Jalonick speaker notes chaos and triumphs of the 9/11 air response

Author Lynn Spencer, shown above, spoke to a near capacity audience during the 2010 George Jalonick III and Dorothy Cockrell Jalonick Memorial Distinguished Lecture Series presented by McDermott Library Special Collections. It was held June 19, 2010 in the Library Auditorium.

The program was titled “The 9/11 Air Response: Chaos & Improvisation During an Unanticipated Transition to a Military-Controlled National Airspace” and based on her popular book, Touching History: The Untold Story of the Drama That Unfolded in the Skies Over America on 9/11.

The former flight instructor and airline pilot explained how terrorists deftly exploited United States defense weaknesses by hijacking the country’s own commercial airliners for use as deadly missiles instead of customary reasons such as ransom money.

Also, budget cuts had placed the U.S. military in woeful position of defending the airspace in case of an internal attack. Division of authority severely hampered our initial response on Sept. 11, 2001. For example, NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command) was incapable of communicating directly with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration).

But, Spencer pointed out, improvisation by lower level staff and supervisors, most of whom acted without their superior’s approval, was a major achievement during the chaos of that day.

Spencer became the first female to present the Jalonick Lecture. She was welcomed by Sally Hudnall, sister of the late George Jalonick IV.

Please see more photographs on pages 5 and 6.
Military Channel films show segments in Special Collections

A team for Sleeping Dog Productions of Green Lake, Wis. visited Special Collections in mid-June to record aspects of the life of James H. “Jimmy” Doolittle.

McDermott Library is home to the Doolittle Archive. Sleeping Dog is producing a segment that will be a part of a series with a working title of “Missions that Changed the War.” Doolittle’s famous raid of April 18, 1942 on the Japanese homeland is credited with changing strategies by Japan that eventually favored the United States.

The series will be aired on television by the Military Channel perhaps as early as 2011.

Paul Oelkrug, Coordinator of Special Collections, played host to Jon Tennyson and Scott Guyette of Sleepy Dog. Tennyson is writer, senior producer and director. Guyette is producer, director, DP, and senior editor.

The team captured images of the Doolittle “corner” that includes the late airman’s desk, chair, shelves, and personal effects such as his Medal of Honor and Congressional Medal of Freedom. The Sleeping Dog crew also studied Doolittle’s air logs. The session included an interview with author C.V. Glines, official historian of the Doolittle Raiders who helped Doolittle write his autobiography. Glines is also curator of the Doolittle collection.

Student’s new juvenile book finds place on library shelves

UT Dallas doctoral student Barbara R. Vance has written a well-received book titled Suzie Bitner was Afraid of the Drain.

Ellen Safley, shown at right acquiring the book from Vance, was pleased to add it to McDermott Library’s collection of “home grown” publications.

Vance is working on her PhD in aesthetic studies. She wrote 124 humorous poems and added 100 of her own illustrations. The poems were the basis of her senior thesis.

She formed her own publishing company to produce the book. Her reward is that the book has been attracting buyers on Amazon.com. The current listing shows five stars. Amazon sold out of its initial allotment of books and reordered. Vance is currently working on a children’s novel.

Congratulations to Barbara!
LIBRARY SECURITY OVERVIEW

On June 16 library staff gathered in the McDermott Library Auditorium (MC 2.410) to hear UT Dallas Police Department Senior Public Safety Officer Virgil Robinson discuss security and safety measures.

He gave an overview of current policies and recommended proper procedures in navigating the parking lots at night. McDermott Library is regularly open until 2 a.m. from Sunday to Thursday. The new library building alarm system was also covered with prudent advice on what to do when the alarms sound. Staffers also stocked up on safety literature.

Robinson recently was presented a Texas Law Enforcement Explorer Advisors Association Special Recognition Award during the association’s state competition in Richardson. Some 20 law enforcement agencies critiqued 78 teams of UT Dallas Public Safety Officer briefslibrary staff on up-to-date procedures.

The Information Literacy Room on the second level is now equipped with a modern presentation console and 42 new Toshiba laptops.

The new sound system allows staff to attend webinars without the need for a speaker phone. It also features a state-of-the-art white board system. “The largest library sessions will occur in September when instruction librarians welcome more than 1,400 freshmen,” said Loreen Phillips, Head of Information Literacy. She thanked Tahmoures Elyasi and Jesse Davis of Library Information Technologies for upgrading software in all of the new computers.

Information Literacy Room sports upgraded presentation console

UTD Public Safety Officer briefs library staff on up-to-date procedures

Reference Librarian Chris Edwards at left talks with AVI-SPL’s Michael Roberts as Jach Ross and Carol McGee view the new console.
Several McDermott Library staff members recently won top honors in the 2010 Live Healthy North Texas 100 Day Challenge in the weight loss division at UTD as reported in the UTD Employee Spotlight web page.

The team chose the name “McDermott on the Lose.” Team captain Susie Kutchi, Instruction Librarian and Liaison for Biology, Health & Medicine and the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, said, “We chose the group name as a play on the Reference Department’s ‘Librarians on the Loose’ – our outreach program that finds reference librarians taking a laptop and printed library information to various spots across campus.”

Among the 17 teams, McDermott on the Lose members lost an average of 7.45 percent of their body weight, with one member losing 16.76 percent during the challenge.

The team shared some of its secrets of success with Employee Spotlight:

• Getting an adequate amount of sleep! It helped me NOT to snack late at night because I was sleeping.
• Carry a water bottle at all times. [It] curbs appetite and aids in “snack prevention.”
• Daily recording of my weight! [It] aided in accountability; no denying if I was gaining or losing.
• I think my weight loss had to do with portion control and eating more veggies, less nuts for snacks.
• Less than 1000 calories per day, cut way back on the sugar and salt, and eat hummus until you get sick!
• What I have done is that I TRY to walk every day for a minimum of 30 minutes.

Most of the team exercised individually, though they did get together once a month for a potluck lunch to socialize and encourage fellow team members.

“I enjoyed the camaraderie and it also kept me more accountable to the group,” said Mary Jo Venetis, Associate Director for Technical Services.

“I also enjoyed being part of the team and getting results!” said Michelle Sancen, Assistant Head of Circulation and Supervisor of Media Services and Stacks.. “I would love to do it again next time around.”

Money, Money, Money

July’s feature exhibit on the second level was created by Senior Librarian Hillary Campbell about a subject dear to most Americans - “Money Talks: A History of Finance.”

She takes a creative look at the world of finance past and present with books about Wall Street, world markets, accounting tools such as a calculator and an abacus along with currency and coins from various countries. Campbell is also the library’s selector for management and finance materials for the School of Management in addition to being a liaison for the School of Management. Thanks to Hillary for another first class display!
SCENES FROM THE JALONICK LECTURE

Sally Jalonick Hudnall of the sponsoring family gives Lynn Spencer a congratulations hug after her presentation.

Spencer meets Midwest Express flight 7 pilot Gerald Earwood in person for the first time after interviewing him by phone and email for her 2008 book.

Speaker Lynn Spencer receives a framed certificate signed by the library staff from Paul Oelkrug and Interim Dean Sheila Piñeres.

Spencer hoists her Official McDermott Library mug.
For the first time the Jalonick Lecture reception was held in the McDermott Suite on the fourth level and the patrons enjoyed a picturesque array of light refreshments.

Above and at left - At the reception Spencer was kept busy signing copies of her popular book Touching History: The Untold Story of the Drama That Unfolded in the Skies Over America on 9/11. The UTD Bookstore made the books available before and after the lecture.

Right - Sally Jalonick Hudnall, right, and Paul Oelkrug, left, meet Midwest Express flight 7 pilot Gerald Earwood. His plane narrowly missed colliding with United Airlines flight 175 over New York Harbor on 9/11.
By Tom Koch

It was a photograph that came from out of the blue and boy did it have a story to tell.

The image at right was sent to UT Dallas during intense preparations for the remarkable symposium “Air America: Upholding the Airmen’s Bond” in 2009.

As the host department of the event McDermott Library Special Collections received critical support from the UT Dallas Development Office and Communications Office for the April 18 presentation. The advance publicity created by the Media Relations Office, in particular Meredith Dickenson, generated numerous emails from people across the county.

The symposium focused on little-known air rescue missions by Air America of U.S. military personnel during the Vietnam War. Little-
Photograph came as a surprise 44 years later

known because Air America was a secretly-owned air proprietary of the Central Intelligence Agency that assisted in the clandestine war in Laos. The occasion at UT Dallas was to celebrate the release of 10,000 copies of declassified CIA documents about Air America that included details of the missions. Much of Air America’s rescue work can now be told. The papers will add considerable material to the Civil Air Transport/Air America Archive in Special Collections.

Tim Castle, PhD, of the CIA organized two panels of Air America employees who flew the missions and U.S. military personnel who were rescued. Several airmen had not seen their rescuers since the mid-to-late 1960s.

When John O. (Jack) Teague, a former U.S. Air Force combat controller and fighter pilot, saw the news about Don Boecker appearing at UT Dallas, he e-mailed to Brandon Webb in UTD Media Relations the image featured on the first page of this report with this description: “I took this picture in 1965 at LS-36 im-

Air America pilot Sam Jordan - Now and Then

mediately after the pickup of this Navy (or Marine, as I thought at the time) aircrew by Air America pilots pictured. The timing is right: the pilot standing next to Air America H-34 pilot Phil Goddard (left) could be Don Boecker as he said at the time that one of their bombs exploded prematurely and blew off a wing. Phil Goddard is the only one of the four I can positively identify.”

The U.S. labeled their bases in Laos as Lima Sites (LS or Landing Sites) and LS-36 was located in northern Laos north of the Plain of Jars (Plaine des Jarres or PDJ). One of Castle’s panel discussions focused on the rescue of U.S. Navy lieutenants Don Boecker and Don Eaton by Air America pilot Sam Jordan.

In viewing current images of Don Boecker on the internet, the third person in the photo from the left appeared to be him so it was natural to take a copy of the Teague photo to the symposium. Boecker was astonished to discover that the image existed and confirmed it was he and that of his bombardier/navigator Eaton.

“I was totally surprised when Tom showed me the photo and I couldn’t remember when it was taken,” Boecker said.

Meanwhile, Eaton got news of the symposium and was disap-

Retired Rear Admiral Don Boecker - Now and Then

Prelude to the rescue

On July 14, 1965 flight leader Boecker and his bombardier-navigator Eaton did not have a flight scheduled. They were squadron mates in VA-75, the first operational Intruder squadron assigned to Air Wing Seven on board the USS INDEPENDENCE (CVA-62). Eaton appealed for a flight anyway and they got it for 5:30 p.m. in a Grumman A-6A Intruder. Their mission was to bomb a loop in a part of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. “I rolled in over the target and pushed
Air America’s Sam Jordan recovers downed airmen

the bomb button (PICKLE),” Boecker said. “All five 500-pound bombs released but one prematurely detonated because we were armed with old WWII fuses.”

The blast destroyed the starboard engine causing a hydraulic failure followed by a massive fuel leak and fire. The wingman joined up with the crippled plane and radioed, “You’re on fire, eject! Eject!”

It was the first A-6 downed in the Vietnam war. Eaton ejected first, followed by Boecker. “He (Eaton) was a small man, 135 pounds,” Boecker said. “I was 200 pounds and floated down like a lead balloon. I passed him on the way down and the chute wasn’t steerable.” The two were separated by wind and landed in a hostile area in Laos near Sam Neua (meaning northern swamp). Eaton went on one side of a hill and Boecker the other. They ended up about two miles apart. Eaton ran east down hills, cliffs and over streams away from pursuing villagers. In the middle of the night under a full moon Boecker climbed away from pursuing villagers. In the middle of the night under a full moon Boecker climbed through jungle terrain to the top of the mountain avoiding enemy patrols. At dawn he used a mirror to flash his position. Boxed in by the enemy, Boecker saw several air rescue attempts turned back by fire. After four hours help arrived.

Jordan gets the call

For six years Sam Jordan flew helicopters for the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1961 he answered an advertisement for pilots by an upstart airline called Air America. He didn’t know where they were flying and who owned the company.

During his 14-year stint with Air America he flew into Laos carrying medical equipment and other supplies to refugees in remote mountain villages.

He flew fixed wing planes along the Ho Chi Minh Trail scanning for radio signals from the ground and dropping provisions from the sky. Performing high altitude rescue missions in enemy territory in Huey helicopters was a bit different.

Rescue and cover aircraft came and withdrew over Boecker, including an Air Force Jolly Green Giant, two T-28s, a Caribou and Skyraiders. That’s when Jordan was told to fly his Air America UH-34D into the fray on July 15, 1965.

“Why me?” he wondered.

“Because it’s your turn, Sam, and you have a knack of always coming back,” was the answer. He was told to top off with fuel and go in.

Eaton ejected first and offered his name at the time. He just said, “Get out here.”

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Jordan recovered Eaton comparatively easily from a grass bank near the region where the photo was made by Teague, a forward air controller.

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in the horse collar instead of his body. Jordan began to pull out and discovered Boecker wasn’t aboard. He was being pulled through trees and over a canyon hanging onto the horse collar. Finally, he was hoisted aboard where he embraced Eaton.

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Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland. This was an aviator’s dream job, because there was one of every type of Navy and Marine Corps aircraft stationed there and Boecker had an opportunity to fly most of them. During his career, he flew more than 90 models of military aircraft and had more than 800 carrier-arrested landings. In 1991 he became Vice Commander of Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, DC, and served there until his retirement in 1995 after 39 years, 8 months in the U.S. Navy.

He received two Legions of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, six Air Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals with Combat V, the Combat Action Ribbon, a Navy Unit Commendation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Navy Expeditionary Medal and several Vietnam decorations. He had two daughters when he went to Vietnam but after he was rescued he ended up with six children and 11 grandchildren.

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The Unknown Man in the Picture

After the symposium the identity of the Air America pilot second from the left remained unknown. A month later, Air America Association members returned to the UT Dallas campus and to the same Conference Center for a rededication of the Memorial Plaque located in Special Collections. Additional names of lost comrades were added next to the Memorial.

While surveying the members to identify the final man in the photo, I was directed to Clarence “Ab” Abadie who was in charge of Air America pilots at that time. He did not hesitate in recognizing Bob Davis to complete the caption that would now label Teague’s photo.

And what about Teague?

In a vignette, he describes himself as the “first modern-era Combat Controller to put in a tour in northern Laos.” He kept no diary because he was told not to. He didn’t wear a uniform because he was told not to. His call sign was “Cherokee” while based at LS-36. He directed air strikes against the enemy near the PDJ from the back seats of L-19s. He later flew 155 combat missions as a fighter pilot.

In the book * Classified Secret* by Jan Churchill, Gen. Heine Aderholt is quoted: “Captain John O. “Jack” Teague was the first man to push the FAC (Forward Air Controllers) program into Laos. He was a non-rated FAC. His dad, Congressman Olin Teague, was a great hero in World War II. I got Jack into pilot training when he got back from Laos – even though he was color-blind. That had never happened before. Jack got to fly combat in Vietnam in F-100s. He flew missions in the Super Sabre, over half of them scrambled from the alert pad. He picked up enough battle damage to win the nickname Magnet A_ _.”

Teague later taught political science in college and in federal and state prisons. A 1959 graduate of Texas A&M, he remains an active supporter of the Aggies.

Olin “Tiger” Teague was a distinguished alumnus of Texas A&M who joined the Army and participated in D-Day. He received three Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars, the *Croix de Guerre*, the *Fourragère* and three Purple Hearts putting him near Audie Murphy as one of the most decorated American soldiers of World War II. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1946 to 1978 in the seat for the 6th Congressional District in Texas.

This month on July 15 Eaton and Boecker celebrate the 45th anniversary of their rescue and a new lease on life. That is 45 years of distinguished service that might not have been. We salute them and the Air America employees like Jordan who saved them and many others during the “Secret War” those many years ago.

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Don Eaton handles the champagne with Gay and Don Boecker as Eaton’s wife Beth takes the photo during their rescue day reunion of July 15, 2008.
Dress Policy
The University of Texas at Dallas Libraries

As the University strives to improve its status among institutions of higher education, the staff members of the Libraries will improve their image as quality professional and support staff. One aspect of that transition is to introduce a new, comprehensive dress policy.

The dress code policy will enhance the image of the librarians and curators by demonstrating that they not only give excellent service but also see themselves as professionals. In addition, the Library employs excellent paraprofessionals that are equally important to improving the Library’s image.

In General:

All staff should adhere to a business casual dress code. In all cases, clothing should be clean, neatly pressed or unwrinkled, and free from tears or holes. Clothing that is too revealing is not appropriate. All clothing that has words, terms, or pictures that may be offensive to others is unacceptable.

Administrative and Professional, Supervisory Staff

PANTS: Should be neutral colored (for example: black, brown, grey/white, khaki, or blue/navy; tweeds, plaids, or checks would be acceptable in neutral tones). Ankle length pants are appropriate. Blue denim jeans are not appropriate except on special occasions. Inappropriate pants include sweatpants, exercise pants, shorts, bib overalls, heavily decorated pants, or spandex pants. Shorts, pedal pushers, and capris are not appropriate.

SKIRTS/DRESSES: Casual dresses and skirts are permitted for women. Short, tight skirts that are above the knee, mini-skirts, skorts, sun dresses or beach dresses showing bare shoulders, floor-length dresses, and spaghetti strap dresses are not permitted. Skirts should reach the knee when standing. Slits in skirts or dresses should not extend above the middle of the thigh.

SHIRTS/TOPS: Dress shirts, casual golf-type shirts, or sweaters are preferred to tee shirts. All shirts should be free of writing or advertising other than University of Texas at Dallas logos. Ties and jackets are optional. Inappropriate shirts/tops/blouses include all sheer clothing, tops with bare shoulders, midriff tops, and sweatshirts. Conservative tank tops and camisoles must be worn under a blouse, sweater, or jacket.

SHOES: Appropriate shoes would be loafers, boots, or laced/dress shoes. Dress heels or flats are permitted. Non-white athletic shoes (brown, black) are permitted. Rubber/plastic flip flops or rubber/plastic clogs/Crocs, slippers, and white athletic shoes are not permitted. Special consideration will be made for shoes required by a physician.

HATS: Hats and head coverings are not permitted unless required for religious or health purposes or to honor cultural traditions.

OTHER: Jewelry, makeup, perfume, and cologne should be worn in good taste. Body piercings other than earlobes should not be visible. Fingernails should be clean, well groomed, and of appropriate length. Hair including facial hair should be clean and well groomed.

Paraprofessional/Classified and Student Staff

In addition to the dress outlined above, staff members who handle books as part of their position (shelving, etc.) should not wear open-toed shoes.

Student Workers

Student workers may wear blue jeans provided they are neat and without holes or tears.

From August 1-15, 2010 if the policy is not met, the employee will be asked by a supervisor or administrator not to wear the inappropriate item to work again and be provided with a copy of the dress code. After August 15, the employee will be sent home to change clothes and will receive a written warning for the second offense. Progressive disciplinary action will be applied if dress code violations continue.
All Staff Meeting and Ice Cream Social

Above - Associate Director for Technical Services Mary Jo Venetis presents her report during the All Staff Meeting in the McDermott Suite on July 14, 2010. Below - Staff members of McDermott Library and Callier Library listen to reports from Interim Dean Sheila Pineres and various departments.

Name the Food Cart Dual Winners

At left, Jadee Neal of Technical Services, and at right, Carol Oshel of Reference Services, receive their certificates and prizes for submitting the winning name for the new library food station that will be installed on the first level this fall. They both suggested “Novel Brew” that was chosen from 50 entries. Congratulations to Jadee and Carol!

Interim Dean of Libraries Sheila Piñeres, right, welcomes UT Dallas Chief of Police Larry Zacharias who brought along new guard Beverly Lorenzana (center). She is one of two guards who will be assigned expanded duty at McDermott Library.