Dean Arthur W. Hafner
Made University Libraries a Destination for Research, Learning, and Friends

The following is from the tribute paid to Dr. Hafner at the Library Friends dinner on April 1, 2015.

After more than 12 years of service, Dr. Arthur W. Hafner stepped down as Dean of University Libraries this past year. Since arriving in November 2002, his leadership and vision brought about a significant transformation of the University Libraries. He worked tirelessly to realize his vision of the University Libraries as “a destination for research, learning, and friends.”

The success of Dr. Hafner’s efforts is perhaps most visible in the significant increase in the number of students and others passing through the Libraries’ turnstiles each day. An average of more than 4,500 people now visit the Libraries daily. The number of annual visitors grew from around 800,000 in 2002 to more than 1.6 million in recent years. This increased number of people coming to the Libraries is a direct result of the programs and services that Dr. Hafner instituted. For example, the number of public computers available for students and faculty has increased from 125 to more than 400, all equipped with the latest software and programs.

Digital resources have grown exponentially under Dr. Hafner’s leadership. The development of the Schwartz Digital Complex, upgrade of electronic classrooms, provision of scanning stations, enhancement and greening of printing services, and many other initiatives have made the Libraries one of the most heavily used areas on campus for students’ academic advancement.

Dr. Hafner worked to create a welcoming environment for students and others with comfortable furniture, attractive artwork, entertaining and informative public programs, and spaces for collaborative and individual study. Bracken Library was even voted the best place to study in a survey conducted by The Daily News.

The list of new services and programs instituted as a result of Dr. Hafner’s vision and leadership is too long to list here, but they are very apparent when you walk into the University Libraries. Perhaps the strongest example of the positive effect he had thought is the way that the Libraries are viewed by students, faculty, alumni, and the public. The University Libraries’ reputation under Dr. Hafner’s direction became one of a welcoming partner for students and faculty; a place where they feel at home; their destination for research, learning, and friends.

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Dear Friends of Bracken Library,

This past year was another successful one for the Library Friends. Membership remained at more than 2,300 internationally. Friends continue to make significant financial contributions and donations of books, DVDs, journals, and other learning, teaching, and research materials to support the University Libraries’ mission to serve the academic needs of Ball State students and faculty.

At the annual dinner this year, I was pleased to announce that the University Libraries received word of the establishment of the Dr. E. Ruth Dunning Archives and Special Collections Endowment Fund with a gift from the late Dr. Dunning in the amount of over $270,000. The endowment will be used to support the collections, services, and programs of our Archives and Special Collections.

Dr. Dunning’s father, Thomas J. Breitweiser, was Dean of Indiana Normal School, Eastern Division (now known as Ball State University) from 1920 to 1926. Ruth Dunning was a long-time supporter of the University Libraries and served on the Library Friends’ Board of Governors from 1999 to 2002.

This is just one example of the generosity of our Library Friends. You can see more examples of support for the Libraries in other articles in this newsletter. We are grateful to all our many Friends for their contributions and support, both financial and through outstanding gifts-in-kind.

The Friends have many programs and other activities planned for next year. Over the past 12 years, it has been my pleasure to work with Dean Arthur W. Hafner as he served as president of the Library Friends. In the coming year, I look forward to working with the Board of Governors to explore new opportunities as we welcome a new Dean of University Libraries. We hope you will all join us throughout the year and support the efforts of the Friends to strengthen our collections and services.

Sincerely,
John B. Straw
Executive Secretary
Financial Donations Support the University Libraries’ Collections, Services, and Programs

Financial donations by the Library Friends to existing Ball State University Foundation accounts supporting the University Libraries totaled more than $30,700. The following donors made contributions of $100 or more in fiscal year 2014-15:

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Gifts-In-Kind Support Learning, Teaching, and Research

In addition to their generous financial gifts, Friends helped strengthen our collections by donating hundreds of books, DVDs, journals, manuscripts, archival collections, and other materials that support the educational, instructional, and research needs of Ball State students and faculty. The following are just a few examples of the gifts-in-kind received from Library Friends in the past year:

- Stefan S. Anderson donated his papers consisting of materials documenting his professional career as president of First Merchants Bank and his involvement with the Delaware Advancement Corporation, including records of the development of the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie.
- Christy Foster donated a collection of photographs, slides, and other historical records of the Muncie Indiana Transit System.
- Kris Frederick provided a collection of 514 photographs that he took as a Ball State student from 1967 to 1972 documenting student life, the Delaware County and Randolph County communities, and other Central Indiana locations and people. The digital collection is available online in the Ball State Digital Media Repository (http://libx.bsu.edu).
- Bruce Hozeski donated 177 books and periodicals on literature, poetry, and bibliographies.
- Lathay Pegues gave a collection of videotapes of news stories about local events that were recorded for the Muncie Star Press between 2012 and 2014.
- John Rouse donated 610 books related to political science, political history, and organizational theory, and 675 academic journals, governmental reports, and popular news magazines.

Library Friends Sponsors Annual Dinner and Kirkham Lecture

More than 60 community members, faculty, staff, and students attended the Friends of Bracken Library annual dinner at the Ball State Alumni Center on the evening of April 1, 2015. The program included recognition of members of the Board of Trustees, the annual Kirkham Lecture, and a tribute to outgoing Dean of University Libraries, Dr. Arthur W. Hafner (see article on back page).

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors for the Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library is 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. Board members recognized with certificates of appreciation for completing their terms on the Board were Mary Carter and Eileen Joschko. The student member of the Board, who completed his one-year term, was Jake Griffin. However, Jake graciously agreed to serve a second year term for the coming year. New Board members who began their three-year terms and received a Friends’ lapel pin at the annual dinner were Cathy Day and Sandra Hoover.

Steve Bell and Robert Mugge gave the digital files of interviews conducted with Mugge with Bell concerning his career as a broadcast journalist, including his work for ABC News from 1967-1986. Steve Bell also donated 396 books to the University Libraries.

Stephanie Beswick donated 725 books related to African studies, women’s history, world history, and political science.

Daniel Denning presented Archives and Special Collections with his papers and photographs concerning his career serving in the administrations of U. S. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush, including materials related to planning the Desert Storm Victory Celebration.

Kirkham Lecture

This year’s Kirkham Lecture at the annual dinner was delivered by Dr. Ronald Morris, Professor of History, along with Ball State students Ashton Hampton and Samantha Harsh. The program was entitled “Parks, People, and Culture: The Indiana State Parks and Ball State.” It focused on the recent immersive learning project that Dr. Morris led with Ball State students to create a mobile app for driving/walking tours of Indiana’s state parks, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the parks in 2016. The app features both historic and contemporary photographs to allow visitors to compare past and present, and has background music composed by Ball State music composition students.

1915 Silent Film Shown at Muncie Civic Theatre

On the evening of March 11, 2015, the University Libraries and the Library Friends collaborated with the Delaware County Historical Society and the Muncie Civic Theatre to hold a special showing of the 1915 silent film The Man Haters at the Civic Theatre.

This women’s suffrage era film was produced 100 years ago in Muncie using local talent. It tells the story of a group of women who form a “man haters” club, and a romance that develops between one of the members and a young gentleman that ends in the couple being married by Muncie Mayor Roland Bunch on the steps of the old courthouse. The original film is housed in the Libraries’ Archives and Special Collections. A digital version is available online in the Ball State Digital Media Repository (http://libx.bsu.edu).