



NEWSLETTER Spring 2009

Message from the Library Director

In February we hosted a program which brought back some speakers who have participated in library-sponsored programs in the past: General Harold Moore; war correspondent, journalist, and author Joe Galloway; and former Senator Max Cleland. We had an audience of more than 300 for their informal but very informed remarks and even had a Vietnam-era scout helicopter on display.

Stetson continues to cope with the decline in the endowment and the resulting budget cuts, but our trustees and administration were prescient and very cautious in planning, so we were better



prepared than some others. Our major concern is for our students, many of whose families are affected by the recession. The library continues to provide a quiet place for them to gather and study, away from the stresses in their dorms or apartments.

How does the library fare in these times? We made some personnel changes last year which, while difficult, allowed us to continue to provide necessary materials. The major effect was cutting night and weekend hours in the Jenkins Music Library. We now permit all recordings to be checked out, so students have adapted well.

Endowments for the Future

Although hard economic times may make us concentrate on current needs, it is also our duty to plan for the future, as we are responsible for sustaining and improving a library with a 125

year history of excellent service and collections. This is why we started the Library General Endowment in December 2004, with seed money from a Library Associate. It has now grown to \$69,000, providing an income of almost \$3,000 for this fiscal year. This endowment can accept donations of any amount, so those of you who can't afford much now can still give small amounts and help us build for the future. Using this income, we just started a subscription to *ebrary*, a collection of more than 40,000 e-books.

I reported to you in last spring's newsletter that Sandra Stetson Martinuzzi, great granddaughter of John B. Stetson, had established a \$50,000 endowment for the library. In December she doubled that, with an additional gift of \$50,750. It is clear that John B. Stetson's dedication to higher education and Stetson University remains strong in this generation of his family.

We recently received a settlement from the estate of Mary C. Porter totaling \$879,662 to establish the Mary C. and Arvis L. Porter Memorial Endowment Fund for the library. Half of each year's income will be used for books and periodicals, with the rest for other library enhancements. Mrs. Porter, a widow, first contacted me in 1999. She had worked in a library at one time, and she thought of the Stetson Library as a possible beneficiary for her estate. We had an excellent meeting, discussing the current and future needs of the library, and she added the library to her will. Mrs. Porter did not come to campus frequently, but we kept in touch, and she knew what we were accomplishing here for our students. This generosity from a quiet, kind, and intelligent woman concerned for the future of education, will affect our students for many generations.

Betty Drees Johnson, Library Director

Max Cleland, Joe Galloway, and Lt. General Harold Moore Draw a Large Crowd

The library was proud to sponsor a talk by Senator Max Cleland and author Joe Galloway in late February. They spoke on Vietnam and U.S. foreign policy before a large crowd of students, townspeople, and veterans.



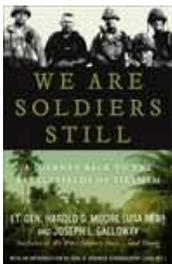
Lt. General Harold G. Moore (retired) introduced our speakers with obvious admiration and friendship. He met war correspondent Joseph Galloway in Vietnam when Galloway embedded himself with Moore's company and fought with them in the battle of Ia Drang. They later



recounted that battle in a co-authored book, *We Were Soldiers Once – And Young*, which was

made into a popular movie starring Mel Gibson. The book is still used as a textbook by the military as a lesson in leadership.

Galloway, who later covered other wars, including the current Iraq war, spoke about some of his experiences and the wish for peace. His latest book, also written with General Moore, is *We Are Soldiers Still: A Journey Back to the Battlefields of Vietnam*, and was published in 2008. A review in the June 9, 2008 issue of *Publisher's Weekly*



states: "This book proves again that Moore is an exceptionally thoughtful, compassionate and courageous leader."

General Moore also spoke of his admiration and friendship with alumnus Max Cleland '64, former U.S. Senator from Georgia. Cleland shared many experiences with Galloway and Moore and spoke to the crowd of his Vietnam days, recent foreign policy, and his hopes for the future.

Following the presentations, the three men spent almost two hours meeting with members of the audience and autographing books and photos. They especially were pleased to visit



with members of the Wounded Warriors group from Gainesville. Stetson students in the R.O.T.C. program train with students at nearby Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and R.O.T.C. students were well represented.

Getting these three highly sought-after speakers was the result of our friendship with Cleland and a close friendship which alumnus Wes Brumback '80 had developed with Moore and Galloway. Interest in the program was high as soon as it was announced, and people came from all over Florida and from as far away as Ohio, to attend the program.

Jim Basta and other members of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association arranged to bring a

Vietnam-era scout helicopter to campus which was placed in the circle in front of the Carlton



Union Building, gathering a great deal of attention from students and guests.

Special thanks to our Library Associates who helped sponsor this program.

Susan M. Ryan, Associate Library Director

Special Collections – The Regar Collection

In November we were contacted by Donald Allen Regar, Sr., the great grandson of James Frederick "Fred" and Calista Allen, early DeLand settlers and Stetson supporters. The home they



built, just west of DeLand Hall, currently houses the Public Relations offices. Don had a number of family photos and other memorabilia and wondered if we would be interested for our Special Collections.

Among the items were

Fred Allen's letters as a Union soldier in the Civil War, a poem from his time as a prisoner at Andersonville, and the small spoon he used there. After further contacts and a visit from Don and three of his four children, the family donated these items to the library for the Regar Collection.

The letters from Fred to his parents are a wonderful glimpse of the life of a young soldier, generally describing camp life, with some vivid descriptions of battle and his joy at finally being released from Andersonville Prison. Following the war Fred returned to Illinois where he married Calista Norton and later moved to DeLand.

Mr. Regar's grandmother, Fannie, went to Stetson Academy, and the collection includes her notebook from 1902, as well as her diary as a young bride and mother (1913-14). Other Allen children also attended Stetson. One of Fred's grandchildren who attended Stetson was Kathleen Johnson '30, who taught humanities at Stetson for many years. Kathleen's sister, Elizabeth Allen, still lives within a block of her family home.

We now have a website for the collection, http://stetson.edu/library/specialcollections_regar.php, created by Susan Ryan, shown here working with Mr. Regar on identification of

photos. The website includes the photos, as well as scanned copies of the documents.

The Civil War letters have also been transcribed, with notes to put them into context. Members of the public, as well as the family, now have access to this interesting slice of history.



University Archives

Our Stetson memorabilia collection continued to grow. We have had a lovely exhibit of Stetson-related jewelry on display in the library this semester. Our most recent addition came from Jack Gibson '56, who stopped by the library and brought us two beautiful Greek pins -- his Pi Kappa Phi



fraternity pin and his late wife's Zeta Tau Alpha sorority pin. Jack has them displayed on a tiny jacket, intertwined just as his future wife, Diane Smith Gibson '56, wore them after she was "pinned." The quill on the ZTA pin signified that Diane served as secretary for the sorority. Jack is the son of the late Dr. Byron

Gibson, Stetson professor of English from 1946 to 1973.

In November, Larry '66 and Nancy Wands '66 Hastings gave us Larry's Sig Ep paddle. We now have two Stetson fraternity paddles, including Max Cleland's. Also in November, Ann Joyner from North Carolina sent a scrapbook which had been kept by her aunt, Mildred "Brownie" Brown Mount '40 while a Stetson student 1936-1940. We have several scrapbooks from different eras, but we would love to have more. They give such an insight into Stetson life at various times.

If you have Stetson memorabilia, please consider giving it to us. We promise to preserve it as part of Stetson's history.

duPont-Ball Library's R. Neil Scott and Evans C. Johnson Research Prize Winners 2009

We are pleased to announce that we now have two prizes for freshman-level papers. A former Stetson reference librarian, R. Neil Scott, has funded a second annual research prize. While on Stetson's faculty, Neil earned an MBA, and he decided to help us honor students who wrote well-researched papers in the first-year English classes, especially those with a business-related topic. The winner of the first R. Neil Scott Research Prize is Ashley E. Rutherford, whose paper on "Patient Privacy" was written in Rusty Witek's EH 121 class during the fall term 2008. The committee particularly liked the choice and use of sources appropriate



to that topic. Ashley is from Savannah, Georgia, and is majoring in Pre-Medicine/Integrative Health Sciences.

The fifth annual Evans C. Johnson Prize was awarded to Christy Fitzpatrick for her paper, "Human Cloning: Beneath the Surface," written

in Gail Radley's EH121 class during the spring term 2008. The committee particularly liked the number and range of sources appropriate to that topic and the good writing demonstrated throughout the paper. Originally from Apopka, Florida, Christy is majoring in Art and Biochemistry ("I like using both sides of my brain!") and would like to go to graduate school. She is considering scientific research as a career and says she believes "that taking on challenges is the only way to discover someone's true potential." Her parents drove from Savannah for the award ceremony and surprised her.



In addition to the Stetson Bookstore gift certificate, each winner also received an acrylic plaque noting the award. Both papers have been added to the library's website http://stetson.edu/library/prize_winners.php

More From the Stetson Archives

Associate Director Susan Ryan and Archives Specialist Gail Grieb '67 were especially busy working on the many 125th Anniversary events and publicity. You saw many of their contributions in the photos in university



and created a very popular display of Stetson hats for Homecoming.

publications during the year, but they outdid themselves for Family Weekend and Homecoming. They developed special displays for several areas,

The other big Archives news this year is our cooperation with the University of Central Florida on a digitization project to make available our pre-1930 photos and some early university publications on the Central Florida Memory website <http://www.cfmemory.org/> Also watch for our announcement next fall of our own expanded archives and special collections website using specialized software. It will soon be much easier for you and others to locate and view some of the rich content we have.

Remember, if you have Stetson memorabilia to add, contact Associate Director Susan Ryan (386-822-7181 or sryan@stetson.edu)

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