



NEWSLETTER Spring 2007

Message from the Library Director

I am pleased to announce several gifts which help move our library forward:

- Congressman E. Clay Shaw's papers
- approximately 2,000 autographed, first-edition, children's books from alumna Dr. M. Jean Greenlaw
- \$10,000 from bibliophile Frederick Gerstell for books
- the gift from music critic Robert Dumm of audio tapes of interviews with famous pianists and composers since 1959.

We just celebrated a very successful Homecoming at Stetson, with perhaps the highest attendance ever. Special honorees were members of the class of 1957. Since 1956/57 was the last year Stetson fielded a football team, many of these football alumni



were here. Associate Director Susan Ryan put up a special display on Stetson

football which has drawn a great deal of attention from current students as well.

We had a lot of interest in the story on the John B. Stetson mansion which was in the fall *Newsletter*. Lewis Stetson Allen wrote to say that despite the rumors, while his great-grandfather did die in the mansion, he did not die in the bathtub. He also states that he did not die of a heart attack. Actually, there was no autopsy, and the newspaper obituaries at the time describe the cause of death as "apoplexy" – a term often used for "stroke."

Betty Drees Johnson ('59, '62), Library Director

Visit from a Bibliophile

(by Betty D. Johnson)

About two years ago I received a letter and a small check for the library from Frederick Gerstell, formerly a lecturer at The Lawrenceville School in New Jersey. He said that while visiting in this area many years ago, he was curious to see what kind of holdings a "small college in a small town" would have and "was astonished at the currency and completeness of Stetson's holdings." He had now retired in Leesburg and returned to our library recently and was again impressed with both our collection and the friendly staff.



He concluded that his check was a "small token of thanks for the fact that Stetson remains resolutely Type A."

Of course, I responded with our thanks and welcomed him as a Library Associate. He renewed that membership the next year. This past October, Fred came by and told us he was so impressed with our library that he had decided to help us get even better, with the intention of giving \$50,000 for books over the next few years. He has given \$10,000 so far. He asked us to spend \$2,500 on filling gaps in our Victorian literature collection and \$2,500 for books on the Reformation period. The rest of the gifts can be used for any books we need. Our literature specialist, Jane Bradford, is working on the Victorian assignment, and I have the pleasure of researching needs in the Reformation period.

We are very proud of our collections, but we know they can be improved with more funding. Bibliophile Fred Gerstell is helping to make this possible.

Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr., Donates His Papers to Stetson

(by Betty D. Johnson)

Congressman E. Clay Shaw's daughter, Mimi Carter ('84) of DeLand, called the library several days after the 2006 elections to inquire if the

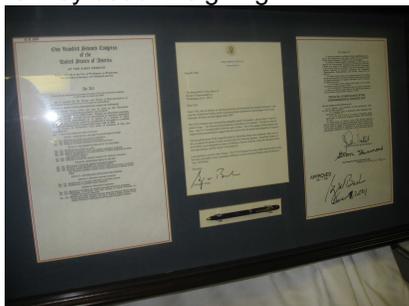


library would be interested in receiving her father's papers from his 26-years in Congress. I told her I would be very interested in discussing it with him.

The next day, Clay, a 1961 alumnus, called me, and said that

although he had thought of the larger state universities, he had a special fondness for Stetson. If we could to handle such a collection, he would like to designate this campus to receive his official papers. On Monday, Nov. 13, I had a call from his Chief of Staff who said the papers would include:

- Correspondence and documents
- Photos with many prominent people
- Notebooks and videos pertaining to the Congressman's work
- Framed bills signed by presidents plus the pens they used in signing



Despite my excitement at this opportunity, it was obvious that without additional space we would not be able to house, catalog, display, and service such a large collection properly. A decision was needed quickly since Clay needed to vacate his office in a month. The logical place was Room 5-L on the ground floor, adjacent to the current office for Archives and Special Collections. This room was originally part of the library, but it had been converted into a public access computer lab several years ago when the Lynn Center was renovated and a computer lab needed to be relocated temporarily. In the

next few days, working with the administration (Chief Vice-President Jim Beasley and Council of Deans Chair Jim Woodward), it was agreed that the computer lab would be relocated elsewhere on campus at the end of spring term. A door will be cut to directly connect the Archives office and 5-L.

Almost two hundred boxes began to arrive in mid-December, and we stored them in a safe location.

Associate Director Susan Ryan has already begun to unpack some of these boxes and to catalog some of the larger pieces.



Complete indexing of the papers themselves will take several years once we move into 5-L.

Stetson's Political Science Department is very strong, and I anticipate this collection will be used by our students as well as by many scholars exploring not just Shaw's career, but also the many issues in which he was involved or instrumental in his 26 years in Congress. Clay, a Republican representing the Fort Lauderdale area, is especially identified with his work on the "welfare to work" bill and Everglades legislation. It will be quite an opportunity for undergraduates to have access to these papers. We also hope that Clay will visit periodically and speak to students and others on these political issues.

This will be the first major collection of papers other than those of university officials which we have accepted. It will be a challenge, but it is also a great opportunity for Stetson, and we look forward to working with Congressman Shaw on this project.

We plan an event for the dedication of the Shaw Collection once it has been organized, probably in the spring of 2008. Room 5-L will also be used to house and display some of the memorabilia and limited papers of other alumni who have been active in politics and government, such as Max Cleland ('64) and the late W. Amory Underhill ('36).

The Robert Dumm Collection

(by Jean Wald, Music Librarian)

Due to a fortuitous meeting at church, I discovered that Robert Dumm, whose name I remembered from a long-ago undergraduate piano workshop and from his articles in *Clavier* magazine, had retired to Florida and was still pursuing his passion for the piano and its interpreters. He mentioned that he had arranged to give his beloved Steinway to the School of Music at Stetson and wanted to discuss the possibility of finding a home for more than four hundred taped interviews with musicians which he had recorded and partially transcribed over nearly a fifty-year period. After several meetings with Betty Johnson, Library Director, and Jim Woodward, Dean of the



School of Music, we agreed on a plan for making these first-person interviews available first to the Stetson community once they have been

cataloged and eventually to the world via the Internet.

Mr. Dumm is in the process of transferring these materials to Stetson, and they will form the basis for my sabbatical project in Spring 2008 entitled *Fifty Years of Pianists: the Interviews of Robert Dumm, 1959-2006*. The gift, to be called The Robert Dumm Collection, includes interviews with Van Cliburn, Rudolph Firkusny, Christoph Eschenbach, Norman Dello Joio, Gary Graffman, Christopher Hogwood, Ruth Laredo, and Nadia Boulanger, among others, most notably pianists and piano pedagogues, as well as others closely associated with them such as an aunt of Vladimir Horowitz (Seitzoff) and a great-great-granddaughter of Franz Liszt (Mme. de Prevaux).

Library Endowment

The endowment we started last year continues to grow, thanks to our Associates, and now totals almost \$46,000. The amounts given vary considerably, and one library staff member even set up a payroll deduction plan for the endowment. The first distribution last June was \$1,800.00. Remember, this is an open-ended endowment, and contributions are always welcome.

duPont-Ball Library Research Prize

The library awarded its 2007 Evans C. Johnson Research Prize to Jessica Pauszek. The prize, a Hatter Bookstore gift card, is awarded for the English 121 research paper showing the most thorough, effective, creative, and ethical uses of research resources.



Jessica is a freshman English major from Deltona, Florida. She lettered in soccer in high school and is now on Stetson's volleyball team. Jessica, appropriately enough, works in the library's periodicals department.

Jessica's winning research paper is on Wal-Mart and can be read on our web site at <http://www.stetson.edu/library/prize.php>.

College of Law Library and duPont-Ball Library Cooperation

The internet has made it possible for our library to work more closely with the library at the College of Law on the west coast of Florida. As the joint JD/MBA programs began, it was necessary to provide the same business databases for those programs, and we have worked together to make that happen. In several cases we split the cost of the database or, in a few cases, we were able to add the College of Law to our current subscriptions.

Recently our library faculty did an extensive evaluation of JSTOR, an archive of Arts and Sciences journals which requires a very expensive one-time cost as well as steep annual fees. We found that it would be useful, but the costs made us hesitate. Then Rebecca Trammel, Library Director at the College of Law, decided to purchase the main JSTOR collection and the first supplement to meet requests from her faculty. As JSTOR licenses the entire university, these journal archives are now available for our students and faculty as well.

The growing cooperation between our libraries is making both collections and all programs much stronger.

Recent Additions to the Stetson Memorabilia Collection

Barbara Brundage Colegrove ('51) donated six pieces of Stetson jewelry to our collection. Her Pi Beta Phi pin is set with tiny rubies and pearls and she often wore it with her Theta Alpha Phi pin which represented membership in the national theatre



honorary. A third pin is from the Mortar Board national honorary. The other gifts were several charms representing "The Honor" (a local honorary for junior and senior girls based on scholarship which later became part of Mortar Board), Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, and the student newspaper, the *Stetson Reporter*. All of these gifts will be on periodic display with other pieces of jewelry in our Archives collection and can be viewed at http://www.stetson.edu/library/alumni_donations.php.



On the Friday of Homecoming Weekend, the Lane Seminar Room in Elizabeth Hall (room 316) was dedicated in memory of T.C. Lane, Jr. T.C., a political science major, was home for the Christmas holidays in 2003 when he was killed by a driver who had been drinking. His parents, Tom and Nanette, were here for the dedication. They had earlier given the library T.C.'s Stetson class ring. As a memento of the room dedication, they gave us and several others lovely boxes and paperweights, decorated with a painting of Elizabeth Hall. These have been added to our Archives.

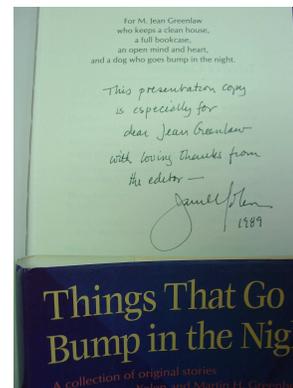
Many alumni came to look at old yearbooks, and about thirty extra copies from the 1950s and 1960s were picked up during Homecoming. Our students stopped publishing the yearbooks in 2001, and it is a pity that when this century's alumni return in future years, they will not have these books and photos to jog their fading memories.

Remember, we are still soliciting Stetson memorabilia and scrapbooks of your days at Stetson.

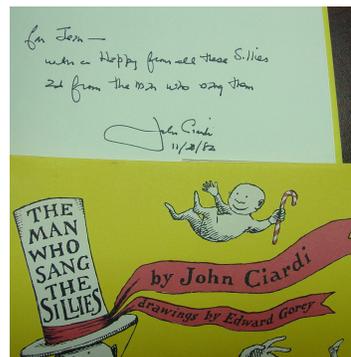
A Special Collection from Alumna Dr. M. Jean Greenlaw

Alumna M. Jean Greenlaw ('62, '65) has developed a national reputation for her expertise in children's literature and literacy. After graduating from Stetson with both the B.A. and M.A., she earned her doctorate from Michigan State University in 1970 and taught at the University of Georgia before moving to the University of North Texas in Denton where she is now Regents

Professor Emeritus. She has written for the Houghton Mifflin Basal Reading Program, and published many journal articles, as well as two books for children, *Ranch Dressing: The Story of Western Wear* (1993) and *Welcome to the Stock Show* (1997). Jean also sponsors an annual Children's Literature Conference at Stetson.



During her career, Jean became friends with many authors of children's books and collected their first editions, usually with personal autographs. Jean became concerned about what would happen to this collection of approximately 2,000 volumes and offered them to us. We were excited with this opportunity.



Jean began shipping the books to us last fall. They are slowly being cataloged as a special collection to be housed behind the attractive ironwork grill on the ground

floor, with the cataloged books in the Stetson Collection and special volumes of the government Serial Set.

Our thanks to Jean for sharing her special collection with us.