

Featuring William F. Buckley, Jr.

*The H. Louise Cobb & the Friends
of the OSU Library Speakers Series*

William F. Buckley, Jr. was the guest of honor for a book signing and silent auction in the Edmon Low Library's Browsing Room last fall. The group adjourned to the Student Union's Ballroom for dinner and to hear him speak about writing fiction, which included his popular Blackford Oakes spy novels.

The silent auction, which raised nearly \$600 for new library materials, included autographed books by bestselling authors Tony Hillerman, John Grishman and Kurt Vonnegut.

- ▲ *Photo 1:* The Friends Past President, Eva Perry of Tulsa, hands William Buckley one of his books to autograph.
- ▲ *Photo 2:* Librarian Anne Prestamo and husband, Manuel, of Edmond, browse through the speaker's books.
- ▲ *Photo 3:* Oklahoma Representative Terry Igmire and wife, Fawn, of Stillwater, share a moment with the guest of honor.
- ▲ *Photo 4:* OSU students Eric Lindsey and Audra Autry view items up for auction with William Buckley.



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PHOTO 4



*Edmon Low Library Endowment Reaches
the \$1 Million-Dollar Mark. See Page 3.*

Upcoming Events

▲ Noted American poet Stanley Plumly will read from his work at the Edmon Low Library Thursday, April 23. The event, which is free and open to the public, begins at 8 pm in the Browsing Room. Plumly is award-winning author of *Out-of-the-Body Travel* and *In the Outer Dark*.



He won the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award and was nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award. His books will be available to buy; profits will go to the Friends of the OSU Library and Stillwater Mission of Hope. Call (405)744-7331 for more information.

Library Wish List

\$180 for *Cambridge History of Southeast Asia*, vols. 1&2

\$349 for *Food Additives, Toxicology, Regulation, and Properties*

\$2,000 for permanent Internet access to *The Bible in English* (21 searchable versions of the Bible for scholars and students of English language and literature, and religion)

\$750 for *Knowledge Now: Working with Proteins*

\$650 for the *Letters of Sir Walter Scott*, 12 vols.

\$395 for *Food Additives Electronic Handbook*

\$550 for *New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics and the Law*, 3 vols.

\$520 for *Food Properties Database, version 2.0 for Windows*

\$498 for *Property Rights in American History: From the Colonial Era to the Present*, 6 vols.

\$799 for *Encyclopedia of Human Nutrition*

\$1540 for *Photosynthesis: From Light to Biosphere*

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The Women's Archives at OSU

Honoring Oklahoma's Women & Their Many Achievements

The OSU Library is gearing up to meet a \$125,000 challenge grant awarded by Mrs. Edith Gaylord Harper of Oklahoma City to the Women's Archives at OSU. Once funded, the Women's Archives Fund will be used to develop, maintain and promote the collections in the Archives.

Jennifer Paustenbaugh, director of development and outreach, says she is optimistic of meeting the June 30, 1999 deadline required by the challenge grant. "People have been supportive of the Archives and an endowment to continue its development. Although there are other library collections in the state that focus on Oklahoma and Oklahomans, none emphasize the unique contributions that Oklahoma's women have made."

In addition to the challenge grant, the OSU Library received four more gifts to the Archives totaling \$88,000. In May, the Armon Bost Family gave \$50,000 to establish a work-study scholarship in the Archives in honor of OSU first's woman graduate, Jessie Thatcher Bost. In August, Mrs. Harper also donated \$30,000, which the Library will use to pay the expenses associated with acquiring, processing, preserving and publicizing the materials in the Archives.

Major collections already in the Archives include the following:

- **Jessie Thatcher Bost Collection.** In 1897 she became the first woman to graduate from Oklahoma A&M College.
- **The WAVES Collection.** During WWII the Navy established one of its three training sites for the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Services at OAMC.
- **Angie Debo Collection.** Dr. Debo gained a national reputation as an author/historian on topics concerning Oklahoma and Native Americans.
- **Hannah Atkins Collection.** She is a civil rights leader and Oklahoma's first African-American woman legislator and secretary of state.

Heather Lloyd, head of Special Collections and University Archives, says, "While we are fortunate to have the personal papers of high-profile women like former Oklahoma first lady Shirley Bellmon, we are interested in the experiences of women who may not be known outside their hometowns. The Archives' goal is to preserve contributions of home and family life, business, politics and the wide scope of activities that women are involved in — often without recognition or acclaim."

She cites diaries, research notes, business records, photographs, scrapbooks and manuscripts as materials that chronicle everyday life. "Sometimes it is even more difficult to obtain materials from ordinary women because they may not realize these items are of value to historians, journalists and other researchers."

During the next year, the Library will be seeking gifts to take advantage of the generous challenge grant as well as pursuing materials for the Archives. Lloyd plans to increase awareness of the Women's Archives at OSU by making presentations to women's groups, service organizations and genealogy societies around the state.

For information about donating to the Women's Archives Fund or about donating materials to the Women's Archives at OSU, call (405)744-6323 or visit the web site at <www.library.okstate.edu/dept/scua/catwom.htm>.

Edmon Low Library Endowment Fully Funded

First Million Dollars Raised; New Projects Planned

The Edmon Low Library Endowment has reached its first major milestone—one million dollars.

Dr. Edward R. Johnson, OSU dean of libraries, says, "We have been working diligently during the last twelve years or so to meet this goal, and the *Bringing Dreams to Life* Campaign gave us a chance to focus our fund-raising efforts on achieving it. Considering where we started and where we are now, this project has been a resounding success." He is referring to the fact that between 1964 and 1984 the OSU Library received less than \$52,000 in private gifts, approximately \$2,600 each year.

"I knew OSU alumni, friends, faculty, students as well as corporations and foundations would support the idea of a library endowment." The Endowment, which began in 1984, has generated broad-based support with many gifts being less than \$500.

In fact, a number of contributors have been donating for years on a monthly basis. Jennifer Paustenbaugh, director of development and outreach, points to Cheryl Jones, now a member of the OSU Foundation Board of Governors, as one donor who has consistently given more than six years.

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"However," Paustenbaugh continues, "the \$500,000 challenge grant from the Kerr Foundation initiated 1990 was our most significant gift." Kerr Foundation Funds provided \$250,000 for the Endowment and \$250,000 for the immediate purchase of library materials.

"The most important part of the

Kerr grant was that we met the challenge a year early. This vividly illustrated how much people supported the Library as well as let businesses, foundations and the OSU community know that we were serious when it came to raising funds for library services, technology and materials."

One of the earliest boosts to the Endowment was from the Class of 1936, which directed its 50th Anniversary class gift to the Library. The last gift needed to reach the \$1-million mark was from Dr. Jim Wise, an Oklahoma City ophthalmologist. When the goal was in sight, Dr. Johnson called Dr. Wise, an ardent library supporter. He had said on several occasions that he wanted to give the last gift for the Endowment to reach its initial goal.

The Edmon Low Library Endowment was established in 1985 by the OSU Foundation for the Library to

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For Sage Advice, Time & Leadership

H.E. "Ed" Cobb Receives Edna Mae Phelps Award

The Friends of the OSU Library selected H.E. "Ed" Cobb, Jr. of Tulsa as the recipient of the fourth annual Edna Mae Phelps Award. The award was presented at the recent H. Louise Cobb and the Friends of the OSU Library 1997 Speaker Series.

"I can think of no individual whose contributions have been of such considerable importance to the OSU Library. Besides being a charter member of the Friends of the OSU Library, Ed Cobb is currently serving as its vice president.

"His sage advice, time and contributions have been essential to the success of the Friends. Under his able leadership as co-chair of the Library's portion of the OSU capital campaign, the library was the first constituency to achieve its campaign goal," Edna Mae Phelps of Seminole says.

In 1994 in memory of his late wife, Cobb and his family established a conference room in the Edmon Low Library, which is

available for students to use for group study sessions. He also established a substantial endowment in her memory. The principal provides much of the necessary funds for the H. Louise Cobb and Friends of the OSU Library Speaker Series.

OSU Dean of Libraries Dr. Edward R. Johnson, says, "Thanks to Mr. Cobb's generosity we have watched this annual gathering evolve into an event of campus-wide significance. I am pleased that his efforts are being recognized."

The Edna Mae Phelps Award recognizes individuals who have substantially and unselfishly gone above and beyond duty to increase the effectiveness of the OSU Library. The award was established in 1993 to honor Phelps, a former OSU regent and first president of the Friends of the OSU Library. Past recipients included Bob and Lou Kerr, Dr. Alan Brunken, OSU School of Architecture, and John Phillips, OSU Library Documents Department.



ED COBB & EDNA MAE PHELPS

Briefly

- ▲ The OSU Library extended its hours of operation until 2 am Sundays through Thursdays as well as increased its hours Fridays and Saturdays. Students immediately took advantage of the longer hours; as many as 200 are in the Edmon Low Library between midnight and 2 am. The OSU Library is open more hours than any other library in Oklahoma during a regular semester.
- ▲ Congratulations to the OSU Library's Interlibrary Services Unit on making the top 100 list of OCLC net lenders. The unit was ranked number 62. Ken Bierman, assistant university librarian, says, "I think this is a real credit to the hard working people in Interlibrary Services."
- ▲ The OSU Library hosted its first Homecoming Reception. Invitations were sent to current and past employees of the library. Marcella Hiltner Parker, Class of 1928, who was the oldest OSU alumni to visit campus during homecoming, attended the Library's event. Plans are underway for next year's reception.
- ▲ Congratulations to Holli Seery, library technical assistant in the Humanities/Social Sciences Division, who received a Paraprofessional Award from the Association of College and Research Libraries-Oklahoma Chapter.
- ▲ Congratulations to the OSU Library's Catalog Department. It recently became an independent library for NACO series.
- ▲ More than 40 took the *Learn the Internet: Pre-Football Internet Training*. Dan Chaney, one of the trainers, says, "It was great fun. Many had never accessed the Internet and were surprised at how easy it was to search for information."
- ▲ Librarian Donna Schwarz served as the Library's United Way coordinator. Under her leadership the 1997 participation rate for library employees climbed to 84 percent and more than \$5,700 was donated.

Leadership & Academic Excellence

Class of 1942 Scholarship Awarded

The 1997 recipient of the Oliver S. Willham/Class of 1942 Scholarship is Terra Sawatsky, a junior from Custer City. This scholarship, which was established in 1992 to commemorate the 50th reunion of the Class of 1942, seeks to reward Oklahoma State University Library student employees for demonstrating leadership skills, extracurricular involvement and academic excellence.

Sawatsky, a biochemistry/pre-med major, works in the OSU Library's Acquisitions/Serials Department and belongs to the Kappa Delta sorority. She is also a member of the Student Alumni Board and works with the Freshmen Representative Council. Sawatsky says she would like to thank the Class of 1942 for their generosity in establishing a work scholarship. "It allows students the convenience of working on campus and in a wonderful atmosphere such as the Library."



The selection committee included Class of 1942 graduates Harriet (Moore) Brown from Oklahoma City, Charles Breedlove from Muskogee, and Dr. William Shaklee from Oklahoma City. OSU Library employees Jackie German and Heather Lloyd were also committee members.

Past recipients include Lori McKnight (1993/94) and Candace Steffen (1994/95-1996/97).

Stillwater National Bank Pays for Access to Dow Jones News Retrieval Service, Again

For the second consecutive year, Stillwater National Bank gave the Library a \$5,000 gift to underwrite access to the Dow Jones News Retrieval Service (DJNRS).

DJNRS is an online service that brings together up-to-the-minute releases from major financial news wire services, company and industry data, quotes and market data, and the Dow Jones Publications Library, consisting of more than 55 million searchable documents from more than 3,000 full-text publications, including the *Wall Street Journal* and *Financial Times*.

"Access to this kind of information is what gives OSU students and faculty the edge in preparing for job interviews, classroom assignments, and research," Rich Paustenbaugh, head of the Library's Humanities

and Social Sciences Division, says. "This a terrific resource for MBA and other business students, but students in other disciplines also make use of information available through this service."

Dr. Edward R. Johnson, OSU dean of libraries, is pleased by their continued support. "Stillwater National has been an industry leader in Oklahoma for a long time, so it came as no surprise to us that they saw the importance to OSU students of having access to the latest financial data."

With additional support from the Friends of the OSU Library, up to four people may access DJNRS simultaneously from an OSU computer. Library users can get to DJNRS through the Library's web site at <www.library.okstate.edu>.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Congressional Compass <web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp> brings together a vast amount of information published by and about the U.S. Congress, including Congressional hearings and reports, bills, public laws, the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, the code of Federal Regulations, floor votes, congressional member financial information, and the U.S. Code.

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Meet Librarians New to OSU



JULIA CRAWFORD

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TOM JORSCH

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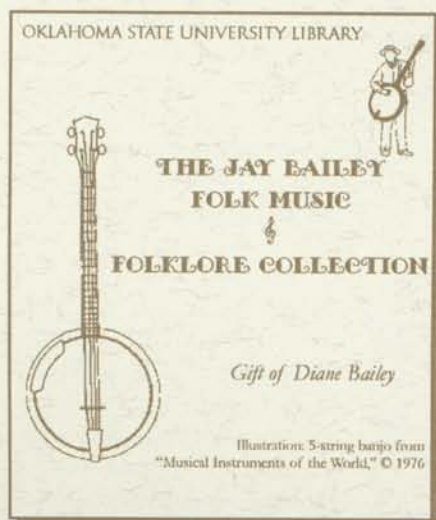


BRIAN ROSSMANN

Brian Rossmann, assistant government documents librarian, earned both his MA (Classics) and MLIS at the University of Western Ontario (London, Ontario). He has worked as a librarian for the Canadian Federal Government (Toronto) and later with the Public Service Commission of Canada (Ottawa). Phone: 744-5347; e-mail: rossman@okway.okstate.edu

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The Jay Bailey Folk Music & Folklore Collection



Diane Bailey of Oklahoma City generously donated *The Jay Bailey Folk Music & Folklore Collection* to Special Collections and University Archives. The collection consists of books, notes, manuscripts, audio cassettes, and videotapes on folk music and folklore that belonged to her father, Jay Bailey.

She says, "The notes and manuscripts were created by him while conducting research on the five-string banjo and related music." Many of the audio cassettes and videotapes in the collection were recorded by him as well.

Bailey was born in 1935 in Cordell and when he was a teenager in a St. Louis preparatory school he borrowed a teacher's recording of the "Sod Buster Ballads." The record included the Almanac Singers and folk great Pete Seeger. After the first listen, he was hooked; he had to learn to play the banjo.

By the time he died in 1995, he was a collector of banjos, knew hundreds of folk songs and was a recognized expert on both. In one interview, comparing folk music to pop, he said, "Folk music has more interesting musical and lyrical content. It has humor and pathos and gives the flavor of what the country was like. While history tells what actually happened, folklore is what people think happened. It depicts the drama of an incident rather than the historical correctness."

Bailey graduated in 1957 from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in letters and was one of that year's seven Rhodes Scholarship candidates. He completed a master's in education in 1962.

The collection is partially cataloged with more than 200 titles in PETE, the OSU Library's information system. To search PETE for items in this collection, use keywords: **Jay Bailey Folk Music.**

The Robert Cotton Collection is a unique collection featuring the old west, wild west shows, Hollywood and circuses. "It is a remarkable collection of books, articles, posters, movie stills and playbills and correspondence Mr. Cotton had with real life and movie cowboys and circus performers," Heather Lloyd, head of Special Collections and University Archives, says.

She believes it will be of great interest to scholars in Western American history and film studies.

Cotton's son, Jim, says, "After my father passed away in 1988 our family discussed what to do with his collection. We didn't want to sell it and we didn't want it to just collect dust. We felt it was his legacy and wanted it to be seen and used by future generations. My mother, my sister (Sara Cotton Rains of Homin-y) and I hope that others will enjoy and learn from the historical significance of this collection."

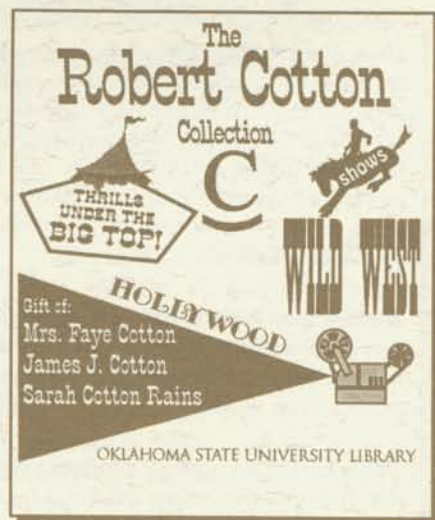
Jim, a 1979 OSU graduate in business who lives in Burbank, Calif., says going through his father's collections has been a very sentimental journey. "I grew up with these items, listening to my father's stories and watching his passion for them."

Cotton wrote in 1986, "Although I am very much interested in the 'stars' of the western movies. My special interest are in the characters and bit players, the little-known facts and relationships."

His wife, Faye, a 1943 OSU graduate in secondary education who lives in Bartlesville, says, "Robert was also considered an expert on lawmen and outlaws and was an excellent speaker and made numerous presentation to all kinds of organizations, clubs and other groups."

The collection is partially cataloged and will be available soon for researchers to use.

The Robert Cotton Collection



To find out more about donating items to the OSU Library, please contact the Libraries' Development Office Library 216, Stillwater, OK 74078-1071 or (405) 744-6323

Endowment

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generate annual funds for services and materials. Early fund-raising efforts included the Student Government Association's *Save Our Library* campaign and its book sale in January 1985, which raised \$10,000, and a separate campaign that was started to encourage graduating seniors to donate their advanced fee deposits to the Library.

During this same time the OSU Board of Regents appointed Edna Mae Phelps and Carolyn Savage to a task force to look at library resources. Both regents realized the need for the Library to improve in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) rankings and to fund an electronic library system. Their leadership and support contributed to the OSU Library climbing eight places in the ARL standings and implementing the online information system, PETE, which will soon be upgraded and expanded to include other libraries in the A&M System.

Phelps' and Savage's commitment to the OSU Library has remained firm. Phelps, the first president of the Friends of the OSU Library, now has a library recognition award established in her honor and Savage serves as the president for the Friends' organization.

Dr. Johnson wants the Endowment to continue growing and he is raising money for other priority projects including the Twenty-First Century Library Technology Endowment, the Women's Archives at OSU, and the Chief Wilma P. Mankiller Collection. "Library materials become more expensive every year. The average cost of a book in 1985 was \$25. Today, the books we purchase average \$45 each, an inflation rate of 80 percent."

He says, "I believe that alumni, faculty, and OSU supporters realize that a gift to the Library has an impact on more students and faculty than a gift to any other area of the University. Working to develop this endowment and meeting so many wonderful people has been the most positive experience for me."



The OSU Foundation hosted the 1997 Heritage Society luncheon in the Browsing Room last fall. Approximately 75 people attended. To learn more about this program, contact Jennifer Paustenbaugh at (405)744-6323 or by e-mail at jpaust@okway.okstate.edu

Champions of Libraries

Legislators Thanked for Library Support

At a recent luncheon in Oklahoma City OSU President James Halligan and OSU Dean of Libraries Edward R. Johnson recognized 19 Oklahoma legislators as *Champions of Libraries*. Each was invited to the lunch to receive a framed certificate "for their leadership in the legislature, steadfast commitment to Oklahoma libraries and for supporting Senate Bill 746." Dr. Johnson and Friends of the OSU Library President Carolyn Savage signed the certificates, which featured the *Read 'Em, Cowboy* logo.

The Oklahoma Senate bill, sponsored by Sen. Penny Williams of Tulsa, passed in the Senate, but not in the House, would have improved library funding by raising the current legislative cap on the OSU Library Resource Fee from \$1.50 per semester credit hour to \$1.75 per semester credit hour. This modest increase would have provided additional resources for the Library's program of online and computerized library services. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education will ask again for a similar increase in this current legislative session. The legislators were:

Speaker Loyd L. Benson, District 63

Rep. John Bryant, District 70

Rep. Betty Boyd, District 23

Rep. Laura W. Boyd, District 44

Rep. Wallace Collins, District 45

Rep. Bob Ed Culver, District 4

Rep. Charles Gray, District 34

Rep. Terry Ingmire, District 21

Sen. Mike Morgan, District 21

Rep. Fred Perry, District 69

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Rep. Bill Settle, District 13

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Rep. Opio Toure, District 99

Rep. Robert E. Weaver, District 26

Sen. Penny Williams, District 33



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Dr. Edward R. Johnson, OSU Dean of Libraries

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