua Been has recently been hired as the new GIS librarian at UTA. Coming here from the Texas A&M International University, in Laredo, Texas, Joshua will be working with students, staff, and faculty to enrich teaching and research at UTA with the use of GIS. Contact Joshua at x5826 or [been@uta.edu](mailto:been@uta.edu).

## GIS Workshop Series

The UTA Libraries: GIS Program is offering a series of hands-on workshops designed to introduce the real-world capabilities of GIS to the students, faculty, and staff at UTA. The participants of these workshops complete an actual GIS project that they can bring away with them after the workshop.

The workshops are free and are open to every student, faculty and staff at UTA. All workshops are held in the Digital Multimedia Classroom in the Basement of Central Library, B29, and are presented by Joshua Been, GIS librarian.

### Schedule for the GIS Workshop Series:

Title: **Where to Open a Pizzeria in Tarrant County**

Date: April 8 @ 2:00

Title: **Where to Place a Campaign Headquarters in Tarrant County**

Date: April 10 @ 2:00

Title: **Using GIS in the Classroom**

Date: April 22 @ 2:00

### GIS Lab Services at UTA

GIS software is available in the following labs on campus:

- Central Library, Room 510
- Central Library, Digital Multimedia Classroom B29
- University Hall, Room 003 and 004

### Walk-in GIS Assistance

• Joshua Been, GIS librarian, is available for walk-in GIS assistance in the Central Library, Room 510 at the following times:

- Tuesday – Friday 4:00 – 5:30
- Saturday 12:00 – 8:00

• If these times are not convenient, please contact Joshua, who will be happy to meet with you at another time. Contact him at x5826 or [been@uta.edu](mailto:been@uta.edu).

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