



Glenda Thornton, CSU Library Director, Thrity Umrigar, guest speaker, and William Shorrock, President, Friends of the Library.

Friends of the CSU Library had a Productive Year

The Friends of the CSU Library concluded the 2005-06 academic year of activities with a luncheon and awards ceremony recognizing outstanding student assistants on May 11, 2006. The past year featured several exciting programs sponsored by the Friends.

CSU President Michael Schwartz and Professor Bill Bowen kicked off the 2005-06 academic year in September with a thought-provoking presentation and discussion of key ideas in their recent book, *The Chief Purpose of Universities: Academic Discourse and the Diversity of Ideas*. The annual Scholars and Artists Reception followed in October, featuring a keynote address by Professor Steve Slane, "Pollyannas, Ostriches, Control Freaks, and Flip-Floppers: The Role of Personality in Coping with Stress," and a record-breaking number of scholarly and artistic items produced by CSU faculty and staff.

Also in the fall semester the Friends, in cooperation with the CSU Library, Cleveland Public Library, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, sponsored a well-attended public presentation by Anne Garrels, roving foreign correspondent for National Public Radio. Ms. Garrels

spoke on her experiences as a foreign correspondent in Iraq in the context of her recent book, *Naked in Baghdad*. The spring semester brought two additional interesting programs to CSU. In March Richard Fox, Head of the Popular Library at Cleveland Public Library, led a discussion of the provocatively-titled new book by Harry G. Frankfurt, *On Bullshit*. Friends members who suggested this program felt the subject matter was especially appropriate for an academic audience.

In April the Friends launched a new initiative focused on the achievements of local northeast Ohio writers and authors. The inaugural program in what likely will become an annual event featured the work of Dr. Thrity Umrigar, who teaches creative writing at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Umrigar read from her new book, *The Space Between Us*, which focuses on the lives of two women in Bombay, India and explores the bonds of gender and the divisions of class. She then led a wide-ranging discussion with a spirited audience of faculty, staff, and students that covered aspects of the book and contemporary life in India.

While these events were unfolding, the Friends sponsored an ongoing sale of used books and other items in the Library. Noteworthy this year was a donation of thousands of old 78 rpm vinyl records, which generated an unprecedented level of interest and a substantial profit to help finance the activities and programs of the Friends of the CSU Library.

Please consider joining the Friends and being an active part of plans for academic year 2006-07. Annual individual membership is a reasonable \$35. A brochure and membership information is available by contacting the CSU Library at 216.875.9734.

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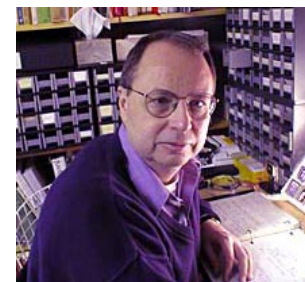
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A New Endowment Fund



Walter C. Leedy, Jr. recently established a "Cleveland Historical Materials Library Endowment" for the purchase of local history materials for the Cleveland State University Library's Special Collections department, home of the Cleveland Memory Project. Dr. Leedy is a Professor of Art at CSU and has long been a supporter of the Library. He was instrumental in securing the Cleveland Union Terminal Collection and the Wilbur J. & Sara Ruth Watson Bridge Book Collection and endowment fund in past decades and is currently allowing us to digitize his amazing Cleveland postcard collection, which have graced the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cleveland Public Library in recent years.

The new fund he has established with a gift of \$25,000 is not only generous all by itself, but his intention in setting it up is to allow others who lack the minimum contribution necessary to establish such a fund, to contribute towards this endeavor. By seeding this fund, he has facilitated further donations for the support of Special Collections, thus enhancing the fund's potential benefits for collecting local history resources.

William Barrow
Special Collections Librarian

For more information about making a contribution to the Walter C. Leedy, Jr. Endowment fund, contact the CSU Development Office at 216.687.5522

Memory of Fenn College Alive at CSU Library



Chin Kuo, former CSU Provost, Michael Schwartz, CSU President, Ed Asher, Fenn College alumni/Pi Sigma Tau Alpha fraternity brother, and Glenda Thornton, Director CSU Library perform the ribbon cutting ceremony during the grand opening celebration of the Fenn College Archives.

In June 2005, the Library held the dedication ceremony for the Archives' new area on the north side of the University Library's third floor. In addition to remarks by President Michael Schwartz and then Provost Chin Kuo, the ceremonies also included the acceptance of two beautiful cherry wood display cabinets that were generously donated to the Archives by members of the Pi Sigma Tau Alpha Fraternity.

In addition to increased space for storing records, the Archives' new home has a reading room and exhibit area right off the main entrance. It is filled

with Fenn College artifacts including a bust of Sereno Peck Fenn, a model of the entrance to the former Johnson Building that was next to the YMCA on Prospect Avenue and the original Fenn College lettering from the building entrance, and a display cabinet dedicated to the Pi Sigs. There are also portraits and photographs of the college campus hung on the walls of the main area.

The attractive new area has helped increase the Archives visibility on campus. Staff members from the Alumni Association and the Development Office have found that the Archives is a great place to bring potential alumni donors who are visiting on campus. With its old photographs of the college campus, the Archives now is a featured stop on many of the tours of high school students to the Library and the University and for some of the Freshman orientation classes.

The Archives is opened Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Visitors to the Archives will be able to find Fenn College and CSU catalogs, yearbooks, newspapers, photographs, and memorabilia, as well as being able to purchase copies of the book, *Fenn College*, published by the University Library.



One of two custom-designed cherry wood display cabinets that were donated by Pi Sigma Tau Alpha members (located in the vestibule of Archives).



Just beyond the vestibule, visitors will find records, publications, audio-visual materials, and artifacts pertinent to CSU history and development, some of which are pictured here.



John L. Horton Tribute

John L. Horton, a longtime friend of Cleveland State and the Library, died on February 15, 2006 at the age of 91. John remained actively engaged with the library right until the very end of his life. In fact, he had a meeting on his calendar with a few graduate student interns who were organizing his personal book collection. John's books and papers were the latest in a long series of gifts he made to Cleveland State.

Among his other legacies, the French/American History Endowment fund will provide resources for students, faculty,

and community in the areas of Franc-American relations and the French colonial interest in the Great Lakes eventually leading to the industrial development of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. Through John's persistence, the fund has grown to more than \$100,000. One of John's early targets for the fund was \$50,000. But with that target met, he said, "If we got \$50,000, I'm sure we can get \$100,000, so let's do it."

Dogged persistence, in fact, was one of John's characteristics that I'll never forget. John's determinate to procure the Lafayette microfilm collection for Cleveland State is a prime example. John first convinced the Count René de Chambrun, direct descendent of Lafayette and "discoverer" of Lafayette's papers in the Château LaGrange, to deposit a copy of the collection with Cleveland State. Next John needed to persuade the Librarian of Congress, James Billington, to release a copy to Cleveland State, which he accomplished. Never satisfied with merely good when superlative was possible, John then arranged to have himself invited to a gala reception in Washington D.C. honoring Count René de Chambrun and acknowledging the Library of Congress' successful preservation of Lafayette's papers. In the midst of all of John's maneuvering, I got a phone call from the Librarian of Congress' office asking, "Who is this guy?" I imagine my response was satisfactory because Cleveland State subsequently received a copy of the Lafayette microfilm and John attended the gala reception in Washington.

John's generosity extended to his relationships with the university staff and faculty too, and many of us counted John among our friends. He was always interested in us and our well-being. John often invited the staff to his dinner table whether at Chez François, the Cleveland Yacht Club, the CSU cafeteria, and more recently at his assisted living home. He often began the conversation by asking, "Tell me what you know," so we were always certain to have a tidbit of news that might interest him.

John was a regular in the library so his absence is acutely noticeable. For years he occupied a study carrel on the second floor where he worked on his various projects. His last academic endeavor was the translation of a work by Josée Laval, daughter of the Count René de Chambrun, into English from French. Just as John's interest in the library, his projects, and the staff never waned, our memory of him will not wane. He was exceptionally generous to our library and to us. He was a true friend.

George Lupone
Associate Director

Creating Lifelong Readers



Cleveland Public Library and Cleveland State University Library have partnered together to provide the CSU community with popular and contemporary fiction and non-fiction reading materials. Just inside the CSU library, in our beautiful Connection Lounge, CSU students can use their Greater Access Library Card to check out contemporary reading materials.

Although anyone with a Greater Access card can check materials out from the CPL@CSU collection, the purpose is to encourage college-age students to read more books. According to the National Endowment for the Arts, 2004 report, *Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America*, there is a

national decline in literary reading habits of Americans. The report also suggests that as interest in reading literary works decline, so will interest in civic and cultural engagement. There is a high correlation between reading literary works and going to museums, supporting the performing arts, and doing volunteer work.

So, if you have some time on your hands, come on down and check out this collection and see for yourself what two libraries can do together. According to Michael Schwartz, CSU President, "When two great libraries collaborate, the power of ideas to influence the world grows exponentially. Our ability to create new knowledge, preserve knowledge, transmit knowledge, and to find new uses for knowledge is enhanced, and that is what is properly called "progress."

Glenda Thornton
Director

Cleveland Memory at the County Fair

Thousands of Clevelanders strolled through the Library's "Memories of Cleveland" exhibit during the 2006 Cuyahoga County Fair to view the 100 poster-size photos on display from our Special Collections and Cleveland Memory Project. Funding for these posters was generously provided by National City. Visitors lingered over their favorites such as the Sterling-Lindner-Davis Christmas trees, Mr. Jingeling; the Indians and Browns championship teams; Robert Manry and Tinkerbelle; Big Chuck and Little John, Barnaby, Captain Penny; the Cuyahoga River fire; the building of the Terminal Tower and other pictures of people, events and landmarks that evoke fond memories of the city's rich history. It was fun to watch as parents gave impromptu history lessons to their children, explaining what these images meant to them. Also included in the exhibition were Dodgem cars and a rocket ship car from Euclid Beach and a model of the Terminal Tower done in Lego blocks. In addition, we recorded some of fair-goers' recollections right on the spot, or invited them over to a side room for a longer oral history session, and everyone was invited to sign our memory book or visit the Memory Archive site to type their memories. To view the 100 images online, as well as pictures from past Cuyahoga County Fairs, visit the Cleveland Memory Project at www.ClevelandMemory.org. Our sincere thanks go to Mike Rogers and the Fair Board, National City, the CSU History Department, our library staff who contributed so much, and the many people who visited the exhibit and made it a success.

William Barrow
Special Collections Librarian



Dr. Glenda A. Thornton

From the University Library Director

Greetings to all of our library friends and benefactors! I hope that you enjoy reading our newsletter and learning more about some of our more recent activities. The Library's mission is to connect people with information, and it is clear that many of you are engaged in this activity with us. Thank you for your support whether it is friendship, ideas, donations, or money!

Donor support for the Cleveland State University Library has grown so much in the past few years that we must now list all of you on a separate insert included in this newsletter. Special thanks to Ed Asher, Fenn College alumni/Pi Sigma Tau Alpha fraternity brother, and several of his Pi Sig brothers (and their widows), whose generous donations enabled the Library to purchase two custom-designed cherry wood display cabinets that are on display now in the new University

Archives. Many of the close-knit Pi Sigs and their wives attended the new Archives grand opening, helping make it a special day for them and for the Library.

Many Library donors have also given generously to the fund that Walter Leedy, Professor of Art, established— "The Cleveland Historical Materials Library Endowment." The French/American history fund, established by John L. Horton, also saw some growth when many of his friends and family made donations in his memory. John was a friend who is sorely missed.

Also among those listed are the Friends of the Library, whose support has grown over the years, and those who have contributed to the General Library Endowment fund or to the Discretionary Fund. The Library appreciates all these donations, which help the Library bring people and information together.

University Library Projects

Library donors can provide funding for various projects including

- Building the Walter C. Leedy Jr. Endowment
- Building the endowment for materials in the French/American History Endowment fund
- Establishing a new Library endowment
- Supporting the digitization of cultural resources
- Purchasing artwork for display in the Library
- Purchasing additional furnishings and equipment for the Library
- Supporting the expansion of specialized services such as the Adaptive Technology Lab and Student Presentation Practice Rooms

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