



The Friends of the K-State Libraries

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Fall 2009

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

What an exciting time at K-State to be a Friend of the K-State Libraries. Our new President Kirk Schulz and first lady Dr. Noel Schulz will be introduced at the 22nd annual Friends gala, "What So Proudly We Hale," on November 13th. We will also be privileged to hear remarks from retired General Richard Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as we feature the Libraries' military history collection. Richard and Mary Jo Myers are the honorary chairpersons of this special evening.

Please check out the link to the Friends at the K-State Libraries website. There you will find so much information including the numerous accomplishments of the Friends of the K-State Libraries. You will be surprised and proud to be part of our active group that really helps not only Hale Library but strengthens the resources and facilities of all the libraries at K-State. This year the Friends provided the funds for Ralph Titus to complete the oral history interviews of former president Dr. Duane Acker. Complete restoration of two of the of the four Overmyer murals in the Great Room was finished this summer. Many have fond memories of this beautiful, stately room. You might consider becoming a donor to help complete the project. What a legacy.

Dr. Bob Kruh and Dr. Richard P. Coleman were recognized at our annual meeting last May for their countless and tireless efforts in behalf of the Friends of the K-State Libraries. Bob Kruh is a former Friends president and served for many, many years as treasurer of the Friends. He is now the honorary advisor and our historian. Thank you, Bob. Richard Coleman served as a former president and historian and in many other capacities. Richard passed away shortly after our May meeting. He will be sorely missed.

Thank you to all the K-State Libraries personnel with whom we work, especially Cherie Geiser who is the Friends liaison and secretary of the Friends board. And, a special thank you to all the officers, committee chairmen, board members, advisors, and all of you who recognize the importance of the Friends of K-State Libraries. Make plans to attend the Gala on November 13th, the Hale Library Concert Series, the book sales, and other programs to be announced later. You can also contribute by giving us ideas and suggestions. Thanks, Friends. —Joleen Hill

HALE 2009–2010 CONCERT SERIES

October 16: Slawomir Dobrzanski, piano

January 15: Dr. Chris Thompson, baritone; Dr. Steven Spooner, piano; Schubert's *Die Winterreise*

April 23: Hale Library Concert Series, An Evening of Chamber Music with William Wingfield

Performances begin at 7:30 pm in Hale Library's Hemisphere Room. Tickets are \$25 per concert, a season ticket is \$70, and sponsorship is \$250. Wine and refreshments follow each concert. For tickets contact Cherie Geiser at 532-7447 or cgeiser@k-state.edu. All proceeds support an endowment fund for the refurbishment and upkeep of the Mason & Hamlin grand piano and to the concert series fund.

HAIL & FAREWELL: BOARD MEMBERS

The Friends of the K-State Libraries extend a hearty welcome to incoming members (Larry Erickson, Chuck Lyman, Jerry Pettle, John D. Walters, Andy Wefald, Jan Wissman) and an appreciative farewell to outgoing members (John Carlin, Mike Clark, Steve Levin, Bob Newhouse, Ruthie Nellis, Larry Rogers).

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News from the K-State Libraries

Hale Library's Summer "Face Lift"

This summer saw a great many changes to Hale Library. In addition to the continuing restoration of the Overmyer murals in the Great Room, other areas of Hale underwent a renewal process. Most noticeable on first glance is the reconfiguration of the library entrance on second floor. Where there once were two sets of gates separated by a large and seldom utilized desk, there is now a single grand entrance flanked by two large display cases. Coming in the single gate now makes it apparent where library patrons should go for assistance—the newly consolidated Help Desk, which provides the services previously spread throughout Hale at a single point.

The entire second floor received new carpeting—the wear and tear from some 10 million visitors since Hale opened was all too apparent. The new carpet is made of recycled materials and will make it easier for the Libraries to replace small areas that become worn or stained.

Collections located on 2nd floor received new homes, and new equipment, technology, and furniture was brought in to aid students in collaborative projects. Library faculty, staff, and student employees joined together in "Staff Helps Week" just after finals to accomplish many of the moves in short order with as little disruption to patrons as possible.

A Generous Gift for Historic Farrell Library

Norman Spielman, Chicago, Ill., has made a commitment of \$175,000 to the Historic Farrell Library at Kansas State University to establish the Historic Farrell Library Preservation Fund.

"I grew up reading books and newspapers and spent a lot of time going to the library in my hometown," Spielman said. "When I came to K-State, I probably did not spend enough time in the library, but when I did it was usually in the 'Great Room.' I actually felt comfortable there and found the atmosphere very conducive to trying to read and understand the more technical aspects of what I was trying to comprehend. For a study break, I would look around and imagine myself in some medieval castle or some other historic place where I would someday like to be.

"I currently belong to and support various preservation organizations and museums that attempt to help preserve the past. I felt I should help preserve a special place for me at K-State. I understand today how much influence the university has had in my life."

This fund will be used at the discretion of the dean of the K-State Libraries to provide financial assistance to preserve and maintain Historic Farrell Library, which consists of the exterior of the northwest side of Hale Library and three interior floors from the original building built in 1927 and includes the Great Room.

"It is leadership like Mr. Spielman's that helps K-State continue to grow and thrive. This preservation fund will help to sustain Historic Farrell Library, and keep it at its finest. The spirit in which the gift was made is as important as the gift itself," Libraries Dean Lori Goetsch said.

2009 Library Staff Recognition Awards

The 2009 winner of the Brice G. Hobrock Distinguished Faculty award is associate professor Marcia Stockham, chair of the Social Sciences/Humanities department. The annual award, established by the Friends of the K-State Libraries, recognizes the winner's outstanding professional accomplishments and service to the profession. Stockham's award was announced at the Friends annual meeting in May and she was given a monetary stipend provided by the Friends.

Maxine Ganske, library assistant II, was awarded the 2009 K-State Libraries Classified Employee of the year award during a ceremony held in the Hemisphere Room of Hale Library. Ganske was recognized for her work in the Weigel Architecture, Planning and Design Library. A monetary stipend was provided by the Friends.

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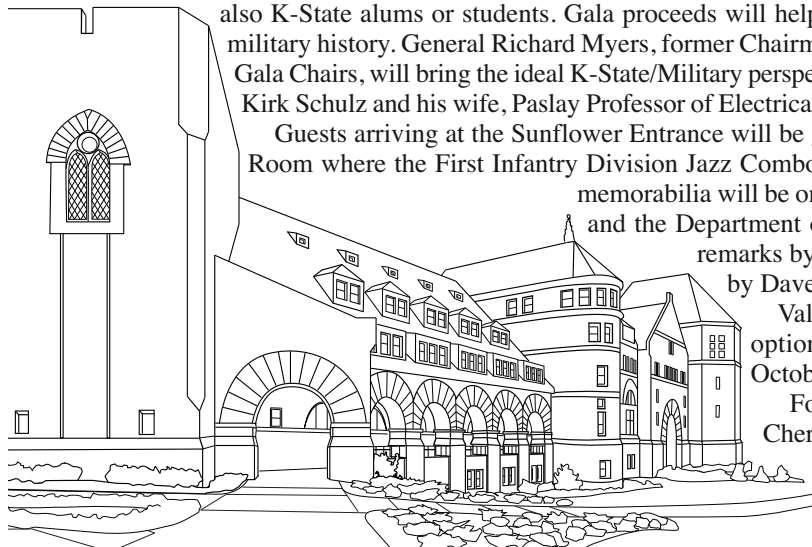
22ND ANNUAL LIBRARY GALA CELEBRATES MILITARY HISTORY

The Friends of the K-State Libraries invite you to the 22nd Annual Gala, “What So Proudly We Hale,” in the historic Farrell Great Room. This gala celebrates the rich relationship that the K-State Libraries enjoy with the military personnel at nearby Ft. Riley, many of whom are also K-State alums or students. Gala proceeds will help support the K-State Libraries’ major strength and collecting focus in military history. General Richard Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and Mary Jo Myers, K-State alums and Honorary Gala Chairs, will bring the ideal K-State/Military perspective to this year’s event. The Libraries will also be welcoming President Kirk Schulz and his wife, Paslay Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Dr. Noel Schulz, to their first Library Gala.

Guests arriving at the Sunflower Entrance will be greeted by Army and Air Force ROTC cadets and directed to the Great Room where the First Infantry Division Jazz Combo will be playing cocktail/dinner music. Military history costumes and memorabilia will be on display courtesy of the K-State Historic Costume and Textile Museum and the Department of Special Collections. The program will feature General Myers, with remarks by President Schulz and Dean Lori Goetsch. Dancing follows with music by Dave Lewis, local DJ and radio personality.

Valet parking will be available on Mid-Campus Drive. Attire is black tie optional (civilian) and mess/dress (military). Invitations should arrive by October 13.

For advance ticket information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Cherie Geiser, Friends Liaison (532-7447; cgeiser@k-state.edu).



Upcoming Events

September 16 Friends Board Meeting, Manhattan Country Club, 11:30 am

October 16 Hale Library Concert Series, Slawomir Dobrzanski, piano, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library, 7:30 pm

October 21 Friends Board Meeting, Manhattan Country Club, 11:30 am

November 13 “What So Proudly We Hale”, 22nd Annual Library Gala, celebrating military history collections and academic programs. Featured speaker: General Richard Myers.

November 18 Friends Board Meeting, Manhattan Country Club, 11:30 am

December 8–9 Holiday Book Sale, 2nd Floor, Hale Library, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Up-to-date information on all Friends activities can be found at: <http://www.lib.k-state.edu/friends/> Some of the items included in this web page are: annual meeting minutes, accomplishments, membership list, board members, upcoming events and long-range funding plans.