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The Library Development Committee meets twice each year to assist the dean and his faculty achieve fundraising goals for the Libraries in support of facilities, endowments, collections, and services.

Message from the Dean

Every great research library achieves distinction through time, and through careful, systematic collaborative efforts by university administrators, faculty, and researchers combined with personal and public philanthropy.

Such is certainly the case as we build collections at Albany's Libraries. We have recently opened two new endowed funds for collections, one in the Social Sciences, the other in Education. We are also in the process of adding to our archives devoted to Criminal Justice. You'll read in these pages how the Libraries will be working collaboratively with the deans of three colleges—College of Arts and Sciences, School of Criminal Justice, and the College of Education—to raise funds in support of materials that provide educational sustenance for these disciplines.

So, too, the Libraries for each of New York State's four research centers work together to leverage our dollars: we make sure that we buy what we need and share throughout the state's network of university research centers, four-year schools, and community colleges. We make strategic choices to augment our buying power, and we operate in a very efficient and cost-effective manner to serve the needs of hundreds of thousands of users statewide. We are concerted in our efforts to create a "click-and-brick" library system, knowing that many of our users are virtual library visitors.

Other kinds of collaborative work involves holding colloquia and sponsoring programs that increase the Libraries' visibility in the university community as well as in the research libraries community. We hold a symposium yearly on scholarly communication, and next fall's event will provide a wonderful new look at some current hot issues. In June, Albany's University Libraries hosted a three-day core learning event led by two prominent educators from the Association of Research

Libraries (ARL). This program is described on p. 2. Our Preservation unit, as well as our Archives and Special Collections department, regularly conduct workshops and seminars for individuals in peer institutions, here on campus as well as at regional venues. Our faculty include well-known educators in information literacy; our bibliographers are expert in their fields.

We add to our special collections, through gifts from academics and researchers, but also through individuals whose own lifework is integral to the collections. Our Libraries have acquired the personal library of President Kermit Hall. Next fall, we will celebrate our New York State Modern Political Archive, which will be augmented by more collections from New York State elected officials. These collections are supported by grants from private foundations and government agencies. By the end of 2007, we will have some important announcements to make regarding this funding. We will also be adding significant materials to our archive, which currently contains papers from 22 congressional leaders and more than 40 state assemblymen and senators.

But the real source of our support is private philanthropy. Individual donors lead as well as inspire us. Two members of the Library Development Committee are participating in capital improvement projects for the two uptown campus libraries. Many other members of this group have made major gifts—cash outright as well as planned gifts, or combinations—to support endowments for collections. Some other strong supporters for the Libraries work tirelessly to convince classmates and friends to support these initiatives.

It's all part of the synergistic effort to make Albany's Libraries among the best in the US. Thank you for being part of this positive synergy, and for keeping us all working better for our students and faculty.

Libraries Host Management Skills Institute



Julia Blixrud

Albany's University Libraries hosted a three-day core learning event led by two prominent educators from the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) June 6-8.

"Library Management Skills Institute I:

The Manager" is an intensive course aimed at helping supervisors, team leaders, and middle managers within libraries, media centers, or information technology units develop the skills needed in new environments where decision making is distributed throughout the organization and coaching and influencing are expected functions of the manager or team leader.



DeEtta Jones

Dean Frank D'Andraia worked with the ARL to get this program sited at UAlbany.

"As one of the top 100 research libraries in the US, it's important that we participate in professional development for librarians. We have an obligation to assume a leadership position, and this is one of the ways to do it." Dean D'Andraia notes that more than 70 librarians from across the US and Canada applied to attend the institute.

The attendees selected are librarians from large and medium-sized libraries, public and private schools, including leading

state and private universities such as Harvard, Penn State, and Dartmouth. Many are from some of the top ARL libraries in North America.

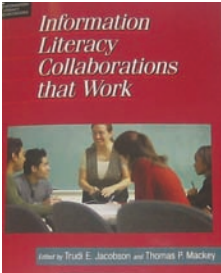
Another similar course is planned for August 2007, and an advanced course will be given in 2008.

The two instructors are Julia Blixrud and DeEtta Jones, both of whom have impressive resumes. Ms. Blixrud has been with the ARL since 1996, and she has held positions with the Council on Library Resources and the Library of Congress in her 30-year career as a professional librarian. De Etta Jones, an organizational consultant, has designed and facilitated leadership development programs for library faculty worldwide.

Libraries Open 24/7 for Final Exams!



Faculty Member Publishes Text on Informational Literacy



UAlbany librarian Trudi Jacobson has been teaching Information Literacy for a very long time—since 1995 at UAlbany, and before that, at Siena College, where she taught

research instruction courses for nearly nine years in a variety of different subject areas.

Now, Jacobson has published *Information Literacy Collaborations That Work* (2007), co-edited with Thomas P. Mackey. According to Cheryl LaGuardia, Research Librarian at Harvard University, “These authors have succeeded in building alliances to prepare

their students for the real world, with its potential distractions as well as serendipitous discoveries.”

Jacobson knows that students “need to be savvy when they use material from the Web. They are often unaware of some techniques that will allow them to make their results more focused and manageable...and they need to evaluate that material,” she says. They also need to learn how to use this material appropriately. For Jacobson, “Information literacy instruction really requires the active participation of both the faculty member teaching the course and a librarian to work closely on developing the instruction and targeting it to the course material.”

The book evolved from of teaching “thousands of students, over the years,” and from presentations and workshops throughout the Northeast. In May 2007, Jacobson spoke at a seminar on information literacy and literacy outcomes sponsored by Nelinet, a member-owned, member-governed cooperative of more than 600 academic, public, and special libraries in the six New England states.

Trudi Jacobson, head of User Education Programs, has worked at UAlbany’s Libraries since 1990. She earned her MLS degree from Albany in 1980, her undergraduate degree in 1979, and an MA in 1984 in Liberal Studies.

Sharona Wachs Honored for Excellence in Librarianship



Sharona Wachs

Sharona Wachs was honored by the University at Albany for Excellence in Librarianship at a campus-wide celebration in April. Each year, the University at Albany honors special members of its community with Excellence Awards denoting exceptional contributions to the life of the campus. Twenty-one faculty members received this tribute in 2007.

Ms. Wachs currently serves as Monographic Cataloger and Judaic Studies Bibliographer, a position she has been enhancing for nearly two decades. She is also an affiliate member of the Judaic Studies Department. According to Heather S. Miller, Assistant Director, Division of Library Systems and Technical Services, Sharona Wachs is the “principal cataloger” for Albany’s Libraries, and has distinguished herself “...not only for English language materials, but for those in European languages, Hebrew, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean language materials as well as non-book formats in all these languages.”

Sharona Wachs has earned BA and MA degrees from four American colleges and universities, and has completed a one-year program at Hebrew University, in Jerusalem, Israel. With characteristic modesty, Sharona notes her “great respect for the collective knowledge and talents of my fellow librarians and the staff at the University Libraries. I feel very honored to receive the Excellence in Librarianship award, and I acknowledge that there is no excellence without the help of all my peers.”

Greatest Generation Fund Contributors Celebrate



Hal Gould

On May 8, more than 50 supporters and campaign committee members for *The Greatest Generation Fund for the Libraries* gathered in the Standish Room, UAlbany’s Science Library, to celebrate the completion of the Fund’s goal of \$200,000. More than 100 individuals from classes 1940-49 have contributed to the Fund, and many have indicated additional support through bequests.

The event also marked the acquisition of the papers of noted actor Harold Gould ’47, who was present for the celebration. Mr. Gould and others joined Geoffrey Williams, University Historian, to augment the oral history of the



University’s own “Greatest Generation” alumni.

Hosted by Arthur Collins ’48, Emeritus Professor, Department of English, the event featured exhibits from Mr. Gould’s personal memorabilia, other materials from classes 1940-49, and some photos of unidentified class members. Some of the Greatest Generation present brought in additional materials to contribute to the growing archives.

Dean Frank D’Andraia led a toast to the assembled group, in recognition of their contribution to the University Libraries.

Two New Endowed Funds Opened

Two new endowed funds have been created for University Libraries, one in support of materials in the Social Sciences, the other in support of materials in Education. Each Fund has a \$250,000 goal.

According to Library Dean and Director Frank D'Andraia, "These Funds will support two areas that are of great importance to UAlbany. Both Education and the Social Sciences are our roots as well as significant areas for future study and research. It's time for us to plan carefully for 21st century students and faculty."

The Libraries' collections endowments are supported by faculty in various disciplines. Dean Susan Phillips, School of Education, applauded the opportunity to support the fund for materials in education.

"It's part of our proud heritage from the New York State College for Teachers that we are committed to preparing leaders in education—teachers, administrators, and beyond. We are honored to join the Libraries to support and enhance the curriculum in the School of Education."

Stressing the importance for collaborative fund-raising efforts, Joan Wick-Pelletier, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, supports the Libraries' endowed funds for a variety of collections: "The College of Arts and Sciences has an investment in the University Libraries' provision of effective tools used by both students and faculty in their research in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences and mathematics."

These new endowments bring to a total nine endowments currently open for individual or class gifts. More endowment initiatives will be announced in fall 2007.

Gifts to endowment can be made outright (cash), through a living trust, or a bequest in a will, by a paid up life insurance/retirement plan gift, a real estate donation, or through a plan that gives a return to the donor (charitable gift annuity or a pooled income fund); or a charitable remainder trust or charitable lead trust.

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Contact Roberta Armstrong 518-442-3540 or rarmstrong@uamail.albany.edu for more information.

Class of '57 Supports "Honoring Our Professors Fund for the Libraries"

The Reunion Planning Committee for the Class of 1957 decided to celebrate their 50th anniversary by honoring their professors. They pledged their class gift of \$25,000 to the *Honoring Our Professors Endowed Fund for University Libraries*.

By May 2007, the Class of '57 had surpassed their goal of \$25,000. At their reunion in June, the class set a new goal, and will urge other classes from the 1950s to join them in support of "Honoring Our Professors."

The Fund, initiated in 2004 by Matthew '57 and Sandra MLS '71 Ostoyich, is now well on the way to achieving its \$100,000 goal. Matt Ostoyich attributes his success as a student and a teacher as well as his life-long interest in history to Dr. Harry S. Price, Jr., a distinguished member of the Department of History from 1947-1979.

Dr. Price exemplified the best of teaching to many of his students. Richard Kendall, Ph.D. '58, notes that Professor Price "...was among like-minded and similarly derived people who wanted to do two

things: present their disciplines and actively help their students to engage these disciplines and to learn them, or at least learn a great deal about them."

Professor Price was the first of those to be honored through this Fund. Professor

been honored through a gift by Professor Emil J. Polak '57. The names of other professors will be added to list of honorees as the Fund continues to grow.

Class Councilor Ben Lindeman is jubilant about the progress. "When the Class of '57 exceeded its goal, we decided to work with other classes from the 'Fabulous 50s' to encourage them to join us in support of this Fund. Together, classes from 1950-1959 will raise more than \$100,000."

Class Councilors Sheila Lister Bamberger and Ben Lindeman led the Reunion Planning Committee, which also included Clint Carpenter, Audrey Champagne, Marilyn Cohen, Dom De Cecco, Marilyn De Lorenzo, Dick Feldman, John Gauquie, Marcia Gauquie, Mort Hess, Paul Lewis, Myrna Lewis,

Henry Mueller, Bernice Orbsbee, Matt Ostoyich, and Bob Stimson. All members of the committee contributed to the Fund.

The Libraries hosted a brunch to celebrate the Class of 1957 during Reunion Weekend, June 2, in the Standish Room, Science Library.



Class of '57 Reunion.

Matthew Elbow, Department of History, was honored by a gift from David Hardy '57. University Librarian Alice Hastings Murphy '40 has also been named as an honoree by The Reverends Robert '57 and Patricia Reuss. Classics Professor Edith Owen Wallace has

Libraries Celebrate Staff Achievement

The 33rd annual staff recognition luncheon was held on April 12. More than 100 library staff and faculty attended the event, which also included members of the Friends of the Libraries and the Library Development Committee. Dean Frank D'Andraia recognized the service of 17 employees who have worked in Albany's Libraries for ten years or more.



Kali M. D. Roy, Dean Frank D'Andraia and Frederick Gyasi-Aggei

Two students were honored at the event. Frederick Gyasi-Aggei was named the

recipient of the Student Service Excellence Award, given each year to an exemplary student employee. Mr. Gyasi-Aggei began his work in the University Library in 2003 and will graduate this year. He has also been working as an intern at the Capital District Psychiatric Center, and his future goal is to continue his studies and pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Psychology. Kali M. D. Roy was awarded the Alice Hastings Murphy Scholarship, granted to staff or student employees who wish to become librarians and who are accepted in an American Library Association accredited library and information science degree program. Ms. Roy has been working in the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives since fall of 2005. The awards were presented by the Friends of the Libraries.

Elaine Moody was the first recipient of the Outstanding Classified Staff Award, initiated and funded by the Library Development Committee. Ms. Moody received outstanding support; her work



Elaine Moody

was hailed as "exemplary," "outstanding," by colleagues and library professionals. One reviewer noted that some student workers "stayed to work for her for several years," and that "some students who graduated years ago still return to visit from time to time." The selection committee included Kim Gemme, JoAnn Hale, Mary Howard '94, Carol Jewell '83, and Anna Radkowski-Lee. Gloria Herkowitz '49, former librarian and current supporter of The Greatest Generation Fund for the Libraries, also served on the selection committee.

3 Dimensional Art



Works by artist Benigna Chilla are currently on exhibit in the Science Library. Exemplifying the math/art movement, Chilla's works are three-screen constructions that deal with hidden images: layers of planar surfaces visible from a certain angle which change according to distance and personal interaction. These materials were provided by Professor Emeritus Nat Friedman. In conjunction with this exhibit, Professors Chilla and Friedman hosted a discussion and reception on March 30. The event celebrated the 15th anniversary of the art/math movement. For more information, contact Barbara Via, Science Library (bvvia@uamail.albany.edu).

Librarians Working Post-Katrina, New Orleans



UAlbany Librarian Carol Anderson (right) worked with other university librarians in ongoing recovery efforts at the New Orleans Public Library after Hurricane Katrina. The American Library Association (ALA) was the first major conference to return to New Orleans after Katrina. More than 900 librarians volunteered for two days to assist with rebuilding New Orleans' libraries.

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