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Leadership Election

Officers and at-large members of the Executive Council will be elected by a majority vote of those attending the annual membership meeting on November 18. Janell Rudolph has been nominated for president and Tom Mendina has been nominated for vice president. Instead of nominations for secretary and treasurer, the Nomination Committee has decided to open the slate for volunteers from the membership.

Members will also elect at-large members to serve the two-year term, 2010-2012. The nominees are Jim Dennis, Ramona Mahood, ChrisAnn Schiro-Geist, Charles Stagg, Nicholas Gotten, Frankie Perry, and Douglas Cupples.

The Executive Council generally meets every fourth Thursday of each month. Those serving currently are Kay Farrish, president; Janell Rudolph, vice-president; Tom Mendina, treasurer; Sylverna Ford, dean of libraries; Kelly Davis, director of development for the libraries; and at-large members Joe Barnett, Nick Gotten, Eric Link, John Robilio, ChrisAnn Schiro-Geist, Maryanne Schadrach, Charles Stagg, Ramona Mahood, Pat Faudree and David Shiffman. Sue Reid Williams, who was elected secretary last year, had to resign because of her health. Pat Faudree has been serving as interim secretary.

Friends Build Endowment

By Kelly Davis

Director of Development for the Libraries

After increasing fundraising efforts on behalf of the University Libraries in recent years, the Friends of the University Libraries truly showed their financial impact on the Libraries with a \$25,000 contribution to the Friends of the Libraries Endowment Fund. Rising from membership gifts and donations to the Friends and proceeds from the 2009 and 2010 “The Delta – *Everything Southern!*” conferences, the contribution continues to grow the FOL Endowment and assures future funding for the University Libraries.

“It is the goal of the Friends to support the University Libraries in any way possible, especially with monies for the purchase of books and materials,” said Kay Farrish, Friends President. “Growing our endowment not only secures such funding for the future, but meets a Libraries initiative to build endowment funds.”

Stemming from the Friends’ objective to provide financial support to the Libraries, The FOL Endowment Fund was established to create a long-term funding source to assist the Libraries in purchasing books, supplies and equipment. The guideline was also set that the Fund would reach a \$100,000 value before monies would be expended, thus providing a significant funding stream for the Libraries. The \$25,000 contribution now builds the FOL Endowment Fund to over \$75,000. As support for the Friends, the Delta event and the Libraries increases, the Friends hope to reach their \$100,000 goal in the near future.

Growing endowment funds to secure a financial future is crucial for the University Libraries. With the current economic situation and diminishing state appropriations, sustained private donations are more important than ever for the Libraries’ success. The Friends are dedicated to the University Libraries, and this is just another example of stepping up to help meet library needs.

“We are thrilled to grow our endowment and invest in our Libraries,” said Farrish. “Our supporters have been amazing in giving to the Friends and the Libraries, but we can’t stop now. We need to reach and surpass our \$100,000 goal and provide the critical funding for the future of our Libraries and our students.”

You can contribute to the Friends through the FOL Endowment or a membership gift in two ways: Online at www.memphis.edu/giving or by mail to Department 238, The U of M Foundation, P.O. Box 1000, Memphis, TN 38148-0001.



Annual Membership Meeting
November 18, 2010
U of M University Center Fountain View Room
1:00-2:30

Delta--Everything Southern! conference continues success

By Janell Rudolph

Vice President of Friends of University Libraries

The fifth annual conference of Delta--Everything Southern! (DES) took place on June 3, 2010, in the Fogelman Executive Center. The combination of interesting and entertaining topical speakers, regional exhibitors and vendors, good food and fellowship with academic and experienced Delta aficionados has proved to be a draw as each conference has gotten bigger.

The continuing popularity has caused the planning committee, which begins planning for the following year as soon as the conference for the current year ends, to start exploring other venues with more space. Willy Bearden, chair of the 2010 conference, is also chair of planning for the 2011 event. Bearden has been a popular speaker at all five conferences, returning by request of conference attendees and planning committee. DVDs of his full-length film, *One Came Home*, were popular items being sold at the FOL table.

In addition to Bearden, whose topic was "The Delta Today," there were seven other speakers: Gene Dattel, "Cotton and Race in the Making of America"; Marc Matrana, "Lost Plantations of the Delta"; Martha Foose, "Delta Cuisine"; Joyce Cobb, "Delta Blues and Its Global Influences"; Sam Brookes, "Archaeological History of the Delta--Part II"; Luther Capooth, "Hunting Clubs of the Delta"; and Benjy Nelken, "Greenville Yesterday and Today." Authors Dattel, Matrana, Foose and Capooth were also available to autograph their books.

Attendees have come to expect a high quality conference. But such a conference takes detailed planning as well as an infusion of money—which comes not only from registrations, but also from generous sponsors. The sponsors of this conference were Ground Zero Blues Clubs, Pride of the Pond Catfish, Tunica Queen Riverboat Company, Rudy and Honey Scheidt, The Victor Robilio Company, Bena and George Cates, Community Foundation of Greater Memphis, Johnny Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. John Shepherd, Nick and Pamela Gotten, the Peabody Hotel, and an anonymous supporter. The Peabody Hotel gave a door prize, chosen by draw during the lunch break at the Holiday Inn.

In addition to the lunch break, there was a mid-morning break and an afternoon break. During these breaks, and before the conference began at 8:15am, attendees browsed tables set up by regional exhibitors and vendors. Tables this year were staffed by Cottonlandia, from Greenwood, MS; Miss Del's General Store, from Clarksdale, MS; Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau; Chucalissa Museum, the University of Memphis; The University of Memphis Bookstore; ArtsMemphis, and Friends of the University Libraries, University of Memphis. Miss Del's has been represented at the conference for four years. ArtsMemphis brought in photographer Murray Riss along with several of his Delta photographs. Riss was also available to discuss and sign his book, *First Shooting Light*, at the ArtsMemphis table.

Friends of the University Libraries have staged DES since the beginning and any profits realized from the conference go into the Friends' treasury with its mission of support for the University Libraries. It wasn't until its fourth year that FOL was able to see a profit and with the 2010 conference added \$25,000 to the FOL endowment fund.



Speakers form panel at the end of the day to answer questions from the audience.



Photographer Murray Riss, author and speaker Martha Foose, and DES chairman Willy Bearden



2010 DES planning committee

Seated left to right: Nick Gotten, Charles Stagg, Charles Williams, and Willy Bearden (Chair).

Standing, left to right: Tom Mendina, Charles Crawford, Janell Rudolph, John Shepherd, Kay Farrish, Kelly Davis, Bob Acree, and Pat Faudree.

Not pictured: Kay Clark, Kim Brisco, Dianne Papasan, and John Robilio

FOL supports University Libraries in public programming

By Tom Mendina

Assistant to the Dean of University Libraries for Public Programming and Outreach

The production of public programs--panel discussions, talks by noteworthy individuals, and a conference--is an important means of drawing the public, both academic and general, to the library. In the activity of producing public programming for the University Libraries, all program publicity carries what is by now a familiar but extremely important proviso: "with the support of the Friends of the Libraries."

Indeed, the Friends (FOL) are integral to publicizing the programs widely throughout the City of Memphis and the region as well as on the U of M campus. One Friend performs the invaluable service of distributing flyers and posters advertising the libraries' public programs in the community and on campus. Several Friends are members of the planning committee for the day-long multi-session event, "The Delta – *Everything Southern!*" FOL members and contacts (*e.g.*, those who registered their names and e-mail addresses at Friends-supported programs) are notified with evites well in advance of the occurrence of programs.

FOL had a supportive hand in virtually all of the programs which have been presented by the University Libraries during the spring and early-summer season of 2010. Listed below in reverse date order are programs for the last half of the year. Other programs for 2010 can be seen on the libraries' website at www.memphis.edu/libraries/about/events/.



November 10: Highland Area Renewal Corporation (HARC) program on University neighborhood churches.

October 13: Ehi Ike, a student at St. George's School, talks about her book *Taken Away*.

September 27-October 1: Banned Book Week. Readings from selected books in the McWherter rotunda each day, 11:30 to 2:00.

September 22: "Know Your Neighborhood," a presentation by local urban explorer and historian Jimmy Ogle.

September 15: "Greene Power: A New Twist on a Turbine," a presentation and exhibit by U of M inventor Geoff Greene and Professor John Hochstein. Exhibit from September 13 through September 24.

June 23: "Finding My Place: A Search for Life's Meaning," a presentation by Martha Hawkins, noted restaurateur and author of *Finding Martha's Place: Journey Through Sin, Salvation, and Lots of Soul Food*.

June 9: "Healing the Community – the Impact of Women in Healthcare," a discussion by a panel of eight women from a number of health organizations in Memphis who were recruited and organized by Ms. Lisa Hume, Development Director, the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis.

Above right: Tom Mendina holds HARC banner in the sanctuary of St.Luke's United Methodist Church with Pastor Mark Matheny, who is also Executive Director, Highland Area Renewal Corporation (HARC).

Right: The assembled program panel was in support of the Memphis Public Library's "Women In Medicine" grant-supported exhibition then in place at the Hooks Central Library.

Not pictured is the panel moderator, Ms. Anita Vaughn, Administrator and CEO, Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women.



Scholarship display moves downtown

By Pat Faudree and Janell Rudolph

Now an annual event, Faculty Scholarship Week (FSW) had a relatively small beginning in 2004. It has now developed into a week of activities in the days prior to Spring Convocation.

The kernel for this idea—now full-blown into a campus-wide celebration—began with a modest display of books and publications by faculty authors. Since the Friends are so closely tied to the university as a support group, members are well aware of the quality of the faculty and their enormous contributions made through research and publication. So the organization hit on the idea of trying to showcase U of M faculty by spotlighting their work and letting the whole community know of their achievements.

The first display of faculty scholarship was in conjunction with the splashy Open House for the renovated Fogelman College of Business—a rousing success! The Friends of the University Libraries were ecstatic and determined to stage it again.

Thus a one-night stand for scholarship has become a week-long display of books, articles, art, and CDs, enhanced by faculty lectures and recitals and art exhibits in the McWherter Library rotunda. This display takes the coordinated efforts of library staff and volunteers from the Friends, who monitor the display and talk to university students, faculty, staff and visitors who view the exhibit.

In April of this year, Scholarship Week began in McWherter Library and culminated in the lovely new Cecil C. Humphreys Law



One of several tables with display of scholarship materials is examined by participants and guests at the Faculty Convocation held this year at the new location of the Cecil C. Humphreys Law School

School downtown, the site of the 2010 Faculty Convocation. Volunteers from the University of Memphis Association of Retirees (UMAR) helped the Friends in the enormous task of mounting, monitoring and moving the display from the McWherter Library to the Law School Building and back. Because of the layout of the law building, the display tables had to be arranged in smaller units and spread over a larger area.

Pat Faudree was the organizer of the event and Tom Mendina coordinated with U of M academic departments and worked with Dr. Tom Nenon of Academic Affairs to produce two library programs apropos of FSW 2010.

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Proposed Amendments to the FOL Constitution and Bylaws

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The official name of the organization shall be: *Friends of the University Libraries* ~~The Friends of the University of Memphis Libraries~~ (hereinafter “the Friends”).

ARTICLE III: AFFILIATIONS

The Friends is first of all an integral component of the University of Memphis. However, it is in the best interests of the University and the Friends to become associated with other local chapters of library friends and affiliated with *the Friends of Tennessee Libraries and the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF)* ~~Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA)~~.

ARTICLE V: GOVERNANCE

Section 1: Year Limits

Each year of operation for the Friends shall coincide with the year at the University of Memphis; that is, from July first through June thirtieth. ~~Terms of office and~~ Annual reports shall conform to the same format.

Section 2: Elections

In ~~March~~ *May* of each year, the president in office shall appoint three members in good standing to serve as a nomination committee. These three persons will prepare a slate of officers, obtaining the permission of the candidates, and present these recommendations to the Executive Council *by August* and notify the general membership in October. They will present these recommendations to the membership at the annual meeting each year. . . . The new officers will assume their duties on the first of ~~July~~ *January of the following membership year*.

Section 4: Executive Council

In addition to the presently elected officers, *the Dean, designated library staff representatives and appointed chairs of Friends’ committees*, the Friends shall elect by a majority vote two or more at-large members to the Executive Council, these to come from *various campus and community organizations*. ~~service and professional organizations such as The University of Memphis Society, The University of Memphis Student Government Association, The University of Memphis Emeriti Club, The University of Memphis Alumni Association, The University of Memphis faculty, The University of Memphis Libraries staff, or other groups the Executive Council feels appropriate to assist the Friends in its task of promoting the interests of the libraries.~~

Section 5: Meetings

There shall be a minimum of two meetings per year of the Executive Council and ~~also of the~~ *at least one Friends membership* ~~with one meeting held in the fall between September first and November thirtieth and one in April.~~ The ~~April~~ *fall* meeting will be the annual meeting and the time for elections.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Any provision of this constitution may be amended by a ~~two-thirds~~ *majority* vote of members of the Friends *who are in attendance* at any official meeting of the Friends.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1: REGULAR MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS (Not cumulative)

Senior Friend:	\$10-49
Student Friend:	\$10-49
University Staff:	\$10-40
Contributing Friend:	\$50-99
Sponsoring Friend:	\$100-199
Benefactor Friend:	\$200-499
Patron Friend:	\$500-1,499
Donor Friend:	\$35
Contributor:	\$75
Sponsor:	\$100
Associate:	\$500

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS (cumulative) *There will be no lifetime memberships. However, established lifetime membership will be recognized and maintained.*

Dean's Circle (individual):	\$1,500-\$4,000 (within a 24-month period)
Dean's Circle (couple):	\$2,500-\$5,999 (within a 24-month period)
President's Club (individual):	\$5,000-9,999
President's Club (couple):	\$6,000-9,999
Legacy	\$10,000 or more

In addition, any contribution for annual membership totaling \$1,500 or more within a twenty-four-month period shall result in lifetime membership in the Friends of the University of Memphis Libraries. After Lifetime status is reached, membership contributions are cumulative. Lifetime memberships will be awarded to couples who join together when the contribution totals \$2,500 or more within a twenty-four-month period.

When a lifetime membership is established, the funds should be split 50-50 between the Friends' regular Foundation account and the endowment account.

FOL members attending the November 18 business meeting will vote on these proposed amendments to the FOL Constitution and Bylaws. These proposed amendments are the recommendations of an appointed committee—Janell Rudolph, Sue Reid Williams, and Charles Stagg—and have been approved by the Executive Council. Upon approval by a majority vote of the membership, these amendments will take effect immediately.