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LUMIÈRES

Friends of the LSU Library: A History

Since its founding in 1962, the Friends of the LSU Library organization has become one of the most successful of any library support group of its kind in the country. The history of this group is not one long continuum but divides into two different periods—the early founding period in the 1960's and a second period after reorganization in the mid 1970's.

In 1962, N. M. Caffee, LSU vice-president and dean of academic affairs, called together a group of librarians, LSU faculty members, and Baton Rouge citizens he thought might be interested in the formation of a Friends group. Dr. Caffee stated that the purpose of the organization would be "cooperating with the librarians in the development of the resources of the LSU libraries." The primary activities would be working to spread interest in university libraries to people in the state and beyond and to obtain financial support and contributions of special collections for the University.

Several persons present at the organizational meeting became responsible for the success of the group. One of these was Mrs. Ella V. Aldrich Schwing, then a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors, whom Dr. Caffee introduced as "an unemployed librarian." Mrs. Schwing expressed enthusiasm and support for the formation of a Friends group and emphasized the potential it had for Louisiana and the University.

Another person present at that first meeting was Dr. T. Harry Williams who also enthusiastically supported the concept of a Friends group because any strengthening of library resources would help to stimulate students and faculty to greater academic achievement.

Mr. Louis C. Reinberg, director of the LSU Foundation, described the organization and activities of the Foundation and said that the Friends group could be organized within the framework of the Foundation and be tax exempt with all gifts being tax deductible.

The first officers were elected with Mrs. Maxine Wilenzick, chairman; Mrs. Leslie McKenzie, vice-chairman; Mrs. Florence Peters, secretary; Mr. Trent James, treasurer; and Dr. Hulon Lott, member-at-large. The library director, T. N. McMullan, was ex-officio. At the second meeting Mr. Harnett Kane and Dr. Lawrence Lowrey were added as members-at-large.

The Friends organization remained small in its first years of existence. There was a general meeting once a year. Committees were formed, a constitution adopted, and the custom of an annual banquet begun. Although small in size there were significant accomplishments.

Support was given to the purchase of the Audubon Elephant Folio from an unrestricted grant made by Crown Zellerbach to the LSU Foundation. The organization purchased a number of paintings by Louisiana artists from monetary contributions made to the Friends. A lobbying effort was begun to secure the funding for the addition of two more floors to the new library occupied in 1958. (Construction on the two floors was finally begun in 1983.) Personal collections of faculty members and private book collectors were solicited.

After the general meeting in 1967 there were no meetings for several years. It was as if after a period of high energy the organization needed a long sleep to gain renewed strength.

Shortly before he retired as chancellor, Cecil Taylor along with Dean Emeritus Max Goodrich invited all officers and board members of the Friends to a meeting on July 30, 1974. The stated purpose of this meeting was to increase the level of activities of the Friends organization. It was agreed by all present that revitalization of the Friends was needed and several goals were drawn up. Committees were formed to contact the Friends membership and revise the constitution and by-laws. Chancellor Taylor and Dean Goodrich volunteered to work for the organization; this duo was dubbed the Library Development Committee and became the guiding focus of the newly revived organization.

The officers elected in 1974 were Charest Thibaut, president; Mrs. Leslie McKenzie, vice-president; Mary Jane Kahao, secretary; Caroline Wire, treasurer. The new library director, George J. Guidry, Jr., lent his support as an ex-officio member of the executive board. This group built on foundations already established by the previous organization.



Chancellor Emeritus Cecil Taylor (left) and Dean Emeritus Max Goodrich (center) were presented special gifts for their support of the Friends by Friends President Mrs. John M. West III (right).

Book Bazaar Organized

From the outset there were new ideas which assured the hotlding and growth of a sound fiscal base and a corps of loyal supporters. The first of these was the inauguration in 1975 of an annual book bazaar. Under the leadership of Mrs. Leslie McKenzie the book bazaar effort was organized. The first sale was a mini-book bazaar held in the spring of 1976 at an LSU Union Flea Market; \$500 was raised.

The first large-scale book bazaar was held at Bon Marche Mall in the fall of 1976 with \$7,000 being realized. The annual book bazaar had been established and each year brought an increase in funds raised. By the 1980's the bazaar was averaging close to \$30,000 each year. The book bazaar has been a phenomenal success as the major fund raising activity for the Friends organization.

In addition to Mrs. McKenzie the success of the annual book bazaar was the cooperative effort of long hours of work each year by many volunteers. Mrs. Eileen Kean and Mrs. Cherry Owen joined the team at an early stage and alternated as chairmen of the Book Barn. Space was given to the book bazaar committee in the basement of the old Hill Memorial library for the collection, sorting, pricing, and storing of stock for the annual sale. This space became known as the "Book Barn."

The preparations for the sale quickly became a year-round activity. As the bazaar became firmly established the quota of books for each year's sale was raised. By 1980 the Book Barn was processing 50,000 books a year was raised.

When Hill Memorial had to be vacated for renovation in the fall of 1983, the Book Barn operation went through three different locations in one year. One happy result of the moves was that one of the temporary locations, the LSU 4-H Mini-Farm Barn, proved to be an ideal new location for holding the annual sale. In the fall of 1984 the book bazaar was moved to the Mini-Farm and reduced to a two-day sale. The proceeds were almost as much as the three-day sale at Bon Marche. After the 1984 sale the Book Barn operation was moved to the basement of Middleton Library.

Newsletter Began

Another idea conceived by the new executive committee in 1975 was a newsletter for the Friends. The secretary, Mrs. Mary Jane Kahao, was appointed editor. Mrs. Kahao, working with Chancellor Taylor, Dean Goodrich, and personnel in the LSU Office of Information Services set up the newsletter. It was entitled *Lumières*, French for "enlightenment" and first published in the fall of 1975. Mrs. Kahao was responsible for editorial content; the format was designed by Carole Edwards, the artist in Information Services. This attractive publication received several awards in the first years of its existence.

The new executive committee formed a purchase committee to coordinate with the library. In the ten years 1974-84 over \$120,000 was expended in purchases for the Middleton Library. These purchases covered a range of subjects. There were purchases of microform sets or microfilms; purchases for the general library collection; and purchases for special collections, the Louisiana Collection, the Department of Archives and Manuscripts, and the McIlhenny Collection.

In 1980, the practice was begun of giving a keepsake to each Friends member at Christmastime. The keepsakes are reproductions from items in the library collection or are related to the library in some way. The first keepsake was a reproduction of a Knute Heldner etching from the Louisiana collection, followed the next year by a copy of the Troy H. Middleton biography by Frank Price published by the LSU Press. The keepsakes quickly became popular with the Friends membership; this little surprise is looked forward to every year at Christmastime.

When the Friends organization was revitalized in 1974 the balance in the Friends account was \$4,710.30 and the Endowment had \$14,971.82. In November of 1984 the Friends account had \$181,245.71 and the Endowment had grown to \$139,680.15. There are also numerous endowments of varying amounts given in the name of individuals.

The ten years of success were celebrated in November 1984 with a champagne reception at the home of Dean and Mrs. Henry L. Snyder. All past presidents and board members were honored with gifts of appreciation. Chancellor Cecil Taylor and Dean Goodrich were given gifts for their guidance and support.

The party also marked a beginning with the presence of a new library director, Sharon A. Hogan, who came to LSU in July 1984.

With the momentum the Friends organization has built up over the last ten years, it can be expected that the Friends of the LSU Library will continue to build upon past accomplishments to achieve even greater success in the future.



Mrs. R. Gordon Kean (left) was thanked for her role in the success of the Friends of the LSU Library as a past president and book bazaar chairman. Also participating in the celebration were Mrs. Max Goodrich (center) and Mr. R. Gordon Kean (right).



Dr. and Mrs. Paul Murrill (left) conversed with Mr. Theodore Martineau and the new LSU Library Director, Sharon Hogan (right).

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Officers and Board Members

1974-1976

President, Charest Thibaut, Jr.; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Leslie McKenzie; *Secretary*, Mrs. Mary Jane Kahao; *Treasurer*, Miss Caroline Wire; *Board Members*, Dr. Max Goodrich, Mrs. R. Gordon Kean, Mr. Leland Richardson, Mrs. Patt Foster Roberson, Mrs. Ella V. Aldrich Schwing, Dr. Cecil Taylor, Miss Kate Wallach, Dr. John Wildman; *Ex-officio*, Dr. Donald Foos, Mr. George J. Guidry, Jr., and Dr. T. Harry Williams.

1976-1977

President, Mrs. R. Gordon Kean; *Vice-President*, Mr. Leland Richardson (President, April-December 1977); *Secretary*, Mrs. Mary Jane Kahao; *Treasurer*, Miss Caroline Wire; *Board Members*, Mr. Powell Casey, Dr. Max Goodrich, Mrs. Florrinell Morton, Mrs. T. O. Perry, Mrs. Patt Foster Roberson, Mrs. Ella V. Aldrich Schwing, Dr. Cecil Taylor, Miss Kate Wallach, Mrs. Anna Jane Warriner, Dr. John Wildman, Dr. T. Harry Williams; *Ex-officio*, Dr. Donald Foos, Mr. George J. Guidry, Jr., and Mr. Charest Thibaut, Jr.

1978

President, Dr. E. M. Boagni; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Florrinell Morton; *Secretary*, Mrs. Mary Jane Kahao; *Treasurer*, Miss Caroline Wire; *Board Members*, Mr. Louis Curet, Mr. Powell Casey, Mrs. Donald Gerald, Dr. Max Goodrich, Mrs. Claude Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Warren Ogden, Dr. Charles Prosser, Mrs. Ella V. Aldrich Schwing, Dr. Cecil Taylor, Mr. Charest Thibaut, Miss Kate Wallach, Dr. John Wildman, Dr. T. Harry Williams; *Ex-officio*, Mr. George J. Guidry, Jr., Mrs. R. Gordon Kean.

1979

President, Dr. E. M. Boagni; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Florrinell Morton; *Secretary*, Mrs. Mary Jane Kahao; *Treasurer*, Miss Caroline Wire; *Board Members*, Mr. Louis Curet, Miss Sallie Farrell, Dr. Max Goodrich, Mrs. Claude Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Eugene Owen, Mrs. Warren Ogden, Dr. Charles Prosser, Mrs. Ella V. Aldrich Schwing, Dean Henry Snyder, Dr. Cecil Taylor, Mr. Charest Thibaut, Miss Kate Wallach, Dr. John Wildman; *Ex-officio*, Sister Marie Cairns, Mr. George J. Guidry, Jr., Mrs. R. Gordon Kean.

1980-1981

President, Dean Henry Snyder; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Claude Kirkpatrick; *Secretary*, Mrs. Anna Perrault; *Treasurer*, Miss Caroline Wire; *Board Members*, Mrs. C. D. Baldrige, Mr. Louis Curet, Miss Sallie Farrell, Dr. Max Goodrich, Mrs. Mary Jane Kahao, Mrs. R. Gordon Kean, Mrs. Florrinell Morton, Mrs. T. Warren Ogden, Mrs. Eugene Owen, Dr. Charles Prosser, Mrs. Ella V. Aldrich Schwing, Mrs. Joseph Simmons, Dr. Cecil Taylor, Mr. Charest Thibaut; *Ex-officio*, Dr. Edward M. Boagni III, Dean Jane Carter, Mr. George J. Guidry, Jr.

1982-1983

President, Dr. Charles Prosser; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Eugene Owen; *Secretary*, Mrs. Anna Perrault; *Treasurer*, Miss Caroline Wire; *Board Members*, Mrs. C. D. Baldrige, Miss Sallie Farrell, Dr. Max Goodrich, Mrs. Mary Jane Kahao, Mrs. R. Gordon Kean, Mrs. Claude Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Charles Bryant Smith, Mrs. Delroy O. Spann, Dr. Cecil Taylor, Mrs. John West; *Ex-officio*, Dr. Edward M. Boagni III, Sister Marie Cairns, Mr. George Guidry, Jr., Dean Henry Snyder.

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

Friends of the Library Purchases

1975

- Chaucer, Geoffrey. *Kelmscott Chaucer*. Facsimile. London: Basilisk Press, Ltd. \$530.00 Rare PR 1850 1974
- McClellan, Margaret Hutchinson. *William Joseph Hutchinson and Family of Caspiana Plantation*. Shreveport: Privately printed. \$22.50 La Coll CS 71 H975 1975
- The Madrid Codices of Leonardo da Vinci*. New York. \$765.00 Rare Z 6616 L58R47 1974
- Mississippi Historical Society. *Eudora Welty's Fairy Tale of the Natchez Trace*. Jackson, Mississippi. \$7.50 La Coll PS 3545 E6F33
- New York Graphic Society. Standing Order Plan. \$500.00 to continue earlier gift. 3 year standing order, 1975-1978

1976

- Bailey, Nathan. *An Universal Etymological English Dictionary*. London: Printed for R. Ware, W. Innys, and others. \$850.00 Rare PE 1620 B3 1735
- Hirth, Georg. *Picture Book of the Graphic Arts: 3500 woodcuts, etchings, and engravings by the masters 1500-1800*. Reprint. New York: Benjamin Blom. \$250.00 NE 430 H57 1972
- Jeffreys, Thomas. *The Natural and Civil History of the French Dominions in North and South America*. London. \$2,000.00 Rare F 1030 J45
- New York Times, Columbia University Oral History Collection. *404 Memoirs on 4 x 6 Microfiche and Index*. \$3,700.00 Microfiche 595
- The Nixon Administration: Watergate. United Press International News Coverage*. Fourth estate section only. Johnson Associates, Inc. 1975, \$1,137.87 Microfiche 645

1977

- Albums of Louisiana Civil War Photographs 1861-1865*. Two-hundred views of New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and various locations in Louisiana, and Federal naval vessels with crews and armaments. \$2,200.00 Archives Department
- The Underground Newspaper*. Microfilm collection. 1973. 35mm positive microfilm. Bell and Howell. \$940.81 Film 3020—Index: Bib Z 6944 U5U525

1978

- Confederate Imprints 1861-1865*. A collection on microfilm. New Haven, CT: Research Publications. \$4,282.00 Film 4106—Index: Z 1242.5 R45
- Diderot, Denis, 1713-1784. *Oeuvres Completes*, 33 volumes. Standing Order. Paris: Hermann. \$1,700.00 B 2012 A2 1975
- Kauffman, Richard. *Headlands*. Bookplate: In memory of Leland Richardson. San Francisco: Friends of the Earth. \$127.50 Rare F 869 B6354
- Malory, Sir Thomas. *Le Morte d'Arthur*. Facsimile of Caxton edition, 1485. London: The Scolar Press in association with the Pierpont Morgan Library, 1976. \$138.00 Rare PR 2043 C3 1976
- Saroyan, William. *Morris Hirshfield*. Milan: Franco Maria Ricci/distributed in the U.S.A. and Canada by Rizzoli International Publishers. \$100.36 Rare ND 237 H55S37
- Stanton, Edwin McMasters, 1814-1869. *Papers*. Washington: Library of Congress Photoduplication Service. \$1,594.00 Film 5094
- United States Census of Louisiana, 1900*. Microfilm and Index. \$2,127.00 Doc F 1

- Victoria and Albert Museum. Microfiche of the Collection*. Complete set of five departmental collections in separate binders. \$1,500.00 Microfiche 1595
- Vigny-Citoleux, M., Alfred de Vigny. *Persistances classiques et affinites etrangeres*. Paris. 1924. \$75.00 Rare PQ 2474 Z5C5
- William T. Sherman. *Two Letters to his Adopted Father 1860-1861*. \$1,950.00 Archives Department

1979

- Alvar Lopez, Manuel. *Atlas linguistico y etnografico de las islas canarias*. Les Palmas: Ediciones del Exemo. Cabildo Insular de Gran Canaria; Madrid: Realizacion y distribucion Editorial La Muralla. 1975-1978. 3 volumes. \$401.25 G 2826 E3A48 1975
- Bible*. The Douai-Rheims Bible. The *Holy Bible* faithfully translated into English out of the authentic Latin printed at Doway by Lawrence Kellon, 1609. Two volumes. \$975.00 Rare BS 180 1609 *The New Testament* printed at Rhemes by John Fogney, 1582. \$875.00 Rare BS 2080 1582
- Historic American Building Survey*. Washington: Library of Congress Photoduplication Service. 66 reels. \$882.00 Film 4326
- The Index of American Design*. Color microfiche with printed catalogues (10 parts). Standing order. \$1,430.00 Ref NK 805 15 1980
- Latrobe. *The Papers of Benjamin Henry Latrobe*. Microfiche. \$600.00 La Coll NA 737 L34C36
- Sherman, William Tecumseh. *The William Tecumseh Sherman Papers*. Library of Congress. 51 reels of microfilm. \$702.00 Archives Department
- Yankee Civil War Cartoon Envelopes*. \$850.00 Archives Department

1980

- Abbey, J. R. *Travel in Aquatint and Lithography 1770-1860: a bibliographical catalogue*. Curwen Press, 1956-1957. £500.00 Rare NE 143 A58
- Bible*. The Bruce Rogers Oxford Lectern Bible. \$3,250.00 Rare BS 185 O92 1935
- Farm Security Administration. *WPA Photograph Collection*. Microfiche. Chadwyck-Healy. \$4,700.00 Microfiche 3050
- Judah P. Benjamin Collection. Twelve items—letters and photographs. \$1,500.00 Archives Department
- Percy, Walker. Manuscript. The original typescript, with holograph corrections by Percy, throughout, of "An Interview with Walker Percy" which appeared in the little magazine *Shenandoah*, in 1967. The interview, in which Percy talks enlighteningly on his works and the influences upon it, was conducted by Ashley Brown and his holographic corrections are present as well. \$750.00 Archives Department
- Rousseau. (Gacon, F.) *Anti-Rousseau par le poete sans fard*. Rotterdam. 1712. \$125.00 Rare PQ 2029 Z5G27
- War of the Rebellion: Official Record Atlas*. Original edition. Morningside Bookshop. \$1,006.35 Lincoln E 464 U61

1981

- Le Corbusier Archive*. 32 volumes. Garland. \$3,300.00 NA 2707 L4A4 1982d
- Foot, Mirjam M. *A Collection of Bookbindings: the Henry Davis Gift*. The British Library. Purchased in honor of Dean Emeritus of the Library School, Mrs. Florrinnell F. Morton. \$130.00 each volume. Rare Z 269 F67

Tuet, Abbe Jean Charles Francois. *Matinees Senonoises*. 1789. Purchased in honor of Chancellor Emeritus Cecil G. Taylor on the occasion of the rededication of the French House. \$250.00 Rare PN 6450 T7

1982

Audubon, John James. *Prospectus for the Birds of America*. Under the special patronage of her Majesty Queen Adelaide. Published in London by the author in 1831. The Prospectus was published to solicit subscriptions for the elephant folio. Only sixteen copies were published. This copy was the only one left in private hands. \$2,000.00 McIlhenny Collection.

The Illustrated Bartsch. Abaris Books. 1981- Standing Order. 52 volumes. \$5,700.00 NE 90 B213

XX^e Siecle. (Vingtieme Siecle). Series I: Vols. 1-2, No. 1 (all published). Paris, 1938-1939. Purchased from Ars Libris Ltd. This famous art periodical contains original graphic by Kandinsky, Matisse, Laurens, Miro, Ayr, de Chirico, Duchamp, Ernst, et al. \$1,500.00 N 2 V523

The Works of William Blake, Poetic, Symbolic, and Critical; edited by Edwin John Ellis and William Butler Yeats. London: Bernard Quaritch, 1893. 3 volumes. Purchased in memory of Mrs. Ella V. Aldrich Schwing. \$1,000.00 Rare PR 4141 E4

1983

Banks' Florilegium. Alecto Editions, London. 1983-1988. A collection of 738 botanical prints made from 200 year-old copper plate engravings depicting plants discovered and recorded during Captain James Cook's first voyage to the South Seas in 1768. Middleton Library is one of only 13 owners of the *Banks' Florilegium* in the United States. Funding of the project is being divided between a private donor, the Friends of the LSU Library, and the Library. \$100,000.00 McIlhenny Collection QK 5 B33 1980

Klaus Berger Art History Collection. A privately owned art history collection of approximately 2,000 titles primarily concerned with 19th and 20th century French art, especially strong in European imprints. \$30,000.00

1984

Cuban Papers. Since the early 1970's LSU and Loyola have participated in a project to have filmed at the Archives of Seville in Spain all the documents of the Spanish commandants for the area which became Louisiana. The National Endowment for the Humanities supported the project until 1980. The Friends of the LSU Library have pledged funds to complete the project under the direction of Professor Paul Hoffman with some funding to be obtained from other sources.

Financial Statement

1974-1984

Beginning Balance (9/14/74) \$ 4,710.30

Income (9/74-12/84)

Dues, memorials, gifts..... \$122,927.79
Interest 56,628.73
Book Bazaars 180,500.00
Total Income \$360,056.52

Expenditures (9/74-12/84)

Book Purchases \$ 98,225.78
Supplies, Printing, Telephone,
miscellaneous operating
costs 15,671.02
Annual Banquets 1,416.36
Postage for Bulk Mail 789.25
Transfer to other Friends
Foundation Accounts 65,606.66
Insurance (Book Bazaar) 1,589.00
Deductions for account deposit
errors 819.00
Total Expenditures \$184,117.07

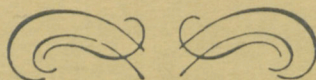
Balance 12/31/84 \$180,649.75

Library Endowment Fund

Balance 9/14/74 \$ 14,971.82
Income: \$124,708.33
(Transfers from Friends account
and interest earned)
Expenditures: —0—
Balance 12/31/84 \$139,680.15

Other Funds Begun through the Friends

Date of Establishment	Name	Beginning Balance	Current Balance
2/77	Ellinor H. Behre Fund	1,055.00	1,978.21
2/80	Fred B. Kniffen Fund	1,195.00	2,587.81
5/80	H. C. Sanders Fund	1,758.50	2,784.88
1/84	Director George J. Guidry Book Fund	1,200.00	1,285.00
3/84	Mrs. Mary Ann Miller Conner Memorial Fund	5,000.00	6,335.52
12/84	Mrs. Ellen Albright Taylor Memorial Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00



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☐ C. Contributing Member (annually) \$25.00
☐ D. Individual or Corporate Patron Member (annually) \$100.00
☐ E. Patron Member (annually) \$500.00
☐ F. Life Member \$1,000.00 or more or the presentation of unusual and distinctive materials valued at \$3,000.00 or more, within a calendar year.
☐ G. Institutional or Corporate Member (annually) \$500.00
☐ H. Honorary Life Member

☐ Check payable to LSU Foundation for Friends of the Library

☐ I prefer to pay as follows: _____

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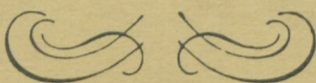
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