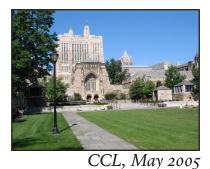
# Welcome to the opening of

# BASS LIBRARY



**BEFORE** 

AFTER



Bass Library, October 2007

#### Upgrades to the Library

Oral Histories Collection: Keepers of oral histories are stored in state-of-the-art isolation cells, accessible with ID card and permission of warden. Collection is noncirculating.

"Borrow Direct" Expansion: You can request a book from six different Ivy League libraries, and within four hours, a librarian will arrive at your room via jetpack with the requested book, already annotated, and then read to you from Medieval church literature until you drift off.

Security Upgrade: Highly trained security personnel will now check each exiting student's backpack, purse, pockets, shoes, and auditory meatus for concealed books. A student purchases a tasty snack



in CCL's upgraded machine city

## MEET YOUR LIBRARIANS

Name: Sarah Skaarsgard **Experience:** 16 years as a librarian in the Skokie public school system, 3 years at the Chicago Public Library, and 17 months tracking down and

slaying the dread flesh-eating drake Ashagan.

Interests: Jazz (listening and performing!), enchanted blades, twentieth-century free verse.

Currently working on: New-age jazz set, mystical account of the grueling winter she spent vanquishing goblins in the crags of the Mardavean Highlands.

Favorite things: Granddaughter Denise (one year old!), and kittens Prince and Simba.

Least favorite things: The smell of charred human flesh rising through the stagnant air from the Depths of Misery, Mondays.

Name: Wilma Moore-Locke

Strengths: Organization, ultrasensitive olfactory organs, fanatical devotion to CCL.

Weaknesses: Stressful social situations,

sunlight.

Favorite food: Earthworms, earth.

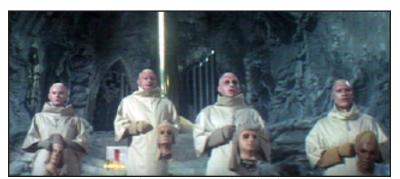
Fun Fact: Wilma refused to leave CCL during construction, opting instead to watch over her beloved library. She was known to scurry away frantically whenever a worker opened a door or turned on a bright light.

What Her Coworkers Say: "Wilma's a real hard worker, but a bit eccentric. I don't mean to sound ungrateful, because I'm not, but I don't think it helped anything when she offered to build one of the new tunnels alone, with her hands and teeth." Greatest fear: Emerging from her system of subterranean tunnels.

#### Donors

Yale University would like especially to thank the following generous donors, all of whom have had rooms in Bass Library named after them:

- Susan and George L. Staircase '75
- Shelly and Ronald P. Library '61
- Elizabeth and James R. Bathroom-Kennedy '67
- Thomas Q. Security Area '52
- Bill C. and Eleanor M. Circulation Desk '58



Construction workers relax on break during renovations

# A Brief History of CCL/Bass Library

1685: Intrepid American trapper Buck Lebeouf discovers an ancient library in the wilds of Connecticut a mere sixteen years before Yale University would be founded, coincidentally in the exact same location. He names it CCL, from the French word for "plentiful squash."

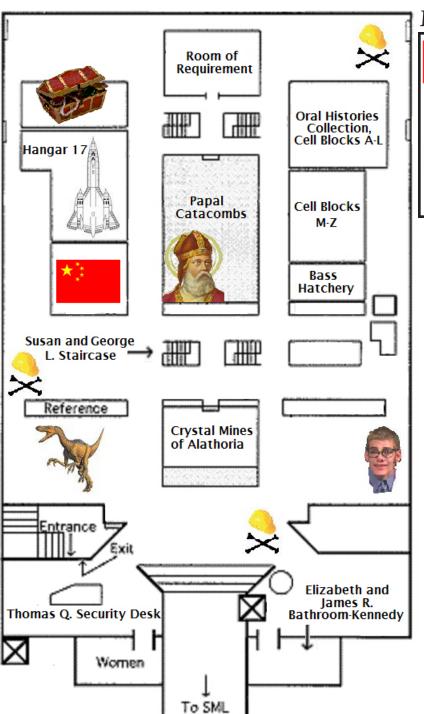
1753: Elihu Yale retools CCL as an elaborate mausoleum, complete with thousands of terra cotta menservants and flowing rivers of mercury.

1803: Students begin to pile their old textbooks upon Elihu Yale's golden gilt tomb as a symbolic end to exam period. Other, thriftier students begin taking these books to use in their own courses, and thus the tomb becomes a library.

1847: CCL is made into a way station on the Underground Railroad by noted theologian, scholar, and bronze statue Theodore Dwight Woolsey, but is abandoned when everyone remembers that slavery is already illegal in Connecticut.

1962: The US government refurbishes CCL as a fallout shelter. A Russian nuclear bomb scare forces the entire Yale community underground. They emerge four hours later to find that Calhoun College has been stolen.

1971: CCL is forced to retreat below the surface of the earth to escape the ravages of the great Berkeley North Court-South Court War, becoming the subterranean lair we all know and love today.



#### MAP OF BASS LIBRARY



### Fun Things to Do in Bass!

- Plagiarize your next law textbook
- Engage in sustainable stacks sex: it lasts longer, costs more, and uses more zucchini
- Hide from the Soviets
- Study
- Start a collection of page seventeens ripped from Baha'i exegetical texts
- Join the Mile Low Club

