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Dear Friends of Bracken Library:

The sixty-seven Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library who attended the annual dinner on April 1 2008, were reminded of the wide range and scope of support that members of the Friends provide for the University Libraries each year. I would like to start this newsletter with a few words describing that evening's special recognition ceremony that illustrates the importance of our donors and our Friends.

The special program recognized the wide range and scope of gifts that are donated to the University Libraries each year—from valuable historical documents to fine artwork to generous financial support. Three sets of donors present at the dinner served as representative examples of the generosity of the diverse donors who support the Libraries.



Mrs. Diane Brown exemplifies the Ball State alumni who present gifts to the University Libraries that document the rich history of the institution. She donated two diplomas that her grandfather Everett William Hutson received from Muncie Normal Institute, the predecessor to Ball State University in 1914. These gifts are two of the earliest documents in the Libraries' collection related to Muncie Normal Institute.

Mr. Michael and Mrs. Jackie Johnston presented the University Libraries with more than 20 modern artworks. This collection of limited editions, silk screens, acrylic on canvas, photography, and posters were collected by their late son, Greg Johnston, a Ball State alumnus. The collection was appraised at over \$47,000.



Mr. Martin D. Schwartz was recognized at the annual dinner for his generous gift of \$175,000, donated in honor of his late wife Helen, to support the University Libraries in developing the Helen B. and Martin D. Schwartz Special Collections and Global Digital Complex in Bracken Library. This innovative, collaborative, flexible, and interactive learning and teaching environment occupying 2,450 square feet on the first floor will connect students and faculty to the diverse special collections and digital resources of the University Libraries and provide access to signature digital collections globally.



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These are just a few examples illustrating the generosity of our Friends. More examples can be found on the following pages of this newsletter. The University Libraries are richer for all that donors and Friends contribute each year. Thank you.

John B. Straw,
Executive Secretary

Friends Financial Contributions Support University Libraries' Mission

Donations by more than 275 Friends to existing University Foundation accounts supporting the University Libraries during 2007 totaled over \$41,000. The following supporters made contributions of \$100 or more.

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Dr. and Mrs. James Baldwin	and Mrs. Brenda Yates-Habich	Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Mertens
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Dr. Mimi R. Gladstein	Mrs. Audrey M. McGary	
Mr. Lawrence Grauvogel	Mrs. Betty J. McMichael	

Fund Established to Expand Archives and Special Collections

Thanks to the generosity of supporters of Archives and Special Collections and the University Libraries, a new fund has been created at the Ball State University Foundation to receive donations to be used for the unit's development. Financial gifts to the **Archives and Special Collections Facilities and Development Fund (5114)** will support facility-related expenses as well as general expenses associated with Archives and Special Collections.

As many students and faculty will attest, the shelves in Archives and Special Collections are filled with signature collections and rich research

materials for researchers to explore and use to achieve academic success or personal growth. In fact, the shelves are nearly filled to total capacity, leaving little room for new collections that would benefit students and scholars for generations to come.

The newly established fund will be used to finance a plan to repurpose an area behind Archives and Special Collections that will allow for additional space for maintaining archival collections. In order to accomplish the plan, significant donations are needed for the fund.

Dr. David Ulbrich, formerly of the Ball

State Department of History and soon to begin in the history department at Ohio University, recently made the initial gift to establish the fund. Dr. Arthur W. Hafner, Dean of University Libraries, Ms. Sharon Roberts, Assistant Dean for Collection Resources Management, Mr. John B. Straw, Assistant Dean for Digital Initiatives and Special Collections, and Mr. John K. Carmichael, Jr. also made contributions as founding donors.

For more information on how to contribute to the fund contact John Straw at (765) 285-5078 or JStraw@bsu.edu

Gifts Help Build Strong Collections for Teaching, Learning, and Research

More than 265 Friends helped strengthen the University Libraries' collections by donating books, DVDs, journals, and other materials last year. The following are just a few examples of the gifts-in-kind received from our Library Friends.

Stephen Bell gave a collection of books on news reporting, media ethics, and journalism.

Larry and Shirley Dahlstrom donated sheet music and personal papers of the late harpist Lucile Lawrence. The donation was facilitated by friends and former students of Ms. Lawrence.

C. Suzette Ditsky presented Archives and Special Collections with the papers and books of her late husband Dr. John M. Ditsky, a noted John Steinbeck scholar.



Joseph Fisher donated a World War II scrapbook, compiled by his mother Vanchie Dell Fisher, containing letters, photographs, and other items documenting his military service.

Robert Fritz gave 252 foreign language and culture periodicals.

Betty Harris-Hillary donated local history materials and her professional and personal papers relating to her career as a writer and newspaper reporter.



William Janney arranged for the donation of the Broadway Theatre Collection of his late brother Benjamin Janney.

John Koumoulides donated 244 books on Greece, world history, politics, literature, and religion, and set of slides from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Julia Mattern gave 79 scores of flute music.

Edith Pittenger presented Archives and Special Collection with a collection of local history photograph taken by Emma Pittenger, an early woman photographer from Delaware County.

Clarke Payne donated architectural drawings of the Delaware County Justice Center.

Charles Sappenfield gave his papers as Dean of the College of Architecture and Planning

A rare complete set of *Transition* literary magazine published in Paris in the 1920s and 1930s were

acquired with funds from the Martin and Helen Schwartz Rare Book Acquisitions Grant Fund.

Sandra Seiwert and J. Curtis Cary donated 56 children's literature books and games.



Howard Smith gave a collection of sheet music for piano, organ and sax.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thomas donated 130 novels by Agatha Christie and Louis L'Amour, and a collection of volumes of Great Books.

David Ulbrich was instrumental in establishing the 376th Bombardment Group Archive by bringing in donations of World War II veterans' materials and a videotape collection of oral history interviews.

Barry Wagner donated 63 books and guides on language development and communication disorders.

Phyllis Zimmerman gave a collection of 1,048 books and videos on World War II; Korean, Vietnam, and Iraq wars, general military history, politics, Asian history, and social history.

Kirkham Lecture Features Dale and The *Muncie Post-Democrat* Newspaper

At the 2000 annual meeting of the Friends, then-Provost and President of the Board of Governors C. Warren Vander Hill announced that “future presentations to the Friends Annual Dinner shall be known as the Kirkham Lecture to recognize Dr. E. Bruce Kirkham’s twenty-five years of service as the founding executive secretary of the Friends of Bracken Library.”



Mr. J. Andrew Dale, principal of David Dale Designs, delivered the 2008 Kirkham Lecture at the annual dinner on April 1, 2008. The topic

of his presentation was his great grandfather, George Dale, former Muncie mayor and editor of the *Muncie Post-Democrat* newspaper. Andrew focused on the life and

times of George Dale, his battle against the Ku Klux Klan, and his legacy.

The *Muncie Post-Democrat* was published by George Dale from 1921 through 1936 and continued after his death until the 1950s. During Dale’s tenure, the newspaper was a strong voice against the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana. Dale became nationally prominent for this battle against the Klan.

The newspaper is a unique historical artifact that is extremely valuable for researchers on the Klan in Indiana during the 1920s and 1930s, and other students and scholars. The University Libraries were awarded a Library Services and Technology Act digitization grant for 2007-2008 in the amount of \$23,041 to create the *Muncie Post-Democrat* Newspaper Digital Collection. Prior to Dale’s lecture,

the digital collection was premiered for those in attendance at the dinner.

Mr. Dale’s presentation on “George Dale: Then and Now” is available at www.bsu.edu/library/collections/friends. The *Muncie Post-Democrat* Newspaper Digital Collection can be accessed through the University Libraries’ Digital Media Repository at <http://libx.bsu.edu>.



J. Andrew Dale and family

Board of Governors Honored; Student Member Added to Board

The Board of Governors for the Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library are a group of dedicated supporters of the University Libraries who give of their time and talents to help establish goals and coordinate functions of the Friends.

Mrs. Diane Brown, Mr. Michael Johnston, Mrs. Kay Schnuck, and Mr. Warren Watson began their terms as new members of the board at the annual dinner on April 1, 2008. Ms. Bea Moten-Foster, Mr. Tom Schnuck, Mr. Steven Turpin, and Mr. Earl Williams completed their terms and

were recognized for their service at the annual dinner.

Continuing their service on the Board are Mrs. Marilyn Carey, Dr. Nicole Etcheson, Dr. Carol Flores, Mr. Hank Milius, Mr. Thomas Spotts, Mrs. Marianne Vorhees, and ex-officio member Mr. David Bahlmann.

At the fall meeting of the Friends’ Board of Governors, board member Nicole Etcheson proposed adding a student member to the board. This proposal met with unanimous approval by the board. The change to

the bylaws was passed by a vote of membership at the annual meeting and dinner on April 1, 2008.



Alayna Huffman was selected as the first student member of the board. She is a sophomore in History and Education and

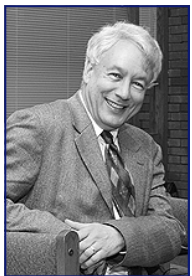
will serve a one-year term on the Board of Governors. We are pleased to welcome Alayna.

Library Friends Sponsor Five Entertaining and Well Attended Programs

Shirley Wiegand, Professor Emerita of Law at Marquette University, and Wayne Wiegand, the F.



Williams Summers Professor of Library and Information Studies and Professor of American Studies at Florida State University, presented "Books on Trial: Red Scare in the Heartland" in October 4, 2007. The Wiegands' visit was cosponsored by the Friends, the Center for Middletown Studies, Department of History, Department of English, Honors College, and the



Muncie Public Library. Dr. Frank Felsenstein, the Reed D. Voran Honors Distinguished Professor of

Humanities at Ball State, presented a program entitled "Which is the Merchant...and Which the Jew? Stereotypes of Jews in English Graphic Humor" on November 28, 2007. The talk focused on the representation of Jews in "the golden age of English caricature" during the eighteenth and nineteenth century.

On March 18, 2007, Christine Satory, Associate Professor of Visual Communications in the Department of Art, and the Libraries' own Philip Deloria, Archivist for Digital Projects and University Records, gave a presentation entitled "Archetype: The Social Revolution of Writing." The program was in conjunction with the opening of an innovative student-created exhibit in the University Libraries by the same title that featured rare items from Archives and Special Collections and new artwork by students in the Visual Communications program

that focused on the development of written communication from clay tablets to the latest technology.

The Friends and the Center for Middletown Studies co-sponsored a program on "Winston Churchill and the Literary History of Politics" given by Dr. Jonathan Rose, the William R. Kenan Professor of History at Drew University on April 9, 2008.



On April 21, Ray Boomhower, senior editor at the Indiana Historical Society Press, spoke on "Robert F. Kennedy: The 1968 Indiana Primary." April 4 was the 40th anniversary of Robert Kennedy's speech at Ball State when he was running for president.

Kathleen Pickens-French Receives Staff Scholarship Award

In 1991, the Friends implemented a scholarship program to support Library employees pursuing graduate degrees in library science.

To qualify for the award, the applicant must be a current employee of the University Libraries with no less than two calendar years of satisfactory performance, be enrolled in a Master of Library Science degree program (or its approved equivalent) at an accredited institution in Indiana, and have

completed at least eighteen graduate hours with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale.



This year the Friends' Board of Governors approved awarding a scholarship to Ms. Kathleen Pickens-French, Access Services

Evening Supervisor in the University Libraries. She was

recognized and received her award at the annual dinner.

Ms. Pickens-French has worked in the University Libraries for over two years. She has recently completed her Masters in Library Science at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis. While working full-time in the University Libraries, she maintained a 4.0 grade point average in her graduate work.

Welcoming Remarks by Ball State University President Jo Ann Gora Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library Annual Dinner April 1, 2008



Good evening. On behalf of all of us here at Ball State University, I am pleased to welcome you to this annual Friends of the Library dinner.

Library friends like you play an important role in the growth and success of this university and its library. You generate funds, materials, ideas, and good will that help our libraries move forward in significant ways. You *truly* make a difference!

This organization began with the opening of the Alexander M. Bracken Library in 1976. It now boasts a membership of more than 2,600 members who live in most of the 50 states and in 40 other countries. This year, Friends of the Library donated more than \$41,000 to Ball State

University Foundation accounts in support of the University Libraries, as well as helping to build the collections through their many gifts of books, DVDs, journals, and other materials.

Bracken Library serves an average of 4,400 students per day. Since 2003, the focus of the University Libraries has been to develop and implement a strategic plan that transforms the Libraries into an organization for the 21st century—one that is service-oriented, innovative, and both involved in the life of the campus and responsive to the surrounding community.

I salute Dean Arthur Hafner and the University Libraries personnel. They are engaged in an ambitious effort to create, develop, adapt, and implement a wide range of innovative and creative technologies, signature collections, and highly personalized services that support our students and faculty.

The University Libraries support Ball State's mission of teaching, scholarship, and public service; provide an intellectual environment for exploration and discovery; and enhance academic learning and research through a range of proactive library and information services. The University Libraries are truly "a destination for research, learning, and friends." We are grateful to the Friends of the Library—to *all* of you here this evening—for continuing to support and strengthen the University Libraries and Ball State University. Thank you.

Friends Enjoy 2008 Annual Dinner



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Calendars!**
The next Friends of
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Library Annual Dinner
will be April 1, 2009

