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Personality Feature: Scott Davis

*In light of Goucher's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations occurring across the nation, The Quindecim decided to cover the work of one student, Scott Davis '10, who recently put together an online exhibit featuring the history of Goucher's Towson campus.*

After working as a student-worker in Goucher's archives, Davis put together an online exhibit, titled, "Building a Greater Goucher: The History of the Towson Campus," after being the first recipient of the Sally Barnes '46 Archives Endowment in 2008. The exhibit, which went online in February 2009, can be found on the library's website at <http://www.goucher.edu/x31129.xml>.

Included on the website is a detailed history of the Towson campus, information about the campus' buildings, biographies about important individuals in Goucher's past, and images.

Although always interested in history, Davis developed a passion for Goucher history when he "began working on some of the different collections of papers that alumni had given to Goucher." Next, he "started working on the student life collection, which is the collection at Goucher that encompasses all the records of student clubs."

About his exhibit, Davis said, "I've always been interested in history. [After] doing my work with the student life records, I slowly became more and more versed in elements of Goucher history. Because this project was to publicize the [archived] records, we decided to do a website [presenting the information about Goucher's history]. Tara Olivero [the Special Collections Librarian and College Archivist] suggested that the idea of doing a website about the entire history of Goucher seemed far too expansive."

He continued, "Apparently, they had tried to do something a number of years ago, and it never got off the ground. We decided [to] limit ourselves to the history of the Towson campus. I soon discovered it was a lot more expansive than I thought it'd be."

The endowment he received to fund his research honors Barnes, a 40-year college volunteer, who dedicated her time primarily to the Julia Rogers Library. As a student-worker, Davis worked with Barnes in the archives when she was still a volunteer for the library before her passing in February 2008.

According to Davis, "an endowment was set up in her memory for a student intern in the college archives and special collections, specifically someone that would be working with the collections to publicize and expand student knowledge of the records that are held."

When asked his feelings about receiving the endowment, Davis said, “It was definitely a really great honor, and I think that was one of the reasons I was chosen in part because I had worked with Sally. . . . But it was definitely something that was very touching to be honored in that way for having worked with her.”

According to an article in the 2008 Friends of the Goucher Library Newsletter, “In 2003, [Barnes] was awarded ‘Outstanding Volunteer’ by the Maryland Library Association for the 13,500 hours she had dedicated to the library. Much of her time was spent in the archives, organizing and cataloging hundreds of photographs from the college’s 123-year history, processing department records, responding to research requests from staff and faculty, and, of course, helping students.”

It continues, “the endowment was established in 2008 by generous donations from family and friends in memory of Barnes. . . . The endowment supports initiatives in the Goucher College Archives: student internships, exhibits, and other projects that increase awareness and use of the archives.”

Furthermore, in honor of her service to the Goucher community, the Athenaeum’s Archives Processing Room is named for Barnes.

Through his research, Davis said he noticed a common theme throughout Goucher’s history. “I think there’s been a real dedication to the continued excellence of Goucher and a real belief in the importance of Goucher,” he said.

For the future, Davis will continue to update the website on his exhibit. Moreover, he will give a Friends of the Goucher Library lecture on how to use the exhibit’s website along with a brief history of the old Baltimore campus in the Batza room on April 29.