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The 18th Annual Friends of the LSU Library Book Bazaar, held in the LSU Mini-Barn September 23-25, was by all accounts a record-breaker. Though records were surpassed in many areas, the most important was the one for net proceeds. Book Bazaar treasurers Pat Millican and Dodie Edmonds report that the 1993 Bazaar garnered $51,254.45. The Text Book Shop next to the Book Barn in the Middleton Library basement cleared $11,014.45 this year—also a new record. The Friends thus cleared a total of $62,268.90 from the Book Barn operations this year. Of this total, $61,000 will be given to the LSU Libraries, reserving only a modest cushion for next year's operations. Treasurer Edmonds noted yet another way in which the '93 bazaar set a new record: not one NSF check was received this year!

The Book Bazaar Committee celebrated its hard-earned success at its final meeting, a luncheon at the home of chairman Gwen Cook on Wednesday, October 20. Committee members exchanged highlights of events during the year and, especially, incidents during the bazaar itself. Gwen Cook recalled the man who had thanked her for the yearly bazaar and asked how he could help. She told him to come back on Saturday at five o'clock to help clean up. To her surprise, when five o'clock Saturday came, there the man was, helping with the clean-up. Perhaps that is one reason why the clean-up also set a new record this year, being completed in twenty-one minutes flat!

Ruth Wilkinson of the information subcommittee described the '93 bazaar as the "year of the baby sitters." She noted her good fortune in that all of her helpers were experienced grandmothers, and all of them want to return to help again next year.

The members of the Book Bazaar Committee worked extremely hard all year long to make the bazaar a success. Congratulations and thanks are due to each of them.
18th Annual Book Bazaar Committee

Gwen Cook, bazaar chairman; Kathleen Roberts, bazaar chair adviser; Anne West, secretary; Dodie Edmunds, treasurer; Pat Millican, assistant treasurer; Sue Edrington, Thursday cashier chair; Lynda Waguespack and Judy Noland, Friday cashier co-chairs; Mary Lou Hutchinson, Saturday cashier chair; George Ann Brown, volunteer chair; Phyllis McKay, volunteer co-chair; Elaine Hamed, sales chair; Sharon Field, arrangements & stock chair; Nancy Murrill, arrangements and stock co-chair; Eileen Kean, book barn chair; Cherry Owen, book barn co-chair; Elaine Ellis, book collection chair; Connie Ogden, publicity chair; Bill Holtman, print publicity; Mitzi Bray, campus publicity; Ruth Wilkinson, information chair; Fran Adcock, hospitality chair; Nina Reeves, hospitality co-chair; Caroline Daigle, transportation chair; Celia Baudin, transportation co-chair.

A Message from the President

As the holiday seasons approach, I want to send best wishes to you and your families and to express sincere appreciation for your support of the Friends' endeavors for the LSU Libraries. Your support is always important, but even more so in these times of financial stress for higher education in Louisiana.

The Friends' office in room 275 Middleton Library, has a new look. Thanks to an Exxon volunteer involvement grant, we have a new printer and a copy machine to facilitate our operations. Marie Fruehan, book barn volunteer and past Book Bazaar chairman, applied for the grant for the Friends as an Exxon annuitant. The equipment will be invaluable to the committees and officers. Next we hope to acquire a later model computer, a 286 or better. Does anyone have one you are not using and might be willing to donate to a good cause?

Virginia Grenier

A Message from Dean Cargill

Congratulations on another successful Book Bazaar as well as a successful year of textbook sales. Thanks to all the committee chairs and their committees who worked so hard to make these fund-raising efforts a major success. The final total of $61,000 is gratefully accepted by the LSU Libraries and will be used to strengthen our ability to support teaching, research, and service at LSU. The ongoing loyalty and support of the Friends is an important element in our efforts to acquire materials that are needed at LSU.

LSU Libraries and the LSU Office of Computing Services recently learned we had been awarded a U.S. Department of Education networking grant for $2,480,000. These monies will be used to continue the extension of the on-line academic library network, extend it to parish and selected K-12 libraries, and enhance the capabilities of the network offerings. The network was originally created under grants from the Louisiana Board of Regents' Louisiana Educational Support Enhancement Fund and a previous grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The writing of these grants was spearheaded by Carolyn H. Hargrave, formerly vice-chancellor for academic affairs and provost. Our thanks for her efforts on behalf of Louisiana libraries!

The $2,480,000 grant is a collaborative effort of LSU Libraries, the LSU Office of Computing Services, the State Library of Louisiana, and Louisiana's Office of Telecommunications Management. The network itself is also a collaborative effort of a number of universities, different types of libraries, and other state agencies. It is a good example of the kind of cooperative efforts that Louisiana libraries have made a top priority.

The LSU Libraries staff and I wish the Friends a happy holiday season. We look forward to working with the Friends in 1994.

Jennifer Cargill, Dean of Libraries
Hamilton Hosts
Christmas Card Preview

A gala reception at the home of Friends past president Julia Hamilton was the occasion for announcing the newest initiative of the Friends of the LSU Library: Christmas cards. The Friends are offering to members and the public the opportunity to use Christmas cards this year that feature seasonal images from the collections of the LSU Libraries.

All members of the Friends were invited to the exclusive reception on Friday evening, October 22, where the new cards were unveiled. Two different sets of cards are available. The first spotlights the green leaves and red berries of Chapman's Holly, from the Louisiana Flora collection of botanical watercolors by our favorite artist, Margaret Stones. The other card features the nativity scene from the magnificent fifteenth century Book of Hours that was highlighted last fall as the two millionth volume of the Libraries. The Nativity card includes a jolly “Merry Christmas” greeting inside, while the Holly is blank inside, allowing you to create your own seasonal message.

The Holly cards are available in a package of ten for $10. The Nativity cards are twelve in a boxed set for $20. Shipping charges are $1.50 for the first set and $.50 for each additional set. Bulk orders can be delivered at no charge. The cards can be ordered using the form enclosed with this issue of Lumières. Or call Anne West at 766-5783, or Caroline Wire in the Libraries Office at 388-2217. The cards are also available retail from the Craft Gallery in Village Square.

Remember, the regular Margaret Stones note cards sold by the Friends also make great Christmas gifts. A small set of eight cards (with two each of four images) costs $8. A large set of six (with one each of six images) costs $12.

The proceeds of sales of the note cards and the Christmas cards go to the Goodrich-Taylor Assistantship Endowment.

LUMIÈRES Editor, ROBERT S. MARTIN

LITERALLY "LIGHTS" IN FRENCH, LUMIÈRES IS FREQUENTLY USED TO DENOTE ENLIGHTENMENT OR KNOWLEDGE. AS SUCH, IT ILLUSTRATES THE PURPOSE OF THE NEWSLETTER: TO ENLIGHTEN MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LSU LIBRARY WITH THE NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND WITH THE NEEDS OF THE LSU LIBRARY. THE COVER DESIGN IS BASED ON AN EXQUISITE HAND-ILLUMINATED BORDER FROM A 15TH CENTURY FRENCH RELIGIOUS MANUSCRIPT.
Friends of the Library—

Foundation Accounts Overview

Editor's Note: Friends President Virginia Grenier thinks it would be helpful for more Friends to be aware of how their money is managed, and has asked Assistant Dean Robert Martin to provide this brief overview of the way the LSU Foundation administers Friends funds.

According to its bylaws, the Friends of the LSU Library deposits all its funds in the LSU Foundation, which is the entity that has been established for receiving and managing endowments and major gifts to the University. The Friends have several accounts in the LSU Foundation, each of which is used for different purposes.

The main “Friends of the Library” account in the Foundation is the operating account, sometimes referred to by members of the Friends as “the checking account.” It is a basic non-endowed account into which the revenues from various sources, like dues, memorials, and donations, are deposited. These funds are used to cover the ordinary operating expenses of the Friends, including printing, postage, and other routine expenditures. Funds expended on library materials through the purchase committee also come from this account.

Many years ago the Friends established a separate account in the Foundation that is known as the “LSU Library Endowment.” An endowment is a fund in which the principal may never be spent, only the interest that accrues from the principal. The objective of the Friends in establishing this endowment was to have it grow to the point that it could produce substantial revenues in the form of earned interest that could be used to support the Libraries’ collections and programs. The funds are managed by the LSU Foundation and, in accordance with sound fiscal policies, the Foundation routinely reserves a portion of the interest to be added back into the endowment as a hedge against inflation. Over the years, this endowment account has grown, by retained interest, by additional gifts, and by regular transfers made by the Friends from surpluses in the operating account, to the point that it now exceeds a half million dollars. Last year, it generated about $48,000 in interest. In the past, the Libraries has refrained from expending funds from this account in order to enhance its growth. It has now reached a size adequate for producing significant income; however, and given the overall financial situation in the University and the Libraries, it is important that the Libraries can now rely on the purchasing power in this fund to develop its collections. This year we have allocated $40,000 from the interest earned last year to be expended for books.

The other major account that the Friends have in the LSU Foundation is the Goodrich-Taylor Assistantship Endowment. The funds in this account, now totalling over $109,000, have been raised by the efforts of the Goodrich-Taylor endowment committee, through auctions, sales of note cards, and other activities. These funds provide the stipend for the Goodrich-Taylor graduate assistant.

The other account in the LSU Foundation related to the Friends of the Library is the Birthday Fund account. Many years ago the Friends established a delightful tradition of honoring retired faculty members on the occasion of their eightieth birthday with a separate “birthday” fund. These funds are used to purchase materials for the Libraries in the special field of the honoree. The funds are administered jointly by the Foundation in a single account, but maintained separately by the Libraries for accounting purposes.

In addition to the LSU Libraries endowment generated over the years by the Friends, there are several other endowed accounts in the Foundation which provide funds for the Libraries. Some of these were established by gifts or bequests of individual members of the Friends of the Library. The most significant of these is the Ella V. Aldrich Schwing Memorial Fund. Others include the Ellen Albright Taylor Memorial Fund, the Mary Ann Miller Conner Memorial Fund, and the Mr. & Mrs. Nelson A. Hauer Rare Books Fund. The income from these endowments is used for the purposes designated by the donor.

Remember the LSU Libraries in Your Will

Over the years, the LSU Libraries have been fortunate to receive bequests from generous supporters who had the foresight to remember the Libraries in their wills. Bequests have come to the Libraries from alumni, faculty, and Friends who have felt strongly about the importance of the Libraries to the University and to the state. Some of these bequests have created named endowments to purchase materials in specific fields; others have created endowments for flexible, unrestricted support of Libraries functions and activities.

Probably the most popular type of bequest is a specific sum of money. An alternative is to express the amount as a percentage of the estate or the residual estate.

Bequests can be restricted to the Libraries for the highest priority needs of the dean. Further stipulations can call for the funds to be used for a certain purpose, such as purchasing materials in a designated subject, or to support graduate assistants, for a specific program or project, or for facilities. In all cases, it is best to name the LSU Foundation as the beneficiary rather than the University or the Libraries. The Foundation is the legal entity established to receive and manage bequests and other gifts to LSU.

Please consult your attorney to assist in drafting your will to meet your personal and family objectives. For more information on how to draft a bequest or other forms of estate gift to LSU, contact the Office of Development, LSU Foundation, (504) 388-3812.
Audubon Day in the LSU Libraries

The LSU Libraries is pleased to announce that an open-house viewing of the magnificent double-elephant folio edition of Audubon’s Birds of America will take place on Saturday, January 22, 1994, from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. in the reading room of the Rare Book Collections in Hill Memorial Library. All four volumes of the renowned folio will be displayed, and the pages turned by attendants so that viewers may enjoy all 435 hand-colored plates. Noted ornithologist/artist John O’Neill has agreed to be on hand to discuss Audubon’s work and the birds he depicted.

This treasure, which was acquired by the LSU Libraries in 1964, thanks to a grant from Crown Zellerbach Foundation, forms part of the E.A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection. It is a magnificent exemplar of the work, formerly gracing the library collection of the Duke of Northumberland. It was once on permanent display in the McIlhenny Collection, but for conservation and security reasons was retired to the stacks. Now periodic “Audubon Days” will be scheduled to provide the public the opportunity to see it, not merely one plate at a time as used to be the case, but the entire work in all its splendor. For additional information call Elaine Smyth in the Rare Book Collections at 388-6546.

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History of Books Class Offered

This spring, members of the Friends of the Library will again have the opportunity to take an informal class on the history of books. Assistant dean for Special Collections Robert S. Martin will offer a series of lectures, demonstrations, and discussions especially for Friends members. The series will focus on the development of printing technologies, paper, bindings, and book illustration, and will include extensive examination of examples from the LSU Special Collections. Refreshments will follow each session, providing an opportunity for informal discussion. The classes will meet in at 7 p.m. in Hill Memorial Library each Tuesday evening in March, beginning March 1.

Please come join us for this informative, educational, and entertaining series. Call today to register for the class; registrations should be received by January 31. Call Special Collections at 388-6551 to register or for more information.

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Memorials

In Memory of:
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