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Despite the depressed economy, the usual long line of customers-in-waiting greeted the volunteers who arrived to open the doors on the first day of the twenty-seventh annual Friends of the LSU Libraries Book Bazaar which took place September 19, 20, and 21. The Advocate's Smiley Anders cut the ribbon, accompanied by Dr. Bill Richardson, chancellor of the LSU AgCenter; Dr. L. J. Guedry, vice chancellor for administration of the LSU AgCenter; and Nancy Colyar, assistant dean, LSU Libraries. The first of an estimated three-day crowd of 3,000 began to stream into the 4-H Mini-Farm building. Linda Bowsher, president of the Friends of the LSU Libraries, headed straight for her cash register station and a busy day. Bazaar chair Virginia Grenier noted that approximately $70,000 was raised via the sale of 65,000 books.

According to Marion Spann and Eileen Kean, Book Barn co-chairs, an additional $8,000 was raised in the Book Barn’s textbook room, which operates throughout the year. About 50 volunteers toil from January through September sorting, pricing and boxing the donated books, and many more work at the Bazaar itself, from set-up to break down and everything in between. This year, volunteer chair Deloris Biting reported that about 152 community volunteers staffed the tables. These workers included LSU students and high school students from different organizations and service clubs according to Phyllis McKay, volunteer co-chair.

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From Our President

Dear members of the Friends of the LSU Libraries,

Once again, the Book Bazaar was a great success! It is always a wonderful community event where one is sure to see lots of friends and pick up great bargains. This year was no exception. The checkout lines were busy from Thursday morning through Saturday afternoon. Our Chair, Virginia Grenier, reports that the sale nearly $70,000, with an additional $8,000 coming from textbook sales throughout the year.

Despite the best efforts of Tropical Storm Isidore which caused a week's delay, the Book Barn has now moved from the basement of Middleton Library into new quarters near the edge of campus. Kudos to Marion Spann for her hard work in planning the layout of the new space.

Again, congratulations and thanks to all of you who worked so hard on this year's Book Bazaar. You are a great group of ladies and gentlemen! We appreciate all your efforts on behalf of the LSU Libraries.

Sincerely,

Linda H. Bowsher
President

From the Dean

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on another successful Book Bazaar. Delaying the move to new Book Barn quarters until after the Bazaar meant much less to move. The move planners worked hard in recent months to plan the new layout and to identify additional furnishings needed in the new location.

One of the activities occupying LSU the past couple of years is the development of a Campus Master Plan. Such a plan would help guide the changes and growth of the campus and the community. The issues being discussed include where new buildings might be placed, which buildings might be demolished, architectural quality, patterns for campus parking, defined pedestrian pathways, commuter options, vehicle and pedestrian conflicts. For more information, go to http://masterplan.lsu.edu/. Another issue is how the campus will expand and define its boundaries. The Advocate also provides coverage of the planning process. I encourage you to follow this campus planning process since there are library issues within the plan.

Jennifer Carjill
Dean of Libraries

(left to right) Dean Jennifer Carjill receives check from President Linda Bowsher and Bazaar Chair Virginia Grenier.

(left to right) Dr. Bill Richardson, chancellor of the LSU AgCenter; Nancy Colyar, assistant dean LSU Libraries; Virginia Grenier, Bazaar chair; Dr. L. J. Guedry, vice chancellor for administration of the LSU AgCenter pose at the Bazaar.
E. T. Anderson, Cain Whitehead and Edleen Kean stock the Law shelves.

We're Waiting
Thursday morning cashiers wait for business to begin.

Evelyn Brown stops to wave as she helps her many customers.

The Customers Come In

Elaine Smythe, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections curator of the LSU Libraries, looks over the books.

(left to right) Helen Hair, Children's books; Julie Hamilton, Southern books; Millicent Kopfinger, Hardbacks; obscure layout.

Mr. D. C. Jensen had an interesting book bag as he shopped on Thursday morning.
Ann Brown, secretary; Dodie Edmonds and Pat Millican, treasurer and assistant treasurer; Sue Edrington, Thursday cashier chair; Judy Noland, Friday cashier chair; Doug Harrison and David Wetzel, Saturday cashier chairs; Jo O'Connell, backdoor express; Anne West, line coordinator; Deloris Biting and Phyllis McKay, volunteer chair and co-chair; Pat Hoth, collections chair; Mary Lou Loechelt, arrangements chair with Carolyn Wright, committee; Lucy Mayfield, boxes; Mary Beth Blackmon, publicity chair with Lela Weber, print publicity; Mary Lou Hutchinson, LSU; Shirley Sands, radio; Nora Grigsby, scrapbook; Ruth Wilkinson, information chair; Fran Adcock and Carolyn Wright, hospitality chair and co-chair; Betty Johnson and Zelda Long, transportation chair and co-chair and committee Ralph Stephenson, Liz Beven and Kathleen Ory, textbook room chairs.

A little lagniappe at this year's Bazaar came courtesy of 30+ authors who were kind enough to respond to requests for autographed books. These included writers from near and far, poets and novelists, artists and historians.

Spann issued a heartfelt thank you both to Baton Rougeans and others for their continuing support of the Friends of the LSU Libraries and to the dedicated cadre of volunteers who turn out faithfully, year after year, to make the Bazaar a nationally recognized success. For now mark your calendars for October 2-4, 2003 and Book Bazaar number 28.

Mary Beth Blackmon
Virginia Grenier

Memorial

The following memorials should have been included in the last issue. We apologize for the omission.

In memory of Joan Holden
Sophia K. Denham
Jessie C. Gray
Phillip K. Jones
Dr. and Mrs. James H. Lucas
Richard and Shirley Reynolds
Dan, Dell and Pamela Scholz
Ruth M. Wilkinson

In memory of Anna Seidel
Book Barn Workers

In memory of Robert Jude Grace
Dr. and Mrs. Terence Benen

In memory of Imogene Morell
The Text Book Room

Thank You

The Friends of the LSU Libraries would like to thank Community Coffee and the Coca-Cola company for their donations to the bazaar and for all their help for so many years.

Photos by George Ann Brown, Lela Weber and Liz Beven.

Book Barn Move

As of this writing we have not completed the move to our new Book Barn location. We were scheduled to move Wednesday, September 25, but the move had to be canceled because Tropical Storm Isadore was due to hit with torrential rains predicted. The move was rescheduled for Wednesday, October 2, and was partially completed but then LSU was closed Thursday and Friday because Hurricane Lili was breathing down our necks. Monday, October 7 was the scheduled time to start again but it will take some time after this to get settled.

As soon as we’re ready for business we will have an announcement on our voice mail. Call 578-5925 to keep up with our “Adventures in Moving a Book Barn.”

Marion Spann
Book Barn Co-Chairman
From the Editor

This is my last issue as editor of Lumières: I've enjoyed doing it and I've enjoyed meeting and working with many wonderful people. I'd like to acknowledge them.

First I want to thank Dean Jennifer Cargill who always sent me an article almost by return mail. Her cooperation and promptitude were greatly appreciated. Also I appreciate her graciousness in allowing me to interrupt her work so often when my camera (or my camera skills) had failed.

And I give my deepest thanks to Caroline Wire who did so many different things for Lumières. I can't possibly list them all, but she was always there when I needed her and always helped me.

And to Jane Henslee, Elaine Smyth and Faye Phillips who contributed so much in their fields, I enjoyed getting to know you and working with you.

It was fun to meet University Relations. There was Libby Paxton and patient Robin Jacob who answered all my questions and who always found room for that "last minute" item that someone usually submitted. I enjoyed all the editors; I'm sorry I don't remember all the names but there was Carol, Laura, Megan and of course, Andrea who researched my spelling and found pictures to match articles.

A couple of years ago I started taking copy to the LSU's Paw Prints building and worked with Crystal and Steve. Poor Crystal was always changing her layouts (which she did so beautifully) for me because I would bring her something else to include.

I didn't have much chance to meet the people at Graphic Services but I thank them for all their patience and help on the telephone.

There were some excellent presidents of the Friends, Trent James, Eugene Groves, Richard Killbourne and now Linda Bowsher, who helped me and sent their messages faithfully.

George Ann Brown, I thank you for all those photos you took of Bazaars and banquets for Lumières and for all the effort it took you to get those names matched.

I know that as soon as this goes to print, I'll wake up in the middle of the night, horrified, saying "I forgot to thank so and so." There have been so many people who helped me with this newsletter and my brain doesn't always remember too well, but I do thank each and every person who contributed to Lumières during my editorship, and I apologize I can't name you all.

And one last person— I want to thank my friend and fellow text worker Kathleen Roberts Ory who on a hot summer afternoon was unexpectedly and inexplicably called to come read the final proof of Lumières before printing. After finding out where to go and how to get there and what to do, she did it. That's the kind of cooperation and assistance I have enjoyed in my year as editor. I know the new editor will find the same.

As Lumières goes to press, the move itself is completed and volunteers are working to get everything in order. Many thanks and much acknowledgment must go to Marion Spann and Anne West who spent many long hours and many long days in an empty building waiting for books and furniture to be delivered, for LSU personnel to set up or fix electrical or carpentry needs, and for Entergy to come by several times to restore power after cars kept hitting the guy wires of an electric pole. Marion and Anne did a great job. For current status we are still on voice mail at 578-5925. The official opening date will be Wednesday, January 15, 2003. Come see us at 3555 River Road.

Liz Beven

WE DID IT! It's all over. See you next year!

LUMIÈRES • Editor, Liz Beven

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 Libraries with the News of the organization and with the needs of the LSU libraries. The cover design is based on an exquisite hand-illuminated border from a 16th century French religious manuscript.

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