MU Libraries Receive Gift of Loving-Cups

COLUMBIA, Mo. – The English customarily sipped spiced beverages from a bowl passed from person to person in hopes of enhancing the chances of good crops or good health. Each would kiss the vessel, which came to be known as the loving-cup. Thanks to the generosity of John and Jo Ann Schweitzer of Overland Park, Kansas, the MU Libraries now have thirty-four commemorative Royal Doulton Loving-Cups on permanent display.

“MU and the MU Libraries have greatly appreciated the support of John Schweitzer over the years,” stated Jim Cogswell, Director of Libraries. “We thank the Schweitzer family for this gift, and we are proud to display this valuable and unique collection of loving-cups.”

On April 14, there will be a dedication ceremony for the new loving-cups collection, which will be displayed in the Friends of the Library Colonnade on the first floor of Ellis Library. The collection will be displayed in custom-made cabinets, which were funded by private donations to the Library. The public is invited to attend the reception and view the collection.

John Schweitzer, who passed away on September 26 of this year, graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a business degree in 1952 and went on to found the Kansas City company, Alta-Pak Midwest, Inc. A long-time member of the Friends of MU Libraries, he was responsible for helping the libraries acquire the Dorothy Doughty porcelain bird collection that is currently on display in the Ellis Library colonnade.

The Royal Doulton Limited Edition Loving-cups and Jugs are collector items that were produced in London to celebrate literary classics and royal events. The libraries’ newly acquired collection dates from 1930 to 1977 and includes cups that celebrate Charles Dickens, the Three Musketeers, and the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee.

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MU Librarians Help Kemper Fellows Pick Books for Reading List

Rachel Brekhus, Ellis Library reference librarian, and Mary Ryan, head of Ellis Library Reference Services, were part of a committee that finalized the Kemper Fellows current list of “Smart Reads from Mizzou’s Top Professors.” “Smart Reads” is a list of books, which have been published since the year 1900, that have been influential in society or in the personal lives of the Kemper Fellows, a group of top MU professors from diverse disciplines.

Rachel and Mary joined Kemper Fellows and representatives from MU’s University Affairs division to choose the final list of books from suggestions made by the Kemper Fellows. According to the Kemper Fellows Web site, the books were “chosen based on whether they were well-written, would appeal to high school students, and could easily be found in libraries, online, or in bookstores. Committee members also wanted to make sure the list included diverse authors and a balanced mix of topics.” The Kemper recommendations also appear on a poster for Missouri high school students. For more information and to see the complete list, visit http://kemperawards.missouri.edu/fellows/2006/picks/index.php

Design of Engineering Library & Technology Commons (ELTC) Wins Award

Cyndi Curnutte, MU Interior Design Associate, won First Place in the 2006 Association of University Interior Design (AUID) Competition for Lafferre Hall Information & Technology Commons renovation project, at this year’s AUID Conference at Baruch College. The conference was held October 9-12. Cyndi’s project won the only award in the $50,000 - $150,000 Renovation category.

Cyndi’s challenge was merging usable space occupied by both library types (journals, books, magazine) AND computer types (CPUs, monitors, laptops, etc.) and keeping both groups happy. The “fit of paper and technology” was accomplished “very carefully,” she says, with new and existing shelving, furniture, and office equipment integrated such that one cannot tell where the library ends and where the computer labs begins.

Congratulations to Cyndi and the ELTC staff who advised her on the design.

The next edition of Library News Notes will include more information on the success of the ELTC renovation.

(Adapted from e-mail announcement of award.)
MU Libraries Vacancies

**Assistant Director for User Services.** A full description of the position may be found at the following address:
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/Posdesc/Admin/AD_US.htm

**Digital Resources Cataloger and Digital/Tangible Media Cataloger.** Full descriptions of the positions may be found at the following address:
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/Catalogers.htm

**Head, Journalism Libraries.** A full description of the position may be found at the following address:
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/job_postings/J_Librarian.mht

**Security Guard - 100% FTE.** A full description of the position may be found at the following address:
https://www.missouri.edu/%7Eemployment/vacdetails.php?vac=1005807

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**Leadership Development Opportunity**
The President’s Academic Leadership Institute provides professional development opportunities to leaders of academic and administrative units throughout the University of Missouri. The University of Missouri is currently seeking applications (Word/PDF) for the Administrative Leadership Development Program for the spring of 2007. For more information, go to http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/departments/hr/pali/. The program is funded by UM Human Resources, with no cost to participants. Home departments cover travel and lodging costs. Eligible library employees are encouraged to apply.