



NEWSLETTER Spring 2006

Message from the Library Director

As you will see, we have been very busy since the fall issue of this newsletter. Special visitors included the great granddaughter of John B. Stetson, Sandra Stetson Schifter Martinuzzi. I had the pleasure of showing Sandy, her husband Lou, and her sister-in-law Faye Edwards Stetson Clarke around campus and visiting with them over lunch. Sandy had never been on campus before, but Faye attended Stetson in the early 1950s prior to eloping with fellow student Stuart Stetson, Jr.

I saw a lot of 1951 alumna and library supporter Barbara Brundage Colegrove while she was in



DeLand for Homecoming. Barbara grew up in DeLand and enjoyed showing her son Lloyd and granddaughter Miranda around town. At the

Friday night event at the President's home, she was delighted to see Rabel Parson (1948), shown on right, who delivered mail to the Brundage home during World War II.

We used gifts from our Associates to purchase furniture and to have more electrical circuits installed so we could add six workstations. We now provide forty workstations with printers for our students.

A number of exciting things are going on and you will read about some of them in this issue:

- establishment of a new endowment
- new professional level research and business database for alumni
- some special gifts of books, furniture, and nineteenth century manuscripts
- new research resources

New Library Endowment: Become a Part of the Library's Future

When you look at the Library Associates membership forms or our library web pages, you will see a new choice among the ways to ensure that Stetson students and faculty will have access to the best library services and resources we can provide, now and in the future.

The library currently has four named endowments – all of which required a substantial initial gift: The S. Elizabeth Stetson Endowed Library Fund (for books in selected areas); The Daphne Brownell Endowment for Books; The Rinker Endowment for Business Resources and Support; and The Frank A. and Grace I. Berger Memorial Fund. Only a set amount of the income from each of these funds is spent each year, protecting the assets.

Our new initiative, a general **Library Endowment Fund**, makes it possible for alumni and friends to donate smaller amounts and to become a part of this lasting endowment to supplement and enhance Library services and resources.

Alumnus Wes Brumback (1980) and his family provided the "seed money" of \$10,000 to start this endowment, called simply **The Library Endowment**, with the hope and anticipation that others would add to it to build a significant endowment to create income for the Library. Wes has been a loyal Library supporter for several years. He recognizes the need for a combination of library materials and up-to-date technology for students to do their research today and to acquire the learning skills they will need throughout their lives. A growing endowment such as this one will produce income that we can use wherever needed to meet these objectives.

As others became aware of the endowment, they also saw this as a special way to give. A

Library Associate renewing his membership at the \$1,000 level chose the endowment on his membership renewal form. Alumna Barbara Brundage Colegrove (1951) matched the Brumback donation with \$10,000 in memory of her father, Dr. Birchard F. Brundage. The great granddaughter of John B. Stetson, Sandra Stetson Schifter Martinuzzi, after visiting the campus last fall, sent \$5,000, as did an anonymous alumna. Upon learning of the endowment, a Master of Accountancy alumnus from 1992 added \$500.

With this *Newsletter*, we officially announce the establishment of **The Library Endowment** and urge our supporters to join the charter members above. I am enclosing the new Library Associates form with all copies of the *Newsletter* this spring so you can become an early participant in building this endowment, even if you are already a Library Associate. What a great way to have a lasting impact on future students.

Gift of Historical Manuscripts

In December 2004, the library was given fourteen historical manuscripts: thirteen letters written to U.S. Rep. James B. Reynolds, a 19th-century congressman from Tennessee, and a handwritten draft of a circular Reynolds wrote to his constituents in 1825. The collection was donated to Stetson by Dr. James Surratt, Volusia school superintendent from 1984 to 1991 and father of alumna Joy Surratt Baskin (1992). Surratt, now semi-retired, is an antiques collector who acquired the letters from a North Carolina woman whose husband was descended from Congressman Reynolds.

Reynolds' correspondents included John C. Calhoun, Thomas Hart Benton, and other important pre-Civil War politicians. The manuscripts have now been edited and transcribed by Library Director Betty Johnson. The original documents will be preserved in the University Archives, but images and the transcriptions have been posted on the Library's web site for study by historians of the pre-Civil War period. To review these fascinating insights into American history visit <http://www.stetson.edu/library/specialcollections.php>.

duPont-Ball Library Research Prize

The Library awarded its Evans C. Johnson Research Prize to two students again this year for English 121 research papers showing the most thorough, effective, creative, and ethical uses of the library and research resources.

Ben Millar's paper, "Aspects of the Maine Lobstering Industry," was written for John Pearson's class during the spring 2005



semester. Ben is a sophomore majoring in General Business and minoring in Sport Management. He hopes one day to be a general manager for a professional sports team or an athletic

director for a prestigious college athletics program. He spends his summers at home in Maine where he has his own lobstering business and works part-time for the Boston Red Sox's AA affiliate, the Portland Sea Dogs.

The second winner is Ian C. Conrad, whose paper, "The Transition into the Romantic Era: A Brief Overview of Works

by Schubert and Beethoven," was written for Joel Davis's English class and Eric Kurlander's history class which are part of the new First Year Studies



Program of "linked" courses. Ian is from Jacksonville and has decided to combine music and business through Stetson's BM/MBA program. He is studying piano with Dr. Michael Rickman and works in the Jenkins Music Library.

New Information Resources for Alumni

The Library has arranged to make available to alumni thousands of journal articles and other information in business and other subjects through the [Proquest Research and Business Database](#). A special subscription license for alumni is made possible this year through funding from the Library Associates. The licensing requires that access be limited to alumni, and Arthur Byrnes in Stetson's Information Technology Office has worked

closely with us and the Alumni Office to create special logins and passwords for this. Once alumni register for a Stetson lifetime email account, those logins and passwords also work for other resources, including this database. For more information, visit www.stetson.edu/library/alumni_databases.php or you can register for the account at www.stetson.edu/administration/alumni/sp.htm.

Comfort Food During Exam Week

When we first started giving the students milk and cookies during one of the exam nights in May 2004, students were surprised. Now they view it as a tradition and look forward to it. Librarians and staff bring homemade cookies, and we provide milk, water, and cold drinks.



As you can see in this photo from December 2005, it is a hit. Our night Circulation staff also provided free coffee from 9 pm to 1 am during exam week, which students appreciated greatly.

The Book Is Not Dead!

Well, most of them are not dead. Head of Technical Services Debbi Dinkins recently did a study which shows that 37% of our total circulating books were checked out at least once in the last eight years. When restricted to items published in the last twenty years, 53.8% had been checked out. With a collection of more than 235,000 books, that is rather impressive. It also indicates that some books are “dead” or obsolete, and Debbi is coordinating a project to evaluate those books for possible removal. This is made necessary by the shortage of space, but it also allows us to update those areas of the collection using special funds from Associates or income from the endowments mentioned above.

We continue to receive some useful gift collections. Last fall we had a visit from Harold

Boire (1940). Harold had earlier given our library some Stetson fraternity jewelry for the Archives. On this later visit, he brought a wonderful collection of books on Russian art, including many on Faberge and his work.

Robert L. Dean (M.A. 1968) phoned to say he was leaving his carefully selected collection of books to Stetson in his will but that he would begin to send some of them in advance. Bob’s first gift was an 8-volume set, *Great Men and Famous Women*, published in 1894 and filled with lovely illustrations and quaint examples of nineteenth century biographical writing.

The Gosney Desk

Sometimes a library director just gets lucky. Stetson College of Law graduate Cliff Gosney, Jr. (1952) called the President’s office in the late fall to offer the University a large conference desk and matching bookcases which were made for him while he worked as a volunteer in Pakistan in 1969-70. Hand-crafted to his specifications, these pieces were made of a Himalayan wood, sheesham, which is very heavy and as hard as ebony. The brass inlay on all pieces is intricate and beautiful. Brass fittings on the drawers are all hand made. Cliff said it took one year to build and then another two years for delivery to his home in the United States.



Cliff was preparing to move to Tallahassee and wanted to donate these decorative but useful pieces of art to the University. He was directed to me to see if we could use them in the library. I am happy to say that these pieces now adorn the library director’s office, and we are happy to show them to anyone who wishes to see such a fine example of craftsmanship.

New Electronic Resources

Two Library Associates have made possible the acquisition of two important databases for Stetson students and faculty. The first is the electronic version of the *Encyclopedia of Religion*. This second edition updates a classic

work in the field of religious studies. Preserving the best of the first edition's cross-cultural approach, while emphasizing religion's role within everyday life and as a unique experience from culture to culture, this new edition is the definitive work in the field for the 21st century. This encyclopedia, generously funded by the Brumback family, is especially useful at Stetson, where all students are required to take a course in religious studies.

The *United States Congressional Serial Set* is the second new addition to the library's database offerings. Now known at Stetson as the Evans C. Johnson Serial Set database, this rich source of congressional reports and documents was funded by Betty Drees Johnson (1959, 1962) in honor of her late husband, long-time Stetson history professor Evans Johnson. Dr. Johnson used the print version of the Serial Set extensively in his own research and teaching, and congressional documents from 1789 to date are now available electronically to the Stetson community, most in full-text PDF files.

Exhibits in the Library

We usually have an interesting display in our exhibit case in the library, in addition to the ongoing alumni memorabilia displays in cases in the Congressional Reading Area.

In the spring we hosted an exhibit called "Images of Stetson University and Vicinity" by the German photographer Johannes Eules. The collection was first shown at the Pädagogische Hochschule in Freiburg, Germany, as part of Stetson's Summer Freiburg Program in 2005. The exhibit was co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, and the German Program. The panels for the display were lent by the DeLand Museum of Art.

Our Homecoming display of photographs and pieces of Stetson memorabilia was left up through commencement because of the great

interest of current students and others in the history of the university as displayed.



For Homecoming weekend only, we also displayed in a secure case some of the pieces of Stetson jewelry we have received from alumni in the last few years. For more information on the jewelry and detailed photographs visit www.stetson.edu/library/alumni_archives.php.

When Barbara Brundage Colegrove (1951) came to Homecoming, she brought a fascinating scrapbook of newspaper columns she wrote about Stetson for the *DeLand Sun News*. If you were a student here between 1949 and 1951, your name may very well be mentioned. This is now in the Archives, properly stored.

Dr. M. Jean Greenlaw (1962) recently sent us three Phi Mu sorority items and a diamond jubilee coin from the celebration of the University's 75th anniversary.

If you have jewelry, scrapbooks, or other memorabilia from your Stetson days, please consider giving them to the University Archives which is administered by the library. Contact Associate Library Director Susan Ryan (syran@stetson.edu or 386-822-7181) or Library Director Betty D. Johnson (bjohnson@stetson.edu or 386-822-7178).

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