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CHAIR'S CORNER

by Shari Watson

An early summer vacation took us on a driving tour of some of my favorite Midwestern places. We started by going to my Alma Mater, DePauw University, in Greencastle, Indiana. I had been approached last winter by the advancement office and asked to be on the planning committee for my 50th reunion in 2010. Being on the committee meant spending the weekend shadowing the class of 1959 this summer. What a wonderful opportunity to once again see many of my friends, attend lectures and educational programs, and socialize and dine with people I had once spent time with in class and on campus. Except for a few gray hairs, or no hair, a little thickening around the waist, and maybe a few more laugh lines, the class of 1959 did not disappoint.

June in Indiana is a beautiful time of year. Flowers are bursting with color and fresh, new buds, and the grass is a lovely, tender shade of green. I was again captivated by the beauty of the campus, much of which is Georgian in design, and the addition of many new classroom buildings. I couldn't help but notice the stateliness of the library, which holds a prominent spot on campus. Except for an addition to the front, the library remains much the same as it did in the fall of 1956 when it opened its doors for the first time to an eager group of 18-year-olds seeking an education.

My thoughts turned to the beautiful Eckerd College library, which we are privileged to share in many ways. While the DePauw library was used primarily as a place of study, we are fortunate to have numerous art exhibits throughout the year, as well as receptions honoring the artists in our lovely, two-story atrium. Our first art show will be a collection of photographs from Eckerd alum, Ben Dimmitt. It opened to the public August 7 and will close October 9. A reception honoring the show will be on Friday, September 11. A second exhibit will be the work of Jim Crane, opening in late October and running through mid-January. In early February we will exhibit items from the collection of Bill and Hazel Hough, and later in the spring we will have a show of Japanese prints from the Ringling Museum. I plan to view all of the collections a hope to see you at the receptions as well.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Jamie Gill

The 2009-2010 year brings several personnel changes in the EC library. We are sorry for the departure of David Henderson, Beatrice Nichols, and Keri Logan, three wonderful colleagues and friends.

We gained three new librarians in July. Please join me in welcoming Kimberly Copenhaver, Lakeisha Hall, and Alyssa Tornillo, three new librarians on the EC faculty.

Kim Copenhaver worked part-time for us last year while Keri Logan took maternity leave. Kim will be the library liaison to the Behavioral Science Collegium, also having responsibilities for collection development and the circulation department. Kim brings previous experience at Stetson University College of Law, Hinks and Elaine Shimberg Health Sciences Center Library and the Largo Public Library.

Lakeisha Hall, a recent graduate of USEF, has a second master's degree in communications. She is an Instructional Services librarian and will oversee the Inter-library Loan Department. As our science librarian, Lakeisha will be part of the Natural Sciences Collegium. Lakeisha's home town is Shreveport, Louisiana. She enjoys reading, writing screenplays and spending time with her dog Yogi.

Alyssa Tornillo, also a recent graduate of USEF, will supervise the Technical Services department and will be a member of the Comparative Cultures Collegium. Alyssa enjoys reading novels, practicing photography, and exploring new places.

Kim, Lakeisha, and Alyssa have quickly assumed their respective duties. They will be joining Helene Gold and me in at the Reference Desk. They are all looking forward to working with the EC community and teaching library instruction classes to the students. So, please stop and say hello to them when you come to visit the library.

COMING EVENTS

By Margie Laughlin

Tuesday, September 1

- Annual membership renewals due
- New officers of Friends Board of Directors assume duties

Thursday, November 12

- Fall meeting of the Board of Directors, 9:30 a.m.
Wireman Conference Room, Armacost Library



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FOL FUNDS ENHANCE LIBRARY (PART I)

By Helene Gold, Associate Professor of Electronic Services, Librarian,
Web Developer

In 2007, Friends of the Library funds were used to purchase ARTstor and Contemporary Literary Criticism Online, both significant and important online academic subscription databases.

ARTstor is a digital online archive of over one million images of art, architecture maps, and textiles in many academic areas including African American History, Anthropology, Classical Studies, History, Native American Studies, Theater, and many more. Extremely high-resolution images are available for scholarly research and academic study to all members of the Eckerd community. ARTstor offers many advanced-user options such as searching and sorting images by geography, date, creator, or title; zooming and panning images for greater detail; saving collections of images in a unique ARTstor user-created account that may be shared with other ARTstor users; and downloading images for use in PowerPoint presentations.

The addition of ARTstor to the library's collection of online research databases coincided with the recent addition of a new EC major, Interdisciplinary Arts. Students needing digital images previously relied on scanning print material (which can be time consuming) or by hunting for images using Google's image search (which often results in low quality or unlicensed images). ARTstor provides a structured, comprehensive, fully licensed resource that allows users to conduct research more easily and with a higher degree of scholarly sophistication. \$10,000 of FOL funds was used to pay ARTstor's initial one-time joining fee, the Archive Capital Fee (ACF).

Part II – Contemporary Literary Criticism – will appear in December.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

by Margie Laughlin

The following people joined the Friends during the last quarter:

Mr. Curtis Hinckley
Ms. Carolyn Nygren

We extend a cordial welcome to these new members and invite all book lovers to add their support to our growing list of Friends. For membership information, please call Connie Pearson at 864-8336 or visit the Library website at www.eckerd.edu/library/friends. Membership categories are described on the website and a membership application is available for downloading. Friends have access to library materials and borrowing privileges upon presentation of their library card.



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FRIENDLY NOTES

by Stan Chesnut

WHO'S WHO in the Armacost Library?

There are several recent changes in library personnel, as reported to me by Jamie Gill. She began as Library Director in July 2008 when David Henderson elected phased retirement, and in 2009 Dean Chapin asked her to stay on as Acting Director for the next year or two. Thus the current library staff is as follows: Jamie Gill, Acting Library Director, Professor of Library Technical Services. Director since 2008; at Eckerd College since 1982.

Helene Gold, Assoc. Prof. of Electronic Services,
Librarian, Web Developer; since 1997.

David Henderson, Director and Prof. Emeritus (2009);
since 1974.

Kudos to David for his 35 years of service, congratulations to Jamie on becoming Acting Director, and much appreciation to Helene for her good work! New Librarians, beginning July 2009, are introduced in the Director's Column. Welcome to all the new Librarians and best wishes in your work at Eckerd College!

WHO'S also WHO in the Library? Connie Pearson, Liz Bodie, Margaret Brown, Ethan Mayefsky, Cathy McCoy, Tatiana Smith—all indispensable to the library's success! (Look for more information on these library staff members in the next issue of BOOKNOTES.) And WHO is behind the publication of Friends of the Library Newsletter, BOOKNOTES? Coordinator for this Issue is Eddy Burns, keyboarder is Patricia Brown (for the 4th year), and editorial staffers (all for the 4th year) are Stan Chesnut, Margie Laughlin, and Shari Watson. If YOU like to write or do editorial tasks, please contact one of us named in the preceding paragraph. We will be happy to discuss it with you, and it's not difficult because it's all done electronically.

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