Chapter One

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Athletic Association Funds Libraries' FOUR-MILLIONTH VOLUME

Displaying a commitment to partner with the George A. Smathers Libraries in building the university's intellectual resources, the University Athletic Association (UAA) will fund an important milestone – the four-millionth volume. The rare book, valued at $17,000, is *Urania Propitia* written by the first modern-era female astronomer, Maria Cunitz (1610-1664) and is one of only nine copies in existence.

The Athletic Association has donated more than $400,000 to the libraries since 1992 to fund patron computers, books, and journals through proceeds from pay per view telecasts of Gator football games.

"We are proud of our long-standing commitment to the academic community at the University of Florida," said UF Athletics Director Jeremy Foley. "We are honored to be associated with this key milestone in the history of the UF library system."

Dale Canelas, director of University Libraries, emphasized that the UAA

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UF Athletics Director Jeremy Foley presents Libraries Director Dale Canelas with a "check" at the Florida-South Carolina basketball game on February 25

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has been a good friend to the libraries saying that back in the early nineties they provided funding to equip the libraries' first electronic training room to provide e-information programs for UF students.

Canelas further noted, "By giving the libraries this milestone book, which represents our four-millionth volume, UAA is supporting the libraries' most meaningful activity: capturing the history and development of the scholarly disciplines. It allows us to remember, to learn, and to pass on that memory and learning to new generations."

John Ingram, the libraries' director for collections, said that, "This support joins the UAA's outstanding program in athletics to the university's drive for academic excellence in this sesquicentennial year. Indeed, the juxtaposition of athletics in support of library resources of all kinds has become a hallmark for these two focal points of a university. The libraries are truly grateful for the UAA's understanding and acceptance of the need to build the university's intellectual resources in addition to its own athletic programs."

The book examines the theory and art of astronomy, as well as presents Cunitz' calculations, and a guide to astronomy for nonscientists. It is an important addition to the libraries because it celebrates the university's commitment to women's studies, history of science, astronomy, and the printed word as the prime means of communication for more than five hundred years.

Jeffrey Barr, curator of the rare book collection, remarked, "It is of the highest significance in the study of the history of science and is a major addition to the collection. Its acquisition will directly affect faculty and graduate student research."

The book will be housed in the Rare Book Collection in Smathers Library. It is featured on a Web site, along with photos of commemorative events and past millionth-volumes, at **http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/pio/4MillVol/Index.htm** or by clicking on the link on the libraries' home page at **www.uflib.ufl.edu**.

Bryant Gift Furthers Digital Library Center's Ability to Bring History Alive

A recent gift of $52,000 from the late Florida governor C. Farris Bryant's estate, coupled with a state match of $26,000, enables the Digital Library Center (DLC) to continue advancements in processing his materials.

The funds are helping scholars in several ways. Originally, researchers had to look up the Bryant collection in a paper finding guide. Today, the finding guide and collection contents have been digitized for online access. Researchers, however, have to switch to another system to determine what the collection contains and to read an item. The DLC is now working on a system that will seamlessly take readers from the finding guide to the digitized collection contents.

Additionally, the DLC is focusing some of the funding to develop a system for multi-media support, to enable Internet access to motion pictures. Governor Bryant's daughters Cecilia and Adair are converting motion pictures of their father to digitized multi-media, which they will then donate to the UF Libraries so that they can be available online.

"The films we have of my father's tenure as governor, 1961-1965, show not only what happened during those years, but how people lived and interacted. Making such films available online connects people directly to the past and, oddly enough, to our own present. The issues always remain the same – education, growth, environment etc., but the prisms through which those issues are viewed create images and perspectives very different from those we have today. The times are both familiar and long ago. The Cuban Missile Crisis created feelings very similar to those we have felt since 9-11," said Cecilia Bryant.

The Bryant funds are also helping to build a technology for exploring three-dimensional objects. The staff have prototyped a display method that allows a user to view a museum object in rotation and to stop it, zooming in on the detail of any particular view.. The format will be of sufficient resolution to explore the most intricate detail of an object such as carving, engraving and weaving methods.

FRANCES HOLMES

CONTRIBUTES $100,000 GIFT ANNUITY

by Mandelyn Hutcherson

For Frances Holmes, a former teacher, education has been her inspiration, her motivation and the focal point of her life. She has always strived to make improvements to the education system as well as education itself. Most recently, she made a commitment to the University of Florida Smathers Libraries through a $100,000 gift annuity.

"The focus of my life has been a vision to improve education," Frances said. "I always intended to give to the libraries."

Frances and her late husband, Maurice Holmes, began establishing gift annuities at the University of Florida in 1986. Maurice earned a doctoral degree in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the two of them shared a common vision and interest in education.

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The University Foundation's Planned Giving Director of Development Daniel Ott said, "It's really delightful and wonderful to work with someone like her who has such varied interests, who will want to support those areas that value education so highly, and who can make a contribution to help students in the future."

Holmes also made a contribution to the UF Libraries last year when she donated her personal library. She said her father, a medical doctor, influenced her because he shared her vision on the importance of education. Some of her father's books were included in her donation.

Parkman Dexter Howe Library

Holmes has expressed considerable interest in the Parkman Dexter Howe Library in the Smathers Libraries' Rare Book Collection. The Howe Library is comprised of thousands of books and manuscripts by New England authors and contains many early New England books. It was acquired in 1980 at the initiative of her longtime friend, then Rare Books Librarian Sidney Ives, and supported by Library Director Gustave Harrer. President Robert Marston initiated a major fundraising effort to acquire the library. The Howe Library is one of the finest collections of its kind and is documented in a 10-part catalog produced by noted bibliographers such as Roger Stoddard, Michael Winship, and Thomas Tanselle. The catalog is described on the libraries' Web site at **http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/pubs/howe/index.htm**.

Dr. Robert Shaddy, chair of Special and Area Studies Collections, said that Sidney Ives, general editor of The Parkman Dexter Howe Library catalog, helped to lay the foundation for the rare book collection.

Frances Holmes

"We recognize the inherent quality in the collection and the impact that Sidney Ives made," Shaddy said. "His great contribution was the acquisition of the Parkman Dexter Howe Library, a collection greatly admired by literary scholars and curators throughout the country."

Shaddy emphasized the tremendous honor that Holmes' gift represents. He said it is important to remember that these materials will always be available in the library.

"It is very important that this gift allows us to realize her ambitions for the department in terms of preserving these valuable, important materials," Shaddy added.

Shaddy said that the libraries have an obligation to collect and make resources available to future generations, and Frances is a lasting part of that vision.

MADELYN LOCKHART

FUNDS FIRST BOOK ENDOWMENT IN AFRICAN STUDIES

by Mandelyn Hutcherson

A milestone was reached in December when Dr. Madelyn Lockhart committed to fund the first book endowment in African Studies. A retired UF dean and professor, she contributed the initial $10,000 to establish the Dr. Madelyn M. Lockhart Book Fund in African Studies with a pledge of another $10,000 to follow.

This donation brings together two important resources at the University of Florida: The George A. Smathers Libraries and the Center for African Studies. This new source of funding will benefit the African Studies program as well as the libraries. The Center for African Studies will gain prestige by developing the cornerstone of their program: the Africana collection, from which students, faculty, and researchers will benefit.

Dr. Lockhart said her love for Africa and the African people as well as the importance of international programs was the main reason she decided to establish an endowment for the Center for African Studies and the libraries.

"We ignored the continent for many years," she said. "It is such a wonderful, natural resource, and the people are such a wonderful resource that we are not tapping."

In 1978 and 1979, UF sent Dr. Lockhart to South Africa to establish contacts within sub-Saharan Africa. She spent time in nine different African countries and made contacts with as many people around the universities as possible.

For twenty years at the University of Florida she taught seminars and courses in African Studies and economics and served as Dean of the Graduate School and International Programs. Her continued commitment to the students at UF is still evident in her vision for the endowment.

"I hope that it would enliven the interest of students in African Studies and entice students into a deeper interest of Africa," Dr. Lockhart said.

According to Dr. Leonardo Villalon, director of the Center for African Studies, UF's center is one of the top programs in the country and one of the crucial resources attributing to the center's success is the Africana collection.

Madelyn Lockhart

"In the world of diminishing resources, a private endowment like this from a former faculty member shows a real vote of confidence in this program," Villalon said. "We are extremely appreciative and grateful."

Peter Malanchuk, the libraries' Africana bibliographer, said "It is a very special gift from a very special human being who gave so much of her time, talent and now her treasures, to support graduate study at UF."

Malanchuk said the possibilities for the funds generated by the endowment are limitless; the purchase of books, manuscripts, photographs, videos, rare books, or historic maps will enhance the Africana collection. The opportunity to purchase a work that could benefit two or three programs at UF is possible. There is an important advantage of having funds generated by an endowment. When something becomes available in the marketplace, such as a first edition copy of a rare book, there is income available to make an acquisition that is time-sensitive.

"Because of her gift, we will be able to enhance our emerging image of becoming a world-renowned collection," said Malanchuk.

RALPH & BRONIA LOWENSTEIN

CONTRIBUTE $20,000 GIFT ANNUITY

by Mandelyn Hutcherson

A crew member who served in Aliyah Bet

In December Dr. Ralph and Bronia Lowenstein contributed $20,000 for a gift annuity to support the Machal/Aliyah Bet archives at the George A. Smathers Libraries.

The Smathers Libraries is designated by the American Veterans of Israel as its official repository for documentation and primary sources related to American and Canadian volunteers in Israel's War of Independence in 1948.

Machal, the Hebrew acronym for mitnadve huts la-arets, which means volunteers from outside the country, refers to all overseas volunteers regardless of their country of origin. Aliyah Bet is the pre-state movement to smuggle refugees and immigrants, including displaced persons and Holocaust survivors, by ship to Palestine at the time of the British blockade and British limitations on the granting of legal immigration visas.

Dr. Lowenstein, who served as dean of the UF College of Journalism from 1976 to 1994, was a volunteer in the Israeli army when he was 18 years old. He also wrote *Bring my sons from afar; a novel of the Israeli war,* which is based on his wartime experiences. For more than 20 years Dr. Lowenstein has collected archival material on the 1,000 to 1,500 men and women from the U.S. and Canada who volunteered as crew members on the Aliyah Bet ships or served as soldiers in the Israeli army.

Dr. Lowenstein said that the defining experience in his life was volunteering in the Israeli army, and he is challenged by the limitations of time on recording first-hand accounts.

"Since AVI has decided that it will take into membership no one who volunteered for service after 1949, I know that I have a narrow window in which to complete my research – four or five years at the most," Dr. Lowenstein said. "I am the second youngest volunteer, and one-third to one-half of the volunteers are already deceased."

Ralph Lowenstein

"My wife, Bronia, and I have designated this $20,000 annuity for an Aliyah Bet and Machal Endowment that will enable the University of Florida Libraries to maintain and enlarge the collection after our deaths," Dr. Lowenstein said. "We are very grateful to the libraries for its interest and cooperation in the establishment of this unique collection."

Director for Collections Dr. John Ingram said the Machal/Aliyah Bet archives represent another successful preservation project that supports our state and national heritage.

Grants from the Freedom Forum, the Broad Family Foundation, and individual contributions from the members of the American Veterans of Israel have supported Dr. Lowenstein's work. This spring his goal is to raise $300,000 for the next stage of the project. He said with the additional funding he is positive that Special Collections would provide additional space and an archivist to devote their time to the project.

"Dean Lowenstein's efforts to collect and preserve these documents are further underpinned by his financial support – directly and through personal contacts with others," Ingram said. "In this way, Dean Lowenstein demonstrates quite clearly the commitment of a far-sighted faculty member to building library research resources."

More information can be found online at **www.israelvets.com** through the Aliyah Bet and Machal virtual museum.

HAROLD & MARY JEAN HANSON

ESTABLISH $20,000 RARE BOOK FUND

by Mandelyn Hutcherson

On January 25, Mary Jean Hanson received a present from her husband that will keep on giving for many years. Dr. Harold Hanson made a donation of $20,000 to establish the Harold & Mary Jean Hanson Rare Book Fund at the Smathers Libraries.

The endowment will offer permanent income in support of the work of the libraries and provide a steady annual flow, which is essential to collection building.

Dr. Robert Shaddy, chair of Special and Area Studies Collections, said an endowment in rare books will give the Special Collections department a chance to add materials that they wouldn't otherwise be able to purchase.

"We are able to systematically put together better collections with the spendable interest from an endowment like this," said Shaddy. "It gives us an opportunity to make the collection even better – to fill in the gaps – and expand our collections in a vibrant and cohesive manner."

Harold & Mary Jean Hanson

The Hansons credit a love of books for their recent philanthropic gesture.

"The bottom line is we just love books," said Mrs. Hanson. "I just hope they can buy some things they would not have [otherwise] had."

Dr. Hanson said books have been a part of his life since he was a child. When he was seven years old, he was asked to leave the adult section of a public library in Minnesota, and all he wanted to do was read the cowboy books. As a physicist working in Washington, D.C., for the committee in Science, Space and Technology, he said he practically lived with the books in the Library of Congress.

"I've grown up with books and the libraries," said Dr. Hanson. "You never know when a book is going to be exactly what you need, and I am glad we were able to make a small contribution to the whole program."

For further information on establishing a book endowment, contact Director of Development Sandra Melching at (352) 392-0342.

Hell's Angels Newsletter Collection Donated to the Libraries

A two-volume newsletter collection based on 25 years of publication of the quarterly *Hell's Angels Newsletter* by the 303rd Bomb Group Association, a veterans' organization, has been donated to the Smathers Libraries. It is a compilation of postwar coverage, personal narratives and photographs about aerial combat operations by the U.S. Eighth Air Force in Europe from 1942 to 1945. Hundreds of first-hand accounts of aerial warfare against Nazi Germany in World War II are depicted in the volumes.

Making the presentation to Director for Collections John Ingram was Betty Kelley of Sarasota, pictured at right. Kelley's late husband, a Hell's Angel, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal for combat in World War II.

The volumes will be placed in the circulating collection of Library West.

Desiderata

Students, faculty, and librarians are always looking for the perfect resource to complement their research. While we do our best to be responsive to special needs, there are always a few titles or equipment needs that lie beyond our grasp. If you are interested in helping the Smathers Libraries acquire any of the following, please contact Sandra Melching, director of development, at (352) 392-0342.

Group of European writings by or related to the 16th century Jesuit missionary to China, Matteo Ricci: Andreotti, Giulio: Un gesuita in Cina (1552-1610); Matteo Ricci dall'Italia a Pechino–Milan, Rizzoli, 2001; Ricci, Matteo: Lettere 1580-1609/a cura di Francesco D'Arelli–Macerata, QuodLibet, 2001; Dictionnaire Ricci des caracteres chinois, compiled by Institut Ricci–Paris, Desclee de Brouwer, 1999. *$330*

Joint College/Library Programming on International Issues in Education. Funding would encourage collaboration between the Education Library and the college in creating programs on appropriate topics or special events. *$5,000 (reoccurring)*

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The Heartman Manuscript Collection at Xavier University Library, New Orleans: Manuscripts on Slavery. 7 reels microfilm. Built over 20 years by Charles F. Heartman, a Mississippi book dealer, the collection of over 4,000 pieces includes slave auction records, plantation accounts and estate appraisals, lists of slaves, private letters and bills-of-sale documenting the importation of slaves into Louisiana from Africa during the period 1724-1897. *$700*

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A Message from the Director

This issue of Chapter One is a paean (a song of joy, triumph and praise according to Webster's) to the donors who make a difference for UF's libraries. Each of these givers has identified a very different need and filled it with resources that will forever assist research and learning at UF.

History – from African history and studies, to modern Jewish history – to Florida political history, has attracted the support of many benefactors. Others are moved to endow Rare Books and Special Collections where the library houses primary research materials in a variety of subject areas. And one donor has helped the library to add a landmark book to indicate that the libraries have reached four million volumes. All of these special people are ensuring that the libraries will be able to support future generations of scholars.

Over the years, our donors have ranged from retired scholars, to teachers and lawyers and doctors. Some have been wives or children of faculty from this and other institutions. Some have been book lovers and very sophisticated collectors of books by a certain author or in a certain subject area. Some have held major public office, spending years of their lives in the limelight while others have lived quiet but solidly contributing lives. What all have shared is a love for knowledge and a sense of the importance of libraries in making knowledge available to everyone.

We are very grateful for all these benefactors. They have immeasurably enriched the collections that we can offer to students and faculty, and they leave behind a lasting legacy of knowledge that is freely available to all who want to use it.

Dale B. Canelas
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