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# LUMIÈRES

## The State of the LSU Library

A brief description of the state of the Library may seem enigmatic. It is in one sense a state of inactivity. In another sense, it is a state of great activity. Let me explain this seeming paradox. The primary concern of the Library remains the resources, or lack thereof, to purchase books and materials. To date, the amount of state funds spent on books and serials received in 1977-78, and on binding done this fiscal year has been approximately \$700,000. Of this, \$220,000 was paid out of the 1976-77 budget in the form of deposits toward this year's serials subscriptions. An additional \$254,344 is allotted to serials purchases in 1977-78; \$62,000 is devoted to binding. This leaves only \$164,360 for book purchases.

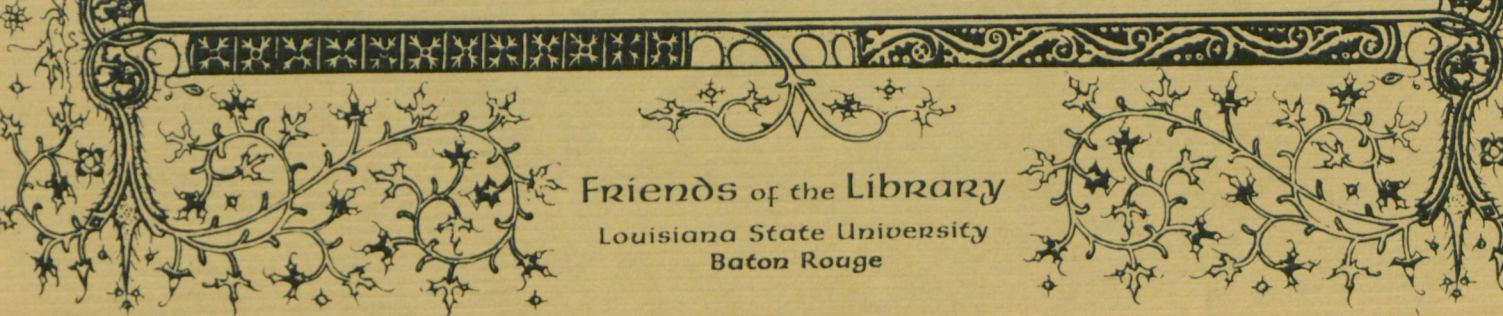
Since mid-February, our Order Department has virtually ceased processing new orders as the yearly book allocation was almost completely expended by that time. The Library was provided a "no growth" budget for this year. This stationary budget, the dim prospects for supplemental book funds from the University, and the effects of inflation on the prices of books and serials has meant that we are likely to fall short of last year's record expenditure on Library materials. Last year's state fund expenditure of approximately \$1,004,610 for books, serials, and binding placed LSU twelfth in this category among the 29 members of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries; this is not a

good showing in light of the fact that we rank third in the number of students served. Although last year's expenditure was a record for the LSU Library, it still falls short of the monies needed to support an academic program of excellence. We continue to make our case to the University administration, who themselves are fighting the syndrome of fixed budgets and inflation. We appreciate the efforts of the *Friends of the LSU Library* for articulating our plight, and even more importantly, for their positive efforts to do something about insufficient book funds through fund-raising efforts in our behalf.

Our serials — or periodicals — continue to come in at a rapid pace. But within the book processing areas, we are in a state of suspended animation in dealing with new purchases. Order Department personnel have temporarily shifted their efforts elsewhere. Cataloging staff continue to work on the backlog and special projects as well—projects such as new catalogs for the reference areas, and helping to plan the cardwork and relabeling necessary to help accomplish the move of the Graduate School of Library Science Library to another location on campus within the next three years.

A major change has taken place this past year in the public service areas of the Library. A reorganization was undertaken and the divisional concept of the Library was modified.

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Four primary changes occurred. First, a central reference area was established on the first floor near the public card catalog.

Second, the business and economics reference services were combined with our excellent documents department.

Third, a periodicals reading area was established on the second floor of the Library in order to improve the accessibility and control of current unbound periodicals. Fourth, we have added two full-time bibliographers to the collection development staff. The expertise of the bibliographers, one in Social Science and one in Sciences, should enable us to more critically analyze our collections and our book purchases; this is important particularly in a time of tight budgets in order to ensure optimum purchasing power from our monies. We feel that these changes will help improve our delivery of public services in the Library.

Another innovation in the public service sector of the Library has been the introduction of on-line bibliographic search services. We have purchased two small Texas Instruments interactive terminals and have trained our staff so that we can take advantage of computer data bases located in California. For a fee, computer searches are offered to library patrons in such varied fields as chemistry, business, agriculture, education, psychology and biology. In all, we have access to more than 60 such subject data bases. The utilization of this kind of service is still embryonic. However, we in the Library are attempting to provide

innovative services whenever practicable.

A computer situation of a different nature will affect the Library in the near future. Since the Library depends very heavily on the Library of Congress to provide copy for our public card catalog, we must make some momentous decisions when the Library of Congress closes its own card catalog in 1980 and converts to computerized access to its holdings. The technical problems this will cause our Library and most major research libraries in the country are serious and complex.

We have already begun to study those problems that will face us in 1980 and are searching for viable options. It is not unreasonable to expect that we will have to resort to significant changes in our own means of access to our collections, even to the point of finding an alternative to our card catalog.

I need not tell this group about one of the more energetic activities that goes on around the Library — that is the expenditure of effort put forth by the *Friends of the LSU Library*. I assure you that these efforts on our behalf are appreciated by the Library and we are very grateful for them. We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Marion T. Reid

Assistant Director for Technical Services

D. W. Schneider

Associate Director for Public Services

(Delivered to the *Friends of the LSU Library* Annual Meeting, March 30, 1978)



## In Memoriam

Just before Christmas, Leland Richardson, President of the *Friends of the LSU Library*, died after a short illness. In gratitude for his leadership, the Board of the *Friends* adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, The Board of the *Friends of the LSU Library* have deep gratitude for the generous contribution of time, expertise, and talent that Mr. E. Leland Richardson gave during the time of his service as Vice-President and President of the *Friends of the LSU Library*; and

Whereas, The Board recognizes that the dedication of Mr. Richardson throughout his many

years of service in this organization has served to promote in the community and state a better understanding of the importance of the excellence of the LSU Library;

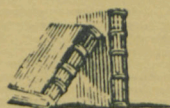
Therefore be it resolved, That the Board of the *Friends of the LSU Library* express to Mrs. E. Leland Richardson by this resolution its grateful appreciation for all that his valuable services have meant to the *Friends of the LSU Library*; and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to select an appropriate library acquisition in memory of Mr. Richardson and that the acquisition be inscribed in his memory and made a part of the permanent collection of the LSU Library."



*These are not books, lumps of lifeless paper, but minds placed on the shelves. From each of them goes out its own voice, as inaudible as the streams of sound conveyed day and night by electric waves beyond the range of our physical hearing; and just as the touch of a button on our set will fill the room with music, so by taking down one of these volumes and opening it, one can call into range the far distant voice in time and space, and hear it speaking to us, mind to mind, heart to heart.*

Gilbert Highet  
1906



## Profile of a Bibliophile Judge Warren L. Jones



"Abe, he says to me, he says says he. . . And I says to Abe, I says says I. . ."

A young boy listened to his grandfather's long-ago tales of driving a lawyer named Lincoln in a livery rig from Springfield, Illinois, to adjoining county seats. The boy grew up to become Senior Circuit Judge Warren L. Jones of the Fifth Judicial Circuit — and the man who is personally responsible for the LSU Library's acquisition of one of the most complete private collections of Lincolniana.

Judge Jones did not set out to become a Lincoln collector because of those boyhood memories, however. A native of Nebraska and a graduate of the University of Denver Law School, he migrated in 1925 to Jacksonville, Florida, where he was named to judgeship in 1955. He is now technically retired, a condition he says means that "you can work as much as you will, but are not required to take any assignments if you don't want to."

Meanwhile, Judge Jones had developed a keen interest in Abraham Lincoln. Inspired by his grandfather's Lincoln stories? "I suppose," he speculates, "that there was some latent stimulus in my grandfather's telling me about Lincoln, that it kindled an interest. . . I was too young to know that I might be listening to history." What started the judge's actual collection was his legal representation of a family in Wisconsin that was very "book minded." The woman who owned the family library — and who had entertained Lincoln in her home in Racine between his election and inauguration — died in the 1930s, leaving the library to her daughter. The daughter, who was Judge Jones' client, was childless, and had no relatives who were interested in books, so — upon her own death in the early part of World War II — the collection, containing 30 or 40 Lincoln books, was left to the judge.

By 1965, Judge Jones had built his collection of Lin-

coln memorabilia to some 3,200 items, and it was in that year that he donated it to LSU. As a non-LSU graduate, and a non-Louisiana resident, Judge Jones explains why he chose this university as the recipient of his outstanding gift: "I wanted to find a home for it during my lifetime. I didn't want to sell it, and I didn't want to leave it to be disposed of by my family who respected my interest but had little of their own. LSU had more of a Lincoln interest than any other institution in the South."

He points to the reputation of his friend, LSU's Pulitzer Prize-winning Dr. T. Harry Williams: "At LSU was one of the great people in the Lincoln field. I had a notion that he could and he would find a good home for what I put into so many hours of pouring over second-hand books and catalogs, trying to find what my purse would permit me to buy that would let me put together a respectable collection. . ."

And respectable the collection most certainly is. Ralph G. Newman of Chicago, the world's foremost authority on Lincoln books, has described it as "one of the finest private collections assembled in recent years, and includes all of the great basic Lincoln books, special editions of some of the outstanding works, and many publications contemporaneous with Lincoln's own lifetime."

In addition to his activities in the field of collecting and evaluating Lincoln items, Judge Jones has a wide record of civic activities in Jacksonville. And, besides his law degree from Denver, he holds an LL.D. degree from Stetson University, and was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters degree from LSU last December, in recognition of his "devotion and service to scholarship" and for "encouraging and supporting the endeavors that members of a university community cherish. . ."

Loyce J. McIlhenny  
LSU Office of Publications





## Friends' Annual Banquet

Charles East, author, newspaperman, and former director of the LSU Press, spoke "On the Making of Books" to the *Friends of the LSU Library* at the annual banquet meeting held in the Faculty Club on March 30. An exhibit of LSU Press books and of *Friends'* gift purchases for the Library were arranged in the main hall.

Chancellor Emeritus Cecil G. Taylor, President, welcomed the *Friends* and their guests and thanked Mrs. H. Leslie McKenzie and Mrs. R. Gordon Kean for the beautiful bouquets of azalea and spring flowers from their gardens.

Marion T. Reid, Assistant Director for Technical Services, reported on "The State of the LSU Library" in this era of fixed budgets and inflation. Dr. John Wildman, Chairman of the Awards Committee, presented the 1977 *Friends of the LSU Library Awards*. The awards — given annually to individuals or groups performing a distinguished service to the Library during the past year — were received by Mr. Aime P. Claudet, who contributed his extensive papers on Louisiana geology and oil exploration, and to Kappa Delta Epsilon, honorary education fraternity, for their annual contribution.

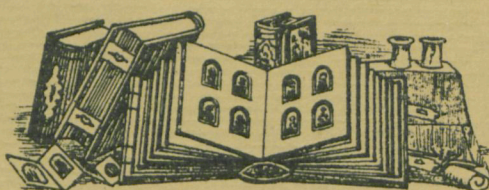
Chancellor Taylor recognized Life Members attending the banquet and announced the following new Life Members: Richard Cadwallader, Wyatt Pickens, Hendryk Stenzel, Mrs. C. J. Freeland, Mrs. Henry W. Darden, and Mrs. W. A. Richards.

The slate of officers was reported by Mr. Charest Thibaut, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Dr.

Edward M. Boagni III was elected president and Mrs. Charles H. Morton, vice-president; Mary Jane Kahao, secretary; and Caroline Wire, treasurer.

Mrs. E. E. Spielman, Jr., Chi Omega alumna, presented a check for \$2,352 for the benefit art auction held by Chi Omega Alumnae for the LSU Library. Chancellor Taylor thanked Mrs. Spielman on behalf of the *Friends* and the Library for their generosity and support of the Library's collections.

Mrs. Warren Ogden and Mrs. Eugene Owen, co-chairmen of the Book Bazaar, were introduced. Chancellor Taylor reminded the *Friends* of the 40,000 books to be collected for the October sale, and urged the donation of their unwanted books.



## Book Bazaar

With a goal of 40,000 books, the Book Bazaar Committee is collecting used hardback and paperback books in good condition to sell at the 3rd Annual Book Bazaar scheduled for October.

Fiction, nonfiction, history books, and books on numerous other subjects are being accepted. The *Friends* are also interested in records, sheet music, and magazines in good condition.

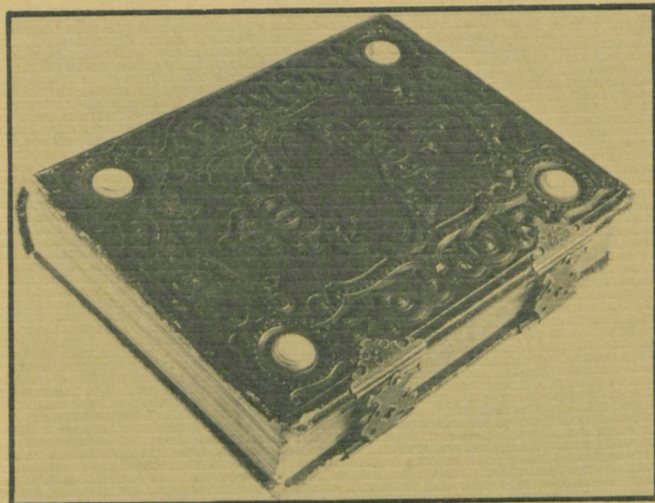
Donors are requested to make book deposits at the Book Barn in the basement of the Hill Memorial Building — east of the Indian Mounds, across West Campus Drive. The drop box, located just inside the double-door entrance, is open all day. Book Bazaar drop boxes are also located in neighborhood dry cleaning stores.

Those unable to deliver books may call 293-1764 to arrange to have their donations picked up or to obtain the name of a nearby Bazaar volunteer.

Gifts of books to the *Friends* are tax deductible, since the organization is part of the LSU Foundation. Receipts will be provided for tax purposes, if requested.

This year's Bazaar is scheduled for October 5, 6, and 7, with proceeds enabling the LSU Library to acquire valuable items not provided for in its budget.





Album of Louisiana Civil War Photographs

## Gifts

The LSU Library expresses its appreciation to those who have generously donated the following gifts to the Library:

### FRIENDS OF THE LSU LIBRARY

*Album of Louisiana Civil War Photographs.* 1861-1865. Two-hundred *carte de visite* views of New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Port Hudson, Donaldsonville, Alexandria, Houma, Chalmette, Vicksburg, Mobile, Fort Morgan, and federal naval vessels with crews and armaments. The prints of New Orleans during the Union occupation are particularly rare. Numerous landmarks no longer existing are valuable for historical and architectural studies of the state and the South.

Gift of the *Friends* and Dr. Edward M. Boagni, III, Mr. Powell Casey, Mr. Fred Benton, Jr., and Dr. T. Harry Williams.

Lee Friedlander. *American Monument.* 1976. *Ansel Adams: Images 1923-1974.* 1976. Books on photography in memory of the late president of the Friends, E. Leland Richardson.

L'isle, Guillaume de. *Mississippi seu Provinciae Ludovicianae à R. P. Ludovico Hennepin, Francisce Miss in America.* 1687. Map of Louisiana territory during the French regime commissioned from a famous cartographer.

Suetter, Matthaeus. *Accurata Delineatio Celeberrimae Regionis Ludovicianae Vel Gallicae Louisianae ol. Canadae et Floridae.* 1734. This rare map, commissioned by the French government, as was the one above, shows Louisiana and surrounding geography. Shown on both are names and locations of hundreds of Indian tribes.

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

for the purchase of Library books

In memory of:

- Dr. Grace Adams, by Dr. and Mrs. Rodney Cline
- Dr. John L. Beven, by Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Groves
- Mr. Fred Blanche, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Kean, Jr.
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## Desiderata

The following is a partial list of needed materials for the Library. We hope a Friend will want to give one of these tax-deductible treasures:

*Catalog of the Theatre and Drama Collections, Part III: The Non-Book Collection.* 30 vols. Research Libraries of the New York Public Library, 1975. \$2795.00. Valuable to theatre staff of the Department of Speech. The Library has Parts I and II. One of the few collections emphasizing theatrical productions rather than their literary aspects.

Sir Thomas Malory's *La Morte D'Arthur*. Facsimile edition of the William Caxton printing. Scolar Press/The Morgan Library. \$131.29. One of the most important authorities for the student of the Arthurian legends.



# Financial Statement

## January 1977—December 1977

Balance in LSU Foundation Account  
December 31, 1976 **\$21,112.24**

### Income:

Memberships, Memorials,	
Gifts in Honor of Individuals	\$14,687.00
Book Bazaar	10,000.00
Interest	1,249.00

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TOTAL	\$25,936.00
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### Expenditures:

Jan. '77	Transfer to 175-30-6305 authorized book purchases	\$ 200.00
Feb.	Transfer to Endowment Fund	3,500.00
	Transfer to 175-30-6305 for authorized book purchases	2,000.00
Mar.	Transfer to operating account for supply items, printing cost	900.00
Apr.	Annual banquet expenses	100.00
	Transfer to 175-30-6305 for authorized standing order subscription	500.00
	Transfer to Law Library for Hebert Memorial Volume	584.78
July	Transfer to 175-30-6305 for La. Room book purchase	307.00
	Reimbursement for postage, supply items	30.00
Sept.	Transfer to operating account	600.00
	Transfer to 175-30-6305 for authorized purchase for Archives	2,200.00
Oct.	Transfer to 175-30-6305 for microfilm collection	900.00

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TOTAL	\$11,821.78
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Balance in LSU Foundation December 31, 1977	<b>\$35,226.46</b>
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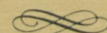
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Library Endowment Fund December 31, 1977	<b>\$23,687.82</b>
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