



NEWSLETTER Spring 2011

Message from the Director

This is my last *Newsletter*, as I will retire August 31st. The advertising for the new Dean of Library and Learning Technologies went out about two months ago, and applications are being reviewed by a strong search committee, chaired by an English professor and including two librarians. My successor's title will be appropriate for the direction academic libraries have taken in the last decade, and I am pleased with the Provost's vision for the position. It is a great opportunity for an innovative librarian with a desire to run a great library. To see a copy of the vacancy notice, go to the website: <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/employment/faculty.php>.

As usual, our Archives were featured at Homecoming, with displays in the library and several other places on campus. Saturday morning we welcomed about 120 guests to help celebrate Max Cleland's naming of the library's Politicos Room in honor of long-time Political Science Professor Wayne Bailey. That afternoon, we welcomed a smaller group of alumni who had served in the military during the Vietnam War, as part of a special project to recognize their service.

The massive shifting of collections to integrate the art and music collections in the north wing of the main floor began in earnest in April and will be completed by mid-July. This includes moving the Janice Jenkins Music Collection of scores and recordings from Presser Hall to the duPont-Ball Library where it will be housed in this newly designated Fine Arts Wing. The collection is named for Professor and Music Librarian Janice Jenkins who selected and cataloged a large part of the collection before her retirement. The Music Computer Lab will remain in Presser Hall, but this move will give some needed space for the School of Music and provide more hours of access to the collection for students.

Betty Drees Johnson, Library Director

Library's 2011 Research Prize Winners

The library presents two prizes each year, honoring students for research papers written during courses in their first year. The third R.



Neil Scott Research Prize was awarded to Jennifer Rose Curtis for her paper, "The Negative Effects of Sugar and Nonnutritive Sweeteners: Can We Have Our Cake and Eat it Too?" Jenny Rose is from Lake Mary, Florida, and

reports that she "has an ever-growing passion for Jesus Christ and the Gospel that defines her life." She is a Spanish major who is considering becoming a teacher, perhaps one day in another country.

The seventh Evans C. Johnson Research Prize was awarded to Chelsea Whalley, who wrote "Sexual Violence and Self Destruction: The Shameful History of European Colonization and its Effects on the Native American Population." Chelsea is from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and is majoring in Sociology with a minor in Integrative Health Science. At Stetson on a softball scholarship, she spends "a ton of time devoting myself to the sport of softball." She is considering law school with a focus on international human/civil rights or pursuing a Ph.D. in sociology to teach at the college level.



College of Law Archives

The College of Law Library has joined us in the initiative to create a single, comprehensive University digital archives. To see their initial additions, choose "College of Law" on our Digital Archives webpage: <http://archives.stetson.edu/>. All collections across both campuses can be searched simultaneously from this page, or you may search each campus separately.

Stetson Family Connections

We had two visits from Bill and Diane Widdowson this year. Bill is the great-grandson of John B. Stetson, and he told of memories of the Stetson homes in Philadelphia. In addition to some photographs, the Widdowsons gave Archives a silver plated tray engraved to John B. Stetson from his employees in 1877, and a sterling silver and ivory baby rattle, engraved to John B. Stetson, Jr. in 1885. John B. Jr. grew up to continue his father's interest in the university and was on the Board of Trustees for many years.

In February, JBS's great-granddaughters Thomazine (Tim) Widdowson Whitehead and Gail Sherman came by for a visit, bringing photos and great stories of growing up as the grandchildren of John B.

Stetson Jr. They once played around the table that now serves as a conference table in the Provost's Office.



Vietnam Era Veterans Gather

Saturday afternoon, as part of Homecoming, we hosted a gathering of Stetson alumni who served in the military during the Vietnam War. About 20 veterans came to learn about Stetson's



efforts to locate and recognize those who served. This also fits with one of our major Special Collections, the Max Cleland ('64) collection of personal memorabilia. The project is the brainchild of alumnus Jay Mechling ('67), a professor of American Studies at University of

California, Davis, who found a ready partner in the project after approaching Arts & Sciences Dean Grady Ballenger. If you are an alum who served during that era and have photographs, diaries, or other materials you would be willing to add to the collection or allow us to digitize, please contact Associate Director Susan Ryan (sryan@stetson.edu) who is also curator for Special Collections.

Stetson Hat Company Memorabilia

We have made an effort over the last nine years to collect items relating to the John B. Stetson



Family and the hat company which John B. Stetson founded. In February, Gary Bogart, father of student Elizabeth Bogart ('12), contacted Associate Director and curator of Special Collections

Susan Ryan to tell her of something he thought might be of interest. While in Philadelphia on business, he wandered into the Mad Hatter Antiques shop (yes, it is even in an old Stetson Hat Company building) and saw two framed Stetson posters from World War II. Thanks to his sharp eye and gifts from two Library Associates, we purchased those posters which now are on our main floor.



During World War II, the war was constantly on everyone's mind, and many companies used their advertising money not just to try to sell products, but, as in the second poster above, to remind everyone of the importance of keeping troop movements secret.

Stetson Student Newspapers Now Online

We are pleased to announce that we have loaded all Stetson student newspapers from the first issue through April 2010 into our digital archives – more than 2,200 issues (20,000 pages of material). These newspapers are fully searchable by keyword or name. At the end of each academic year, we'll have the new issues scanned and add those.



This was a labor-intensive, expensive venture, but we were fortunate in that alumnus Wes ('80) and Paula Brumback saw the value in this collection and covered the cost of digitization. We did all the

metadata work ourselves to ensure the accuracy of descriptions.

This will be an incredibly valuable resource for anyone interested in Stetson's history. Choose "Newspapers" at <http://archives.stetson.edu>.

Soon after the announcement went out on our Facebook page, I received an email from History alumnus Joe Farinacci '83:

"As someone who spent many an all-nighter putting the Reporter 'to bed' on a Thursday night so that it could be read and dissected (and usually slammed) on Friday morning, I was greatly surprised and overjoyed to see on Facebook that the Reporter can now be accessed online! I once spent some time tunneling through the archives in the late 80's to get copies of the stories I wrote for the Reporter, so I can definitely appreciate the work that went into this project. Kudos to all who were involved in this vast undertaking.

Memories of working on the Reporter are second only to the History dinners hosted by you and Dr. Johnson that we all enjoyed at your home."

Isn't it great when our Archives can help alumni remember details of their lives at Stetson?

New Student Services and Resources

Remember when university libraries closed at 10:00 pm or earlier? In January, in response to a long-time student request, we reallocated some funds to extend closing from midnight to 1:00 am Sunday – Thursday nights. The large count of students studying at 12:30 am proves the value of this change.

We have added more electronic books, making it possible for students to access them at any time, from anywhere. Whereas a print book may be checked out and renewed for weeks, the ebook is available for the next person whenever one student stops reading it, so we are meeting the need for multiple students to read popular and assigned books. Based on the actual usage of books in our subscription to ebrary's Academic Collection, we have paid \$2.53 for each title used in the last two years. An amazing 155,000 pages were viewed.

A similar subscription for a collection of academic films on streaming video makes it possible for faculty to assign students to watch films outside of class, at their own convenience, thus saving class time for lectures and discussion.

It also allows multiple off-campus students or those at Celebration to view such films without the need for physical DVDs which could not serve so many.



Music students love the streaming audio subscriptions which allow them to listen to assigned music from anywhere with an internet connection. There were more than 10,000 logins last year, with more than 45,000 pieces of music accessed and heard. While we started with a limited number of simultaneous users permitted, we have now upgraded our subscriptions to unlimited users.

Our current project is implementing new software which makes it possible to simultaneously search all of our databases and library catalog with a single search.

Max Cleland Names the Library's Politics Room for Professor T. Wayne Bailey

To honor 48 years of service to Stetson University, a duPont-Ball Library Special Collections room was named for political science professor Dr. T. Wayne Bailey during a Homecoming ceremony. The space, now known as the T. Wayne Bailey Politics Room,



houses political papers and memorabilia of Stetson alumni - most notably the Congressional papers of E. Clay Shaw ('61, '66) and the personal political and Vietnam memorabilia of Max Cleland ('64).

Dr. Bailey came to Stetson University in 1963 to form the University's fledgling political science department. Since that time, the department has grown to six faculty members, but Dr. Bailey continues his personal touch in mentoring



students through their time at Stetson, as well as through graduate and law schools, and throughout their careers. Above is Wayne with two of his graduates, Volusia School Board member Candace Lankford ('99) and former Congresswoman Suzanne Kosmas ('98). In the

middle of the background is another former student, Dr. George Edwards ('69), well-known presidential scholar and Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University.

The room naming was sponsored by Max Cleland, current Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission and former U.S. Senator from Georgia, who considers Dr. Bailey to have had a major influence on his life as a Stetson student and during his subsequent long political career. Senator Cleland was just one of many students whom Dr. Bailey helped get accepted into the Washington Semester program; Dr. Bailey is the longest serving Washington Semester advisor of any college in the program.

Many interesting artifacts are on permanent display in the T. Wayne Bailey Politics Room, including photos of Max Cleland and Clay Shaw



conferring with many presidents and prominent politicians. Other political material is displayed on a rotating basis. The 26 years of Clay Shaw papers, originally under a five-year embargo, are being indexed by Stetson librarians and will be available to researchers in 2012. Stop by and see our political collections in person – or many of the memorabilia items from both the Cleland and Shaw collections can be seen online by choosing “Special Collections” in the library's Digital Archives (<http://archives.stetson.edu>).

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