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Russell B. Long Congressional Papers Opened at Formal Presentation

The papers of Senator Russell B. Long were formally opened for use in ceremonies at LSU's Hill Memorial Library on November 3, 1995. The ceremony was attended by Senator and Mrs. Long, his daughter Kay Long, and grandson Russell Moseley. The occasion also marked Long's 77th birthday.

The formal dedication marked the completion of a program that began in the late 1950s when Long began forwarding documents to LSU. The completed collection now numbers more than one million items that range from Huey Long's papers to the entire span of Russell Long's career, including a stint with Uncle Earl K. Long.

Dean of the LSU Libraries Jennifer Cargill called the opening of the collection "an important archival milestone in the history of Louisiana and the United States."

She went on to say, "The existence and availability of the papers of Sen. Russell Long will contribute to a knowledge and understanding of American history, government, society, and political issues in the 20th century." She stated that the gift substantially enriches the research

resources of the University, providing an immeasurably important body of work that will serve as raw material for generations of researchers.

Under the direction of Faye Phillips, the collection has taken the library staff seven years to prepare. Senator Long's collection is considered unique among congressional collections because of the length of Long's career, his power and influence in the Senate (particularly as Chairman of the Committee on Finance), and his role in the transition of the Senate from a "gentleman's club" to the large and complex institution that it is today. These papers provide ample evidence of the principles and programs of a powerful state and national political personality, document the vast range of issues that a modern senator is called upon to address, and offer a concentrated source for students of recent Louisiana history and politics.

The papers contain correspondence, speeches, legislation, committee files, press releases, scrapbooks, campaign materials, photographs, memorabilia, films, videotapes, and other material concerning Russell Long.

North Reading Room Renamed for John S. McIlhenny

The Board of Supervisors voted on Friday, October 27, 1995, to name the North Reading Room of Hill Memorial Library in honor of John S. McIlhenny, recognizing his long-time philanthropic support of LSU and the E.A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection.

McIlhenny is a member of the family that produces the world-famous McIlhenny Tabasco™ Pepper Sauce on Avery Island.

The new McIlhenny Room (Room 202) displays natural history art from a collection donated by McIlhenny to LSU in 1971. The collection was begun by his uncle, E.A. McIlhenny, a well-known naturalist who established the wildlife sanctuary on Avery Island and secured the snowy egret's protection as an endangered species.

"We're very much in favor of naming the reading room after John S. McIlhenny," said E. A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection curator Elaine Smyth. "This room showcases selections from the 5,000 natural history volumes and hundreds of artworks belonging to the collection. It is a fitting recognition of his outstanding contributions to LSU."

McIlhenny has been a generous benefactor of LSU for more than 50 years, supporting activities and projects of the Museum of Natural History, the School of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, the LSU Press, the LSU Libraries, the Museum of Natural Science and the School of Veterinary Medicine..

"Without his help, we would not have had a Latin American field program," said J.V. Remsen, curator of the Museum of Natural Science.. "Starting in the late 1940s, McIlhenny financed our first expeditions to Mexico and the tropics."

Over the years, McIlhenny has supported the LSU Libraries in a number of ways. In 1991, as a symbolic two millionth volume acquired by the libraries, he donated a 15th century illuminated manuscript of hours. His latest donation was a collection of more than 400 cookbooks that highlight ethnic cuisines from around the world.

New Assistant Dean of Libraries for Special Collections Appointed

Faye Phillips, who has served as a curator in the LSU Libraries since 1986, has been appointed the new Assistant Dean of Libraries for Special Collections. Divisions within this department are the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections; the Rare Books Collections; the E. A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection; and the Electronic Imaging Laboratory. Phillips replaces Bob Martin who was named Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library in 1995.

The Special Collections Division holds a vast number of documents including approximately a quarter of a million books, 20,000 linear feet of manuscript collections, 5,000 linear feet of University records, and 400,000 historical photographs in Hill Memorial Library. Phillips has stated that she wants to heighten student awareness of the archival collections and their accessibility to everyone from freshman to graduate students and all faculty members.

Phillips previously worked as an archivist in the U. S. Senate and at the National Ar-

chives and Records Administration in Washington, D. C. She has authored two books and numerous articles on archival collections. She holds a B.A. and M.A. in history from Georgia State University. She also holds an M.S. in Library Science from the University of North Carolina.



New Assistant Dean of Libraries Faye Phillips (R) greets Mrs. Russell B. Long (L).

Special Collections Receives Grant from the Arts Council

The LSU Libraries Special Collections division recently received a grant from the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge to preserve and display artist Edward Lear's illustrations of the Family of Psittacidae or parrots.

The portfolio, consisting of 42 hand-colored lithographs, had a tremendous impact when published in 1832. Ornithologist William Swainson rated the drawings equal to those of Audubon for "grace of design, perspective, and anatomical accuracy." Best known for his humorous poetry and drawings, Lear was also an accomplished representational artist. He was a teenager when he did the parrot drawings.

The Arts Council's \$5,075 grant will enable the libraries to have the plates, which are printed on acidic 19th century paper, treated by an art conservator, matted, and displayed in Hill Memorial Library August 1 through September 30, 1996. The monies will also provide workbooks for more than 1,000

grade school children from the area who will visit the exhibit. A teacher's guide will also be available.

"These funds provide important assistance," said Elaine Smyth, project director and curator of the E. A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection. "It's part of the University's mission to provide cultural enrichment to the state's citizens, but this grant funding will help us do something special by providing workbooks and teachers' guides for visiting grade school classes. We are delighted that the Arts Council has supported this project."

Smyth also said Lear's parrots are colorful, have a lot of character, and appeal to both children and adults. The free exhibit will also be open to the general public.

For more information on individual or group visits to the exhibit, contact Faye Phillips, Assistant Dean of Libraries for Special Collections, at 504-388-6551.

Stock Market Highs Create Giving Incentives

With the stock market experiencing record highs, persons who own stocks or mutual funds have probably made substantial gains. This record-setting rally makes stocks a very attractive method for making a charitable donation especially if you are contemplating selling the stock.

Gifts of appreciated assets such as stocks and mutual funds that you have owned for at least a year generally allow you two separate income tax savings that combine to lower the net cost of the gift. These tax savings can be summarized as follows:

1. You are generally allowed a federal income tax charitable deduction for the full fair market value rather than the original cost of the stock you donate.

FOR EXAMPLE: If you purchased stock several years ago for \$1,000 that is now worth \$5,000, you can deduct the full \$5,000. The higher your income tax rate, the more you will save on taxes.

2. You do not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock's increase in value that would be due if the stock were sold. In this example, if you sold the stock you could owe capital gains taxes of \$1,100 or more on the

\$4,000 increase in value.

3. The advantages of giving appreciated securities are applicable to both outright contributions to charities and to certain forms of planned gifts, such as charitable remainder trusts. In both cases, the capital gains tax can be avoided completely, and the donor receives a charitable deduction on his or her income tax form. The amount of the charitable deduction varies with the type and terms of the trust.

Visit with your stockbroker or investment advisor about the advisability of donating appreciated securities to the LSU Libraries. The LSU Foundation is also available to provide information and help you in making your stock gift. Any gift made before December 31, 1996, will affect your 1997 tax return.

If you are interested in learning more about these gift techniques, please call Jane Henslee, libraries development officer. She can arrange a confidential meeting with you, your tax attorney, or investment advisor, and the LSU Foundation.

Friends of the LSU Libraries Receive Local Award

On November 14, 1995, the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Greater Baton Rouge Chapter, presented its "Spirit of Giving" Award to the Friends of the LSU Libraries. This tribute, which is not presented every year, is given to an individual or group who exemplifies the best in philanthropy and was accepted by Eileen Kean, one of the original driving forces in the group.

Others honored at the presentation were Doug Manship Sr. and the late Charles Manship, Outstanding Philanthropists; Albemarle Corporation, Outstanding Corporate

Philanthropist, and Roland Toups, Outstanding Volunteer Fund Raiser.

The organization was recognized for their volunteer leadership and financial support to the LSU Libraries; its tireless efforts in producing the Book Bazaar Sale for the past twenty years; and its encouragement for Library activities and programs.

Previous winners of the "Spirit of Giving Award" are the late Bishop Stanley J. Ott, S.T.D.; Myron Falk, and Mary Frey Eaton.

Spring Football Game to Benefit LSU Libraries

The LSU Spring Football Game will be held Saturday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m.; reserved seats on the East and West sidelines will be sold for \$5 each, with proceeds going to the LSU Libraries. North and South end zone tickets will be distributed through LSU Athletic Corporate Sponsors, the LSU Sports Network, WJBO/WFMF radio, and other outlets on a complimentary general admission basis beginning two weeks prior to the game. We are, however, encouraging our Friends to purchase the \$5 tickets for library support. Special seating is available for those interested in the LSU Libraries.

The LSU Alumni Association will be selling boiled crawfish in the west parking lot prior to kick-off, with proceeds

benefitting the Chancellor's Leadership Scholarships.

Groups who have volunteered to sell the \$5 tickets include the LSU Alumni Association, Tiger Athletic Foundation, Forum 35 from the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, and Associated Food Stores. Blocks of tickets may be purchased by calling Lance Buckley at 388-2184.

Preceding the Spring Game will be the LSU vs. Alabama baseball game.

The Friends of the LSU Libraries will staff an information table advertising the fall Book Bazaar and membership in the organization.

Special Collections' Recent Acquisitions

STEPHEN DUNCAN LETTERS, 1855-1860, Natchez, Mississippi physician and planter. Seventy-two letters written by Duncan to Charles P. Leverich, President of the Bank of New York and a leading mercantile agent for the sale of sugar, cotton and other plantation commodities. Leverich's company was the firm responsible for selling the sugar and other products of Duncan's plantations. Friends of the LSU Libraries Purchase Committee.

KATE STONE DIARIES, 1900, Brokenburn Plantation, northeast Louisiana, compiled by Kate Stone from notes kept during the years 1861-1868. First edited and published by John Q. Anderson in 1955, a new edition from LSU Press in 1995 contains an introduction by historian Drew Gilpin Faust. Faust stated in her introduction (p.xxxi), "Now even the 1900 manuscript [of Kate Stone's diary] is unavailable, having slipped into unknown private hands sometime after Anderson's use of it." Luckily, Faust's comment compelled the holder of the 1900 manuscript to send it to the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collection. Gift of Mrs. John Q. Anderson.

A. E. WOOLLEY PHOTOGRAPH ARCHIVE. A. E. Woolley's work has been featured in *Look, Life, Sports Illustrated, Time, Philadelphia Magazine* and many other publications. He is the author of over 20 books on photography and photographic techniques. During his career as a photographer, teacher and writer, Woolley discovered innovative procedures and processes. *Splendid Shadows: The Louisiana Years* represents Woolley's photographs of Louisiana life, people and places from the 1940s through the 1960s. They cover such subjects as plantation homes, holiday activities, festivals, daily living, fur trapping, politics, community leaders, state politicians, cities and towns, historical sites, the Mississippi River, Acadian Bicentennial, offshore fishing and night scenes throughout the state. Woolley's photographs are of the quality of other collections in LLMVC including *Fonville Winans, Elemore Morgan, Sr., and David King Gleason*.

We are working to raise funds to purchase Woolley's negatives. The Friends of the LSU Libraries made a very generous donation of more than \$3600 toward our goal.

Hill Memorial Library Exhibition Information, 1996 Spring Semester

BRITISH VOICES FROM SOUTH ASIA, April 8 - August 5, 1996, Second Floor Gallery

The exhibition marks the acquisition by the T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History at LSU of a series of taped interviews conducted by Professors Frank deCaro and Rosan Augusta Jordan of the LSU English Department with British people who lived and worked in India before Independence in 1947. Collectively they provide a sort of "self-portrait" of a colonial subculture and accounts of how Europeans experienced a great Asian society under the peculiar conditions of their time. Quotations from the interviews have been included for each section of the exhibition. The picture of British India presented by the exhibition has been influenced in part by how the interviewees themselves remembered their experience and India.

Professors deCaro and Jordan will give a lecture in conjunction with the exhibit Sunday, April 21, 1996, at 3 pm in Hill Memorial.

ON THE TRAIL OF MARK TWAIN, April 15 - July 12, 1996, First Floor Gallery

An exhibit by LSU Boyd Professor, Jesse Walker, entitled "Human Modification of the Landscape," will feature photographs of locations in Europe visited by Mark Twain. There will be a lecture Sunday, April 28, 1996 at 3 pm in Hill Memorial.

LSU Libraries Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Week with Forum

The LSU Libraries sponsored a forum on January 31, 1996 from 2:00 pm. - 3:30 p.m. in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and work. It was held in the Hill Memorial Library Lecture Hall. The Libraries' forum was part of the campus celebration whose theme was, "We can never be satisfied...because injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to in a single garment of destiny." Those words were taken from Dr. King's letters from the Birmingham City Jail, April 16, 1973.

The forum entitled "Are You Involved?: Positive Community Efforts Combatting Violence" featured Donald DeVore as keynote speaker and the following panelists:

Kirt Bennett, director of the Young Leaders Academy at Southern University; Leo Hamilton, representative from 100 Black Men; Rev. Mary Moody, pastor of the Heard Chapel AME Church; and Judge Bob Downing, City Parish Judge

Shirley Hawkins of the LSU Libraries served as moderator. Issues discussed included key factors that contribute to violence in our society and what each of the panelists or their organizations are doing to address this issue; how our community compares with the rest of the nation in positive efforts and programs to combat violence, and ways that individuals can become involved within or outside of community organizations.

LUMIÈRES EDITOR, JANE HENSLEE

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While the Friends of the LSU Libraries' Endowment is one of our largest, the LSU Libraries has been the beneficiary of other endowed funds. The following funds also support the LSU Libraries:

Troy H. Middleton Commemorative Fund

This fund covers special purchases for the LSU Libraries and is intended to cover items, sets or collections too costly to be obtained through the regular library book budget.

Grace Lane Skolfield Memorial Fund

Materials about Baton Rouge and Louisiana may be purchased from this account for the LSU Libraries on the Baton Rouge campus. Information gathered may be in the form of books, journals, pamphlets, reprints, etc.

Mrs. Ellen Albright Taylor Memorial Fund

Books in the areas of art history or ornithology may be acquired from this endowment.

Mrs. Mary Ann Miller Conner Memorial Fund

Manuscripts and books for the Rare Book Collection are acquired with the interest from this endowment.

If you would like to discuss endowing a fund for the LSU Libraries, please call Jennifer Cargill, dean of the LSU Libraries or Jane Henslee, Libraries development officer at 388-2217.

Wish List for the LSU Libraries

Two Overhead projectors for classroom use \$250 each
Seven videos from the *Louisiana Catalog*
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16-volume Jacques Cousteau video series \$370
Please call Jane Henslee at 388-6599 for more information.

Louisiana Tax Credits for the Donation of Property

An often overlooked tax credit on your Louisiana income tax is available for the donation or bargain sale of tangible movable property to a public educational institution such as LSU. The property must be of a technological nature such as computer and data processing equipment, both hardware and software, that may be used for purposes of research or direct education of students.

The amount of the tax credit is 40% of the donated property's value. If the donated property is new, the value will be the actual cost as evidenced by an invoice. If the property is used, the value is determined by an appraisal obtained by the institution which accepts the donation. If the property is the result of a bargain sale, the value is the difference between the price received by the donor from the educational institution and the value as established by invoice or appraisal, whichever is appropriate.

The beneficiary of the gift must be LSU, not the LSU Foundation. However, if the donor claims the tax credit, a charitable income tax deduction cannot be claimed for the gift. In most cases, the tax credit should be more advantageous to the donor because a tax credit reduces the tax liability on a dollar-for-dollar basis, whereas a deduction only reduces the tax liability based on the donor's tax bracket.

If you are interested in donating computer equipment or other technological property toward the direct education of students at LSU, please contact Jane Henslee, Libraries development officer at 388-6599. She can give you the proper information that you would need to provide to your tax preparer.

Chemistry Library: A Big Part of the University Libraries

When you read about the LSU Libraries, what comes to mind? Most of us think only of Hill Memorial and Middleton; however, the LSU Libraries' umbrella covers several other library facilities. This issue of *Lumieres* will feature one of the three branches on the LSU campus, the Chemistry Library.

Located on the third floor of Virginia Rice Williams Hall, the library holds a collection of more than 55,000 volumes in the areas of chemistry, biochemistry, enzymology, chemical engineering and food science. The collection is managed by Mitchell Brown, chemistry librarian and Gayle Campbell, library associate, with a staff of six student assistants. Brown joined the LSU Libraries in September, 1994 and Campbell as been with the Chemistry Library since September 1988.

The Chemistry Library is the oldest continuing branch library on the Baton Rouge campus. It remained in Coates Hall, the present site of the Library and Information Science Library until construction of the new facilities in Williams Hall were completed in November 1976. The library opened in March 1977 and serves the College of Basic Sciences. Ringed by the Life Sciences Building, Arthur H. Choppin Hall, and the new Fred C. Frey Computing Services Building, the Chemistry Library attracts students from the Department of Chemistry as well as those from the School of Human Ecology and the Departments of Dairy Science, Poultry Science, and Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

As a branch library, the Chemistry library functions as a smaller version of Middleton with its own circulation and reserves desk and reference service. On any given day ques-

tions may range from inquiries about physical properties of chemical compounds to how to prepare a substance, to the best method of demonstrating chemistry problems for a class of eager third-graders.

In addition to local on-campus chemical resources, online searching of remote chemical literature is available in the Chemistry Library. Services, equipment, and support staff are readily available for accessing chemical, engineering and biological databases through Dialog, Chemical Abstracts/STN, and Medline. Undergraduate and graduate students can enroll in a credit research class taught by the Chemistry Librarian, in conjunction with the Biochemistry Department to learn scientific information research techniques, to learn to use a variety of scientific reference sources, and to explore online scientific searching useful for graduate research and their careers.

In December 1994 the library unveiled a computer lab containing sixteen Macintosh PowerPCs and two laser printers for use by LSU students. This computer equipment was made available by the College of Basic Sciences and a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Biological Sciences Education Program. The student chapter of the American Chemical Society, as a show of their support for quality equipment for LSU students, is funding the cost-free laser printing available in the computer room. The lab provides a location for computer-assisted instruction in the fields of chemistry and will serve as a source for Internet connectivity once the Chemistry Library is connected to the campus telecommunications backbone.

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