



NEWSLETTER Spring 2005

Message from the Library Director

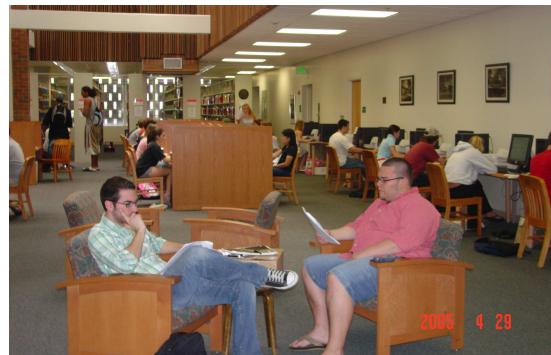
This issue of our spring Library Newsletter is later than usual, and exams have just begun. As I write my column, the Library is packed. In the Congressional Reading Room on the ground floor, all three large study tables are occupied by students studying quietly together.



For the past several weeks, every computer has been in use, many with students completing their research assignments while others are still doing last minute work. Our librarians and staff are busy assisting students who sometimes failed to plan ahead but are so appreciative of our help.

The Library recently started several new initiatives, in addition to hosting the Frankenstein Exhibit. We assumed the responsibility for creating and maintaining a web page listing all available University student awards (more than 100). We also awarded our first Research Prize, described elsewhere in the *Newsletter*. At the request of the Student Government Association, and working with the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, we developed a plan to start collecting digital copies of senior research projects, making this research available on the web and adding records to our Library Catalog, WebCat.

In the past four months, almost 10,000 items were checked out and almost half of those are still checked out as exams start. At the same time, students are using the electronic databases as well. Libraries today provide much more information than ever, and librarians' major responsibilities are to evaluate, collect, and organize this information and to assist students in learning how to evaluate and use information now in their research and later in their careers and lives.



It is clear that our students regard the physical library as the place to go for study and information. It is a great time to be an academic librarian.

Betty D. Johnson, Library Director

duPont-Ball Library Research Prize

After seeing other academic departments offer prizes to upperclass students for their research, Library faculty and staff decided we should honor the best research in a freshman English paper. The Evans C. Johnson Research Prize is new this year and is funded by the family of long-time History Professor Evans Johnson. It will be awarded by the Library each spring to a student whose EH 121 research paper from the previous calendar year shows the most

thorough, effective, creative, and ethical uses of the library and research resources. This spring, two winners were selected:



Ashley Morris is a freshman majoring in chemistry, with minors in mathematics and economics. The judges reported that her paper, "The New Age of Food," an examination of the pros and cons of genetically modified foods, showed depth and breadth in use of research sources. Ashley plans a career in research. She is from Del Mar, California, and the daughter of Ret. Col. James Morris and Melinda Morris.

Our second winner is Zachary Chalifour, for his essay "The Stetson University 21 Meal Plan

Requirement," a defense of his proposal to change Stetson's requirement that freshmen pay for 21 meals each week. The panel of judges chose his paper because of his application of a number of research sources to



bolster his arguments regarding a local situation. Zach is a freshman with a double major in sports management and accounting and is minoring in electronic business technology. He is from West Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and is the son of Andre and Ruth Ann Chalifour. He plans a career in sports management, hoping to work with a major league baseball team. Zach is also a current student staff member in the Library.

Father LeRoy Lawson and the Library

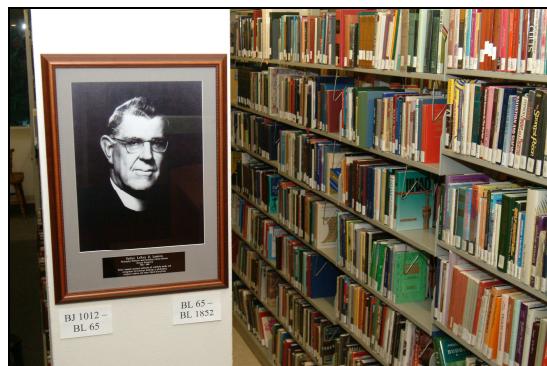
The Very Reverend LeRoy Lawson served Stetson University as a member of the faculty in philosophy from 1952-1966. He also served as rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in DeLand (1947-1966). He influenced many, both at Stetson and in the community. One whose life he influenced was Martha B. Apgar, who made a generous gift to Stetson University to honor and memorialize Father Lawson, and this gift was dedicated at a ceremony in Elizabeth Hall November 9, 2004.



Mrs. Apgar's gift endows The Lawson Lecture Series in Philosophy and Western Civilization; the Lawson Scholarships for students in philosophy or related fields such as religious

studies, English, or history; and The Lawson Seminar and Reading Room – Room 206 in Elizabeth Hall.

What has the Library to do with this? Father Lawson's son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Rosalie, had told Mrs. Apgar they wanted to give



his father's book collection to Stetson, and we now have many of those books in the duPont-Ball Library as The Lawson Book Collection. Duplicates and other books we did not need line the walls of the elegantly redecorated Lawson Seminar and Reading Room in Elizabeth Hall, available for students or faculty to pick up and read while waiting for appointments or class.

Frankenstein Has Left the Building



The Frankenstein Exhibit has now come and gone. Our Library was one of eighty libraries in the country selected to host "*Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature*." Developed by the National Library of Medicine in collaboration with the American Library Association, it was also funded by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The traveling exhibit was enhanced with a changing display in our exhibit case which was filled with old scientific equipment from Stetson's Archives and specimens provided by the Biology Department. Kevin Riggs of the Physics Department and two students, Chris Hogg and Sarah Caudill, helped with demonstrations at the preview reception.

The Library secured a grant from the Florida Humanities Council to help fund programs in conjunction with the Exhibit. Stetson's Values Council, the Artists and Lecturers Committee, and the College of Arts and Sciences also helped sponsor speakers.

Speakers included:

- Susan Frontczak in a one-woman performance as Mary Shelley
- Dr. Susan Lederer, of Yale University
- Dr. Stuart Curran, University of Pennsylvania
- Dr. Patricia Matthew, Montclair University,
- Dr. William Allen (Stetson B.A., '74), University of Florida College of Medicine

It was especially good to welcome Bill Allen back to campus. A widely consulted specialist on medical bioethics, this alumnus gave a



riveting lecture and answered many questions. The programs were all well attended, with audiences ranging from 35 to almost 150, with numbers of students and community members – even some tourists visiting Daytona Beach came over to see the Exhibit and attend programs.

Associate Professor Jane Bradford, Coordinator for Library Instruction (shown above with a few Library faculty and staff, with her arm affectionately around our Stetson Frankenstein), has our gratitude for obtaining the exhibit and organizing the other events surrounding it.

Thank you, Associates!

Our Library Associates are friends who make a difference in what we are able to offer to our students. Gifts from our Library Associates are used to enhance the Library's services and collections, and donors can specify how they want their gifts used.

Special sets purchased recently with donor funding include *The Oxford History of Western Music*, (6 volume set) and the 10-volume *Comprehensive Coordination Chemistry*.

Observing the popularity of the study tables, Associates gave funds for an additional table and more chairs. Donor funding also purchased needed equipment for student workstations and helped to subsidize the Frankenstein programs which related to spring semester classes.

If you are not currently a Library Associate, contact the Library to see how you too can make a difference.

Stetson Homecoming 2005

The Library took a very active part in welcoming our alumni to campus in April. Alumni were invited to view the Frankenstein Exhibit, and Associate Director Susan Ryan and Archives Specialist Gail Grieb '67 put together a special display of Stetson memorabilia from our



Archives, including sports sweaters from the 1930's, scrapbooks, including one from 1919, and even a "rat cap" from the 1960's.

We also had available extra copies of University yearbooks, and several alumni carried away



yearbooks for all of their four years at Stetson. We still have many more of some years. Surplus yearbooks are available for the years 1947 through 1997 with the exception of the following years which are not available: 1956, 1957, 1976, 1982, 1987, and 1993. If you have lost your yearbook or never got one, contact Susan Ryan to have your yearbook sent to you.

Do you have any Stetson memorabilia hiding in your closet? It need not be 100 years old – Archives is in the business also of collecting more recent items to preserve for the future.

Our latest donations are a sorority pin from Dr. M. Jean Greenlaw '62 and a copy of a several page letter sent to her mother by Marilyn Stuart Sullins '55, detailing all Rat Week events and "humiliations" such as having to sing various school songs on demand and wearing the infamous "rat cap." Designed to force freshmen to meet upperclassmen and to bond with each other, Rat Week's harmless activities accomplished the goal.



Why not donate special pieces from your college days to the University Archives? The Stetson University Archives is looking for all things Stetson, especially:

**Team uniforms
Sports equipment
Sports memorabilia
Fraternity or Sorority memorabilia
Club memorabilia
China or glassware
Scrapbooks and Diaries
Stetson Hats and Hat Boxes**

Your donations will be carefully preserved as a part of Stetson's history. For more information and to see if your memorabilia are needed, contact: Susan Ryan, Associate Director, 386-822-7181 or sryan@stetson.edu.

For more on the Library and our new projects for alumni (some still under construction), see <http://stetson.edu/library/alumni.php>.

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