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We’re ready, we’re waiting, open the doors!

We’re ready, we’re waiting, open the doors. On Thursday, September 27, 2001, volunteers braced themselves for the crowd about to appear. The crowd in line was ready, waiting, and wanting the doors to open. Billy Hebert was so excited about the Book Barn he left French Settlement at four in the morning to be the first in line. The customers never stopped coming. The annual Book Bargain of the Friends of the LSU Libraries was held at the 4-H Mini Barn on LSU campus from September 27-29. Bazaar chairman Pat Hoth said about 70,000 books were taken from the processing and storage area in Middleton Library on moving day, Tuesday, September 25. All these books were donated to the Friends by the community; after being sorted, priced, packed, and unpacked again they were sold to the public. The money raised is dedicated to the purchase of special books by the LSU Libraries. It was another record year for the Friends; approximately $80,000 was made at the bazaar and this will be combined with $8,000 from the year-round textbook sales to give an approximate total of $88,000. That’s a lot of money representing a lot of work by many volunteers.

Chairman Pat Hoth’s assistant chairman was Marilyn Dial. The Bazaar Committee consisted of Book Barn Chairman Marion Spann and co-chair Eileen Kean; adviser Cherry Owen; secretary George Ann Brown; Treasurer Dodie Edmond assisted by Pat Millican; Thursday cashier Sue Edrington, Friday cashier Judy Noland with co-chair Kathy Tillson, Saturday cashier Anne Wilson; Back Door Express Jo O’Connell; line coordinator Anne West; volunteer chairman Deloris Bitting with co-chair Beth Kernion; collections chairman Stacy Garrett; arrangements chairman Mary Lou Loechelt and committee Carolyn Wright and Mattie Duvic; boxes Lucy Mayfield; adviser Millicent Kopfinger; publicity chairman Phyllis McKay with print Lela Weber; LSU Mary Lou Hutchinson, radio Shirley Sands, and scrapbook Nora Grigsby; information chairman Ruth Wilkinson; hospitality chairman Fran Adcock with co-chair Carolyn Wright; sales chairman Edwina Ewell; transportation chairman Lois Petrilak with committee Charles Petrilak.

Bazaars can be fun, bazaars can be headaches, bazaars can be unpredictable. This year’s award for practicality in an unpredictable situation goes to the box brigade. As the bazaar neared closing Saturday afternoon and the time came to pack up the books, it was found that all the carefully stored boxes were locked up and no key fit the lock. So, volunteers formed a human chain from one building to another passing along hundreds of cardboard boxes from hand to hand. The books were packed up and the successful bazaar was over!
Dear Faithful Members,

The past six months have had their share of joy and sorrow. Through the splendid efforts of Vice Chancellor and Provost, Daniel M. Fogel, a new location has been found for our ongoing book processing center. While we will no longer be situated in the heart of the campus, we will still enjoy a presence there. Also, the space we will occupy should be more suited to our needs. We hope to be at our new location in the early part of the new year. I should also mention much credit for a successful conclusion to our search goes to the members of the search committee including Marion Spann, Ann West, Eileen Kean, Jo O'Connell and Gwen Cook.

Despite the pall which enveloped the nation in the aftermath of our common tragedy, this year's Book Bazaar was an immense success. If I had concerns about the turnout, but I discovered on the first day of the sale that my concerns were completely unfounded. Our wonderful volunteers encountered a stream of old friends whose enthusiasm was undiminished and who bought with abandon. The results are not yet final, but it appears that this year's bazaar may well be a record-setter. Many, many thanks to Pat Hoth, this year's Chairman, and the countless volunteers who made the bazaar a success.

But there has also been sad news to mix with the many joys that have blessed us in recent months. Sarah Sue Goldsmith, formerly a member of our board and publicity chairman, died in September. I had the pleasure of being acquainted with her for more than a decade, and on behalf of the Friends, I offer condolences to her three sons and parents. Robert Holtman, a new member of the Board of Directors, died a few weeks ago. Thirty years ago I was one of his students and owe him much for the emphasis he placed on the critical approach to historical studies. Bob Holtman's late wife, Bill was an active volunteer in the Friends organization and editor of this newspaper for many years. Our sincere condolences to his daughter Martha and his son Steve on the loss of their father.

As the last year of my term as president draws to a close, I want to thank you all for the confidence you have placed in me and the many instances of support and encouragement I have received from you all. We faced a great many changes, but I am confident all will go well and that this organization will continue to build on past successes.

Best wishes,
Richard H. Kilbourne, Jr.
President

From the Dean

New software for online catalog. Since 1986, the LSU Libraries' catalog has been automated using software from a company formerly known as NOTIS. During the 1990s, a total of 27 academic libraries in Louisiana were automated using the software, which is now old technology with limited vendor support. During the regular 2001 legislative session, the Board of Regents was able to obtain funding for the 27 libraries to migrate to new, more sophisticated software, SIRSI's UnicornLINK. LSU Libraries will be in the first group to migrate. Over the summer, many hours have been spent determining policies and implementation with the new system. Numerous staff within LSU Libraries will be spending lots of time over the next few months working on this critical project. New workstations will be available as a result of the legislative funding. If the projected schedule is followed, and there are no unanticipated complications, we should be using the new online catalog system by spring 2002.

Library newsletter. The latest issue of the LSU Libraries' Library Services Update is available on the library website http://www.lib.lsu.edu under the heading "newsletter."

Facilities. Generous contributions from donors will enable us to acquire a new reference desk during this semester. While the desk is being ordered and rewiring is being done, the reference service point has been moved to a temporary location near the front of the reference department.
The Customers Enjoyed the Bazaar

Memorials
In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Irvin Berg
Dr. and Mrs. Alvin L. Bertrand
Don Moore
College of Arts & Sciences
Pauline N. Pepinsky
In memory of Eva Carraway
The Book Club
In memory of St. John Chilton
Mr. and Mrs. J. Huntington Odum
In memory of Sarah Sue Goldsmith
Caroline Wire
In memory of Robert Holtman
Caroline Wire
In memory of Dorothy Morgan
Patricia B. Millican
In memory of Richard Sands
Eileen M. Kean
Ruth M. Wilkinson
In memory of Charles Bryant Smith
Eileen M. Kean
Ruth M. Wilkinson
Caroline Wire
In memory of Helen Smith
Thirty-Niners Book Club
In memory of Paul B. Stephenson
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stephenson
In memory of Hazel Thompson
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stephenson

The Friends would like to thank Coca-Cola, Community Coffee and Kentwood Water for their generous donations to the bazaar.

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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 Libraries with the News of the organization and with the needs of the LSU libraries. The cover design is based on an exquisite hand-illuminated border from a 15th century French religious manuscript.

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