



## NEWSLETTER Spring 2003

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### Message from the Library Director

This has been an interesting fall term which started with a reception honoring the ten University faculty who had received promotion and/or tenure. More than 150 Library Associates, faculty, and staff attended. Each honoree had been asked to provide the name of an author who had been most influential in his/her life, and the Library created a display of works by the selected authors that generated much interest - choices ranged from Carolyn Keene to Hawthorne to John Dewey.

As is the case with many universities today, Stetson is undergoing a "Budget Stabilization Process" to cut costs due to decreased endowment value. As we worked with a Library materials budget which had been reduced for the year by \$100,000, faculty looked carefully at their journals lists and began to pare them down to assist in meeting the decreased budget. Many departments now have little or no money for books due to the expense of their journals. Our faculty are very involved in development of the Library's collections, and their understanding of this situation and their knowledge of the collection and our curriculum needs were evident in their decisions. As you will see below, two alumni, identifying the importance of the Library to the academic mission of the University, came forward with assistance. Another alumnus, aware of the unfunded Library technology needs, is helping us create a special computer research area for our students.

We often receive offers of books to be given to the Library. We accept, with the understanding that as the recipient we

cannot evaluate the gifts for IRS purposes and that if we do not need them for our collections, they will be placed on our Book Sale rack. As the income from those sales is used for Library purchases, most donors completely understand. As you will see below, we received several especially nice collections in 2002.

The Spring 2003 Reception for Library Associates and Friends will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, April 11, 2003. We hope you will reserve this date and plan to attend.

*Betty D. Johnson, Library Director*

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*Sage Hall (Science Building)*

### Stetson Alumnus Aids Sciences

A Stetson alumnus approached Library Director Betty Johnson in November to discuss the large cutback in the Library's materials budget and to offer his assistance where it was most needed. Johnson explained that Chemistry and Biology had been the most negatively affected, as their journals are very expensive, but that one-time gifts could not be used for such recurring expenses. The alumnus, who insists on anonymity, said he would give \$5,000 this year and would continue to do so each year to assist these departments. This generous, ongoing gift enabled the departments to reinstate a subscription to Biochemistry (\$2,906) and some other important titles.

## Stetson Alumna Loves Books



In November I was contacted by Kate Hanson in Planned Giving who informed me that alumna Daphne Brownell wished to give a monetary gift to the Library. I called Daphne and talked with her for some time. After graduating from Stetson in 1940, teaching, and then earning the MA in 1954, Daphne received the Master of Library Science degree from Catholic University, Washington, D.C. She served as a school librarian, including a stint in the 1960s at Florida Military Academy in DeLand, and in our Reference Department for a brief period. Fascinated with history and genealogy, Daphne became a Certified Genealogy Record Searcher. She did a great deal of genealogical research in our Library and published several books which are important for the study of Volusia County and New York (her family's original home) history.

Daphne, who moved from DeLand to a retirement community near Jacksonville in 1993, asked how she could best help the

Library. When she told me the very generous amount of her intended gift, I suggested an endowment for books. She laughed and said that such an endowment would be appropriate as she loves books and is happy she did her research before computers became used so widely. I told her that indeed, the book is not dead. In fact, students and faculty still require and check out books on a wide scale.

I asked Daphne recently why she decided to make this gift, and she responded:

*"I have wanted to make a contribution to my alma mater where I had such happy years and to the library that has always meant so much to me, so I decided in 2002 to do so. It has been a privilege for me to have been able to make this gift to the duPont-Ball Library of Stetson University and to be able to establish The Daphne M. Brownell Endowed Book Fund."*

As a result of Daphne's generosity, we now have a fund from which we will begin to receive income in the 2003/04 fiscal year. The income will be used at the discretion of the Head of Technical Services, who has responsibility for overall collection development, to ensure we add to the collection the best selection of books published each year in a variety of disciplines. Daphne's gift is truly one which will have a permanent impact.

*Betty D. Johnson, Library Director*

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## Looking Back at Fall Semester 2002

92,276 people came to the Library  
11,390 items checked out  
3,089 reserve items used  
3,729 questions answered  
75,464 hits on the Library's home page

\$111,984 spent on databases (02-03)  
387,294 searches in top 3 databases  
905 new books & other materials purchased  
1,407 items added to the Library Catalog  
1,848 government documents added

## Stetson Alumnus Helps with Technology

When the Library offered naming opportunities for its newly created and renovated spaces in 1999, Wesley W. (Class of 1980) and Paula Brumback named our Online Services Room in honor of Wesley's parents. The Brumbacks also funded a scanner workstation that was housed in the Online Services Room.

This year, Wesley and Paula are once again helping us meet the constant demands for upgraded technology. Their generous



three-year pledge has allowed us to buy several high-end computer

workstations, and an additional printer and scanner, to meet the research needs of current Stetson students.

With so much information available electronically, it is essential that the Library has up-to-date hardware and software. Gifts like the Brumback research workstations are crucial to helping the Library stay technologically current.

Wesley and Paula have dedicated their latest gift in recognition and honor of their friend, Lt. General Harold G. Moore, and the men who fought and were killed or wounded in battle in the Ia Drang Valley, Vietnam, in November 1965.

Lt. General Moore's book about his Vietnam experiences, *We Were Soldiers Once... And Young*, was made into a movie starring Mel Gibson as General Moore and Madeleine Stowe as his wife, Julie. The dedication of this gift will be made on April 24<sup>th</sup>. General Moore has graciously agreed to speak to Dr. Kevin O'Keefe's *American Military Experience* class and also to give a talk that will be open to the public Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lynn Business Center Auditorium.

*Susan M. Ryan, Associate Director*

## Library as a Party Place?

With its much improved ambiance, the renovated Library is perfect for after-hours receptions. The first was held in the fall of 2001 to announce the start of the Library Associates program, and fall and spring receptions are now held each year.

Before the elections this fall, Dean of Arts and Sciences Grady Ballenger suggested using the Library atrium area for a small, private reception for local Congressman John Mica and House Speaker Dennis Hastert after the Library closed on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Congressman Mica had been instrumental in getting a large grant for our science program, and a TV and press interview was planned in the science building, Sage Hall. However, they wanted a more inviting atmosphere for a small reception with a few local supporters and Stetson administrators first. With only about 35 people in the Library, everyone had a chance to talk to Speaker Hastert, and Library Director Johnson was able to put in a plug for national library funding.

At the end of March, Phi Alpha Theta (international history honorary) will hold its state-wide meeting at Stetson, and their Friday evening reception will also be held in the Library.

During regular Library hours our students flock here to study and to do research. The computer workstations are in great demand, and we have equipped them with the



complete Office software so they may do research and write papers here. The

four group study rooms are heavily used, and study groups also tend to meet in the Congressional Reading Room.

A special thanks again to all donors who made this renovation and expansion possible.

## Gift Collections

Gift books are a staple of the Library's collection development efforts, and the kindness and generosity of our friends, faculty, and alumni have enhanced the Library's collections. To describe a few of the major gift collections in 2002:

The estate of Dr. Barbara Wolf Pearce (Class of 1981) gave the Library more than 200 volumes. The Pearce collection offered a vast array of literature, including books on Shakespeare, the English Renaissance, the Restoration period, the Medieval period, and even some American classics by Mark Twain and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

The Library added more than 40 volumes from the estate of Wm. Amory Underhill in 2002. The Underhill collection features materials on Florida history, Stetson University history, spiritualism, and biographical and historical volumes on the United States Congress. Many of the volumes on Congress were signed by Senators and Representatives. Mr. Underhill (LL.B. 1936), who died in 1999, practiced in both DeLand and Washington, D.C., and knew the political scene and its players very well. He attended every presidential inauguration since the 1940s, and among the memorabilia given to the Stetson Archives is his complete invitation package to the inauguration activities of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945. The gift was facilitated by Mr. Underhill's long-time Administrative Assistant, Marsha Titus.

In December, Cliff Gosney, Jr., a 1952 College of Law graduate living in Port Orange, gave our Library more than 40 volumes on the political and social history of Africa. Many of these titles were published in Africa and would have been almost impossible to acquire through regular purchasing channels. Mr. Gosney travelled to Southern Africa and, identifying a need, founded in 1986 the Benevolence Through Education foundation to send books to Southern African schools and libraries. The Africana books Mr. Gosney donated to

Stetson will be very useful to faculty and students in our Africana Studies Program.

Of course, many collections contain duplicates, and we sell these to students and others to generate funds for library



enhancements, such as furniture and computers. In addition to our regular book sale, we have special event

sales such as this one on the quad in front of the Library in February.

*Debbi Dinkins, Head of Technical Services*

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## Library Associates Make a Difference

The Stetson University Library Associates program began rather quietly in the fall of 2001, followed by publication of a brochure and a mailing to possible members in the summer of 2002. Designed as an organization to help fund the Library's needs, we now have more than 150 members. Several special donors have been highlighted in this issue, but our Associate memberships begin at \$35/year. Associates have made possible the purchase of books, computers, printers, whiteboards for our popular group study rooms, and a new scanner. They have also paid for such "hidden" infrastructure needs as rewiring and networking expanded computer workstation areas. Some of the Associates are alumni, faculty, or staff, but many are not. Membership is open to anyone who recognizes the value of the Library in the teaching process and wishes to help support it.

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