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Establishing a Legacy

The Venables Create Gift Annuity

A passion for fine arts, art history and higher education is what led Dr. and Mrs. John R. Venable of Temple to create a charitable gift annuity with the Baylor University Libraries as beneficiary.

John and Ethel Venable, who are both Baylor graduates, just completed a gift annuity that will fund the Ethel Venable Legacy Collection in Performing and Fine Arts within the A. Guy Crouch Fine Arts Library at Baylor.

Their gift will enable the library to strengthen the holdings of the fine arts collection by providing discretionary funds to purchase additional fine arts materials.

Mrs. Venable said, "When I read about the different areas to which I could have given my annuity, I found that the Crouch Library didn't even have an endowment. Since music, art and education are my love, I decided this is where I should contribute."

"We felt led to support the Crouch Library because it elevates the focus given to this fine collection," Dr. Venable said. "This is the first gift of endowment for the Crouch Library, and we hope others will begin to support this important area of the University as well."

Mrs. Venable's interest in the fine arts began at an early age with her love of music and art. Although she studied home economics and biology at Baylor, she later began working toward an art history degree and served as a docent for the Center for the Arts in Midland, Mich.

"I have read a lot and love to study. If you're curious you just can't quit learning," she said. "I want our gift to impact future Baylor students by providing them with the resources to encourage their curiosities."

John Wilson, director of library advancement and special projects, said that any time individuals contribute above and beyond what is budgeted for library



Ethel and John Venable, seated, were honored by the libraries at a dinner last December. With them are Dr. Reagan Ramsower, dean of libraries, and Joanna Murphy, senior music student from Springdale, Ark.

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One of Six Planned in Reception Hall

Beautiful “Venice” Window Installed at ABL

Installation of the “Venice” stained glass window in March considerably enhanced the beauty of the Armstrong Browning Library and strengthened the library’s claim of having the world’s largest collection of secular stained glass. Located in the Cox Reception Hall on the first floor, the new window was given by Baylor alumna Jesmarie Harvey Hurst of Tyler in grateful memory of her favorite Baylor English professor, Dr. Luther Weeks Courtney.

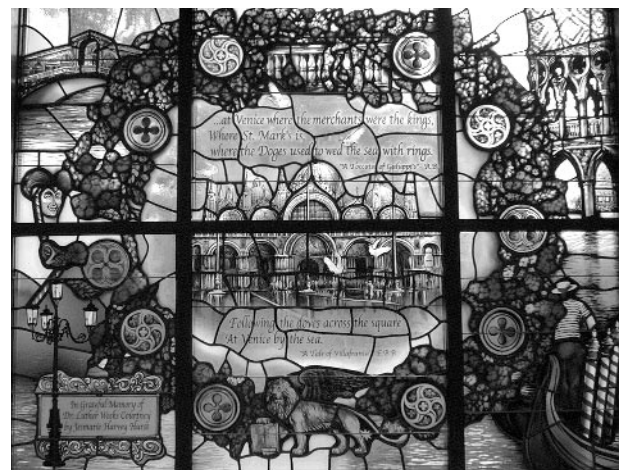
The Willet Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia created the window, the third completed of six windows planned for the popular reception area. Each of these windows will contribute to an overall theme of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning in Italy, a country that had a profound influence on both their lives and their poetry. While “Italy” and “Florence” are the subjects of the other completed windows in the hall, the focus of the new window is the city of Venice. All three have quotations from both of the poets.

Central to the design of the “Venice” window is a wreath of bright flowers, bringing to mind the window boxes along the Grand Canal, enhanced by stone-colored medallions symbolizing the architectural riches of the city. Images in the window include St. Mark’s Square and Basilica, the Doges’ Palace, the Rialto Bridge, and even a gondolier and carnival masks. Because of the city’s close proximity to the sea, blue is the predominant color in the window, but shades of pink, coral, red, orange and green are also found in this vibrant work of art.

“We are so grateful to Mrs. Hurst for providing this beautiful addition to our building,” said Dr. Mairi Rennie, director of the library. “Our patrons will enjoy this window for years to come.”

Opportunities for donating the remaining three memorial windows are still available. For additional information, please contact John Wilson, (254) 710-3457.

Cynthia Burgess
Curator of Books and Printed Materials
Armstrong Browning Library



Elements in the Armstrong Browning Library’s newest stained glass window feature the city of Venice, Italy.



Jesmarie Hurst of Tyler and her family pose in front of the new “Venice” window in the Armstrong Browning Library. From the left are Allen, Heather, Beverly, Dan, Jesmarie, Dick and Rick.

The Venables Create Gift Annuity (continued from page 1)

acquisitions, the University is able to secure additional items and improve collections.

“This is a very special gift for the library. What we’re hoping is that others will begin to give with the same nobility of spirit as the Venables,” he said.

Dr. Venable, who worked as an industrial physician and medical director for Dow Chemical Co., said, “I served on a committee at Dow Chemical that awarded grants every

year. We gave a lot of money to universities, but it was usually given to the sciences. I don’t ever remember money being given to support libraries. What convinced us to make this gift was the very positive thing of persuading other friends of the University to support this important resource as well.”

The Venables both grew up in the Waco area and met in a Baylor chemistry lab three days after the

Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. However, they waited to marry until after World War II in 1947. They have four grown children—Richard Venable of Massachusetts, Elizabeth Venable of California, Roger Venable of Michigan and Jack Venable of Colorado. They also have one granddaughter.

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Student Spotlight

“Student Spotlight,” a new feature of *The Legacy*, is designed to highlight Baylor students and the libraries’ impact on their lives. In this issue, we spoke with student Ana Gutierrez.

Question: What does your job as a library reference assistant mean to you? Has it helped you to be a better student or individual? What impact will it have on your life?

- It has definitely made me a better student because I have learned how to research almost any topic or at least how to begin a search. It has taught me patience since I have to be patient with students who are not sure how to ask for the assistance they need. I have learned to ask the right questions to learn what the student wants. The library has taught me how to work with others; this was my first job. I learned what is expected of me on a job.

Question: What is the most rewarding part of your job in the library? What are your favorite duties? What are your least favorite duties?

- I enjoy interacting with others, and I enjoy my supervisors and co-workers. My least favorite duty is re-shelving the children’s books; they are small and hard to put back on the shelves. I enjoy everything else about my job.

Question: What are some of the ways the libraries are meeting the needs of Baylor students? What about your needs?

- The libraries meet students’ needs by providing a lot of databases, usually several on every subject area. Moody Library has a good selection of periodicals but is lacking in books available on some topics.



Ana Gutierrez, senior from Laredo, is majoring in history and international studies. Ana has been a student assistant in social sciences and humanities reference for two years.

Question: What are some ways the libraries could improve in meeting student needs or your needs?

- Since I am a history major, I have noticed a need for another electronic database on world history. There is only one database available.
- Student assistants in the library need a pay raise. They are underpaid considering the type of service they provide.
- More quiet zones and study carrels for student use are needed.

New Members Baylor Book Society

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Polk Rare Book Room

Treasured Volumes Receive New Home

The Polk Rare Book Room on the second floor of Moody Memorial Library is now complete, and materials will be moved into the climate-controlled area this summer. By August, the rare treasures owned by the libraries should be in their new home. The important addition to the libraries was made possible by a donation given anonymously “in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Keith B. Polk.”

A unique feature of this room is a glass etching on the door based on the Great Seal of the President of the United States. The room is named for the Polk family, direct descendants of James K. Polk, U.S. president from 1845 to 1849. The coat of arms on the seal faces to the viewer’s right, towards the talon with the arrows, as it did prior to 1945 when the national emblem was redesigned.

Dr. Robert G. Collmer, emeritus distinguished professor of English at Baylor, evaluated the rare books in the Alpha collection for inclusion in the Polk Rare Book Room.

“As any university of the age and size of Baylor, rare or at least old books exist in its libraries. Through the efforts of the late Dr. Edward Dalglish, a professor of religion and a bibliophile of voracious appetites, Baylor acquired many old books, some of which had come from libraries on the East Coast of the United States. Notable among these libraries is the now-defunct Crozier Theological Seminary near Philadelphia, Pa.,” Dr. Collmer explained.

“The gift for the Polk Rare Book Room has set Baylor in the right direction. The University should proceed in selecting, preserving, and making available for faculty and students the treasures that reside in books and other printed items in the University,” Dr. Collmer concluded.

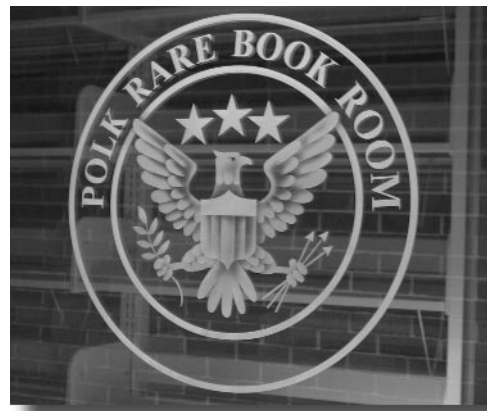
Not only has Dr. Collmer brought us invaluable recommendations; he has given us expert guidance on future planning for our libraries’ special collections. The libraries will be using these recommendations to ensure a lasting and important collection for the University.

Beth Tice

*Assistant Director of Resources and Collection Management Services
University Libraries*



Two photographs taken only a week apart show the progress being made on the construction of the Information Commons in Moody Library. The new learning space was made possible by the Prichard Family Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. Lev H. Prichard III.



A glass etching on the door to the Polk Rare Book Room in Moody Library is based upon the Presidential Seal as it was during the administration of James K. Polk, president from 1845 to 1849. The room is named for direct descendants of the former president.

Gregory Family Gift Renovation of Group Study Rooms Scheduled

Students who wish to work on group projects or practice group presentations will have a special team-work learning space in Moody Memorial Library by next fall.

Four group study rooms on the second floor of Moody will be renovated during the summer and made available for student reservation next fall. These much needed team-work spaces are made possible by the generous donation of the Gregory family of Houston.

Plans call for each room to be equipped with table space and seating for six people, a dry erase board, a cork board, document rails and a projection screen. Laptops and a projector will be available for students to check out and use in these rooms, which will have AirBear wireless network coverage.

Students will make reservations and check out equipment through the new Information Commons, currently under construction on the second floor of Moody.

Anthony Lapes
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From the Dean

21st Century Library Forges New Path

Baylor’s 21st Century Library is forging a new and exciting path for learning, research and scholarship. As the academic learning center of campus, the library is a repository for great books, journals, electronic databases and other media.



Reagan M. Ramsower

The Baylor libraries, the true cultural soul for the campus, are places for in-depth quiet study, informal discussions, heated debate, social discourse and even performance. Their central locations on campus and unique mission positions the libraries for greatness. The libraries are able to take on this role through the generosity of alumni and friends, whose donations make dreams become reality. With the reorganization, the libraries will become even more involved in fundraising and working with advocates and donors.

In this issue of *The Legacy*, read about a newly established Legacy Collection by the Venables and the beautiful “Venice” window in the Armstrong Browning Library donated by Jesmarie Hurst in memory of Dr. L. W. Courtney. Also enjoy the beautifully renovated Gregory Garden and read about one of our student assistants as she tells you in her own words about the library.

Reagan M. Ramsower
Dean of Libraries

The 21st Century Library

Organizational Changes Announced

This spring, the Baylor University Libraries initiated a new organization plan merging library and information technology. In an expansion of the library system, Dean of Libraries Reagan Ramsower created two divisions of the “21st Century Library”: the University Libraries and the Electronic Libraries.

Bill Hair, formerly acting dean, serves as associate dean of the University Libraries and director of the Central Libraries. Tim Logan, former director of the academic technology center, is the director of the new Electronic Libraries. These two divisions will work together to provide service for clients of the 21st Century Library.

Reporting to the associate dean are Jeff Steely and Beth Tice, the new assistant directors in the Central Libraries, and Dr. Mairi Rennie, Kent Keeth and Ben Rogers, directors of Armstrong Browning Library, The Texas

Collection and the Baylor Collections of Political Materials. Richard Gerik and Billie Peterson-Lugo are the key administrators under the direction of Tim Logan in Electronic Libraries.

John S. Wilson, director of library advancement and special projects, is in charge of library development, library publications and communication, library renovations and other special projects. He reports to Dean Ramsower.

The goal of the 21st Century Library is “service to people,” and the mission is “connecting people with ideas in support of teaching, learning, scholarship and academic distinction.”

Members of the 21st Century Library administrative team are, from left, Bill Hair, Tim Logan, Billie Peterson-Lugo, Richard Gerik, Beth Tice and Jeff Steely.



At a town hall meeting April 3, Baylor students Reid Cox of Shawnee, Kans., and Adam Brock of Overland Park, Kans., discuss student technology on campus with Dr. Reagan Ramsower, dean of libraries and chief information officer.

Libraries to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

In April 1903 the Carroll Library was dedicated with three days of celebrations, including a reception, a banquet, sermons, speeches, and both band and choral music.

In April 2003 the Baylor University Libraries will celebrate their 100th anniversary with a rededication ceremony. The program will include a choir and representatives of faculty, staff, students, and the public. Descendants of the Carroll family who can be contacted will be invited. The celebration will also include a luncheon for library staff and faculty.

Special exhibits focusing on the history of the libraries will be mounted.

Janet Sheets
*Education/Reference Librarian
University Libraries*



Favorite Spot for Study

Gregory Garden Renovated

After months of planning and work by Lynn Woodward and Andy Trimble of Baylor Facility Services, the renovation and replanting of the Gregory Memorial Garden is complete. Located at Moody Memorial Library, the garden is a favorite spot for students to read, study or ponder the larger questions of life.

Choosing appropriate plants was complicated by the near underground location of the garden. The existing Japanese ferns were transplanted to several beds to give them room to grow. Oakleaf hydrangas were added to give height while blue cape plumbago, columbine and silver dragon liriopie provide color.

Dwarf Katie Ruella encircle the new "cornus Florida" dogwood trees that are illuminated at night by spotlights. Six Italian clay pots adorning the garden are filled with sweet-smelling herbs. Flowers bloomed this spring as bulbs were planted in a number of beds. The columns are graced by wisteria vines which bloom beautifully in the spring.

The garden was dedicated in memory of Baylor graduate Milton T. Gregory in 1989. A permanent endowment has been established for the upkeep of the area.

Mary Goolsby
Library Advancement



A Baylor student reads his class assignments in the Gregory garden.



Lynn Woodward of Baylor Facility Services shows the hyacinth bulbs to students from the day care center at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church.

Ed Eakin — A Texas Hero

The Baylor Family lost a true Texas hero on Feb. 20. Edwin "Ed" Eakin (Baylor class of '49) died suddenly at his home in Austin. Ed encouraged older Texans to recount their "Lone Star" stories in print. His independent publishing house, Eakin Press, is the largest non-academic press in Texas. Hundreds of Texas tales were saved and can be enjoyed in the books he published.

Eakin, who worked all over the state as a journalist, was a member of the libraries' Board of Advocates. At the spring meeting, the board established a Baylor Book Society endowment in memory of Ed. The board and the libraries extend deepest sympathy to Charlene, his wife of 31 years, and their family.



Dr. Sara Alexander and her environmental studies class meet in the Gregory Garden at Moody Memorial Library.

Ernest Gaines to Speak

Distinguished Author Lecture Planned

The highly acclaimed author Ernest Gaines will be featured at the Baylor University Libraries' inaugural Distinguished Author Lecture Series scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, in the Mary Gibbs Jones Concert Hall of the Glennis McCrary Music Building. Tickets for the library fund-raiser will go on sale Sept. 1.

Gaines, who is professor of English and writer-in-residence at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, has written eight books including *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, which has become an undisputed classic of 20th century American literature, and *A Lesson Before Dying*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Southern Book Award for Fiction in 1994. Gaines received national attention when the novel was chosen as the Oprah Book Club Selection in October 1997.

His fiction has been taught in

universities for the past 25 years and translated into many languages. Critics have listed Gaines' contributions to American literature as his mastery of the first person storytelling voice, his use of humor as an essential element of human character and his major contributions to establishing an African-American literary tradition based on memory of the past.

The author was born in 1933 on the River Lake Plantation in Pointe Coupée Parish, La., the setting for most of his fiction. When he was 15, he moved to California to join his parents, who had left Louisiana during World War II. There he attended San Francisco State University and later won a writing fellowship to Stanford University.

His honors include: MacArthur Fellow, National Humanities Medal, Outstanding Southeastern Author Award, National Endowment for the Arts Award, and the American Academy



Ernest Gaines

and Institute of Arts and Letters Award.

More information on his Baylor appearance may be obtained from Mary Goolsby, library development associate, at (254) 710-6735.

Nancy Pederson
Library Advancement

Program on Presidential Center

Library Advocates Meet

The Cox Reception Hall in the Armstrong Browning Library was the setting for the spring meeting of the Baylor Libraries' Board of Advocates.

Board members enjoyed dinner and a presentation by Dr. Tom Charlton, Baylor's vice provost for administration, on the proposed George Walker Bush Presidential Center. Board members were pleased and impressed with the progress on this landmark proposal. The board was energized by the 2012 Vision, Dean Reagan Ramsower's vision of the 21st Century Library and their increased role in helping the libraries attain the financial means to achieve this goal.

Justice Jack Hightower assumed his role as chair, and the board welcomed Mrs. Ray Stahala as a new member.

Due to unstable international situations, the board decided to reschedule the BOA trip to Italy for May 2003. Dr. Roger Brooks will be unable to lead next year's tour due to family obligations. A replacement guide will be found.

The board is looking forward to the first author lecture series featuring Ernest Gaines. David McCullough, author of *Truman* and *John Adams*, was announced as the author for the 2003 lecture.

Mary Goolsby
Library Advancement



Dr. Roger Brooks, left, Judy Schmeltekopf and Ruth Belew receive certificates of appreciation from John Wilson, director of library advancement, at the Board of Advocates' meeting April 27. The three members rotated off the board after several years of service.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 6-7, 2002: Board of Advocates' fall meeting
- Oct. 17, 2002: Distinguished Author Lecture Series, Ernest Gaines, Jones Hall, 7 p.m.
- January 2003: Winter edition of *The Legacy*
- March 2003: Annual Donor Appreciation Banquet
- April 2003: Libraries' 100th Anniversary Rededication