**A sanatorium for the mind (Ψυχης Ιατρειον).**

-- UNKNOWN, Inscription on the portal of the library at Alexandria, Egypt. (c. 200 B.C.)

**Up-coming Program:**

Your Old Books in the Attic: Appraise Antiquarian Books
Presented by: Mr. Thomas Joyce
Thursday, October 21, 1999, 7:30 p.m. Staff Lounge, FML

The Friends web-site:
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**Founders’ Type**

**From the President ...**

WELCOME to the 1999-2000 year of the Friends of NIU Libraries. Certainly our FNIUL will go into the 21st century as not just a strong group (we have over 500 members), but also as a successful and honored group, having received the Baker & Taylor Friends of Libraries USA award at the summer 1999 American Library Association Convention. Congratulations to Past President (and this year’s Vice President) Rodney Borstad and the 1998-1999 Board for a job well done. Many thanks to everyone who has given time and/or money for FNIUL to succeed. And a very special THANK YOU to Samuel Huang, Curator of the Rare Books & Special Collections Department and his helpers, Mark Williams & Kathy Sherman, for not just doing mountains of work, but doing it with dedication, professionalism, and style.

An energetic group of people is serving on this year’s FNIUL Board. They are RODNEY BORSTAD--Vice President; BYRON ANDERSON--Secretary; MARK WILLIAMS--Treasurer; SAM MANIVONG--Publicity; RON KLEIN--Program Committee Chair; RALPH CRAFTON, ROSALIE HEWITT, HARRIET KALLICH--Program Committee, and JERRY ZAR--Program Committee; WILLIAM BLAIR and BETTY LOVERING--Members-at-Large.

Perhaps my best qualification for being a member of the FNIUL Board is that, like all FNIUL members, I love libraries. And I have loved them all my life. As a child, I “played” librarian by putting a self-made check-out slip, attached with crude post World War II cellophane tape, in all my father’s books and then by happily stamping them in and out to members of my family. In spite of the fact that I ruined the inside covers of his books, my father faithfully took me to one of the branches of the Oak Park Public Library -- an inviting ivy-covered red brick building with mullioned windows, parquet floors, and lots of rooms with nooks & crannies, and comfy leather chairs. My childhood desire was to

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The passing summer is recognized by some as the arrival of Labor Day and certainly the arrival of September 21, which launches the fall season. For me, it is official when Sam Huang reminds me to prepare my column for the fall issue of *Founders’ Type*. It is always a pleasure to recount the activities of our library Friends group.

The Friends of NIU Libraries received the wonderful news that it was being given the Baker & Taylor award for the most outstanding Friends group in an academic library during 1998-99. The award was presented at a special luncheon attended by several hundred librarians and friends at the New Orleans summer conference of the American Library Association. It was my special pleasure to accept the award and the accompanying $1,000 check on behalf of the many friends who contributed to the vitality of our group. The check, by the way, has been placed in the Friends’ permanent endowment.

During the past 12 months the University Libraries has received nearly $750,000 in grants, principally several major grants from the Illinois State Library for the continuation of the Abraham Lincoln Digitization web site project and the Illinois Periodicals Online project. We have also received substantial grants from the Illinois Board of Higher Education for the Cooperative Collection Management Program, a consortial group of more than 70 institutions, which is managed from NIU.

The Friends sponsored a centennial event on September 12 in honor of the first entering class to Northern Illinois University in 1899. Dr. Glen Gildemeister mounted an outstanding display in the Founders lobby to accompany the event.

We received a 10% increase to our library materials budget this year, the second such successive increase. We also added greater depth to our outstanding juvenile literature collection by the acquisition of the nation’s premier first-edition collection of Horatio Alger books. The first editions and associated later printings number nearly 500 volumes.

I am pleased once again to salute the NIU community of library advocates and higher education supporters. Your commitment does make a difference, and enables us to achieve that extra measure of academic excellence in the Library.

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Erin Miller was selected as this year’s recipient of the Katherine Walker Library Work Scholar award. This award was established through the NIU Libraries to honor Miss Katherine Walker and to pay tribute to her life-long commitment to the library profession. Recipients of this award are required to work in various areas of the library and are paid a higher hourly rate than student library aides. It is intended for undergraduates to foster an interest in pursuing further studies in library science.

Ms. Miller was selected from a pool of qualified applicants on the basis of her exemplary academic achievement, job performance, and sustained commitment to the NIU Libraries. Ms. Miller is an undergraduate who has worked in Reserves and is currently employed in Acquisitions. She gained her deep appreciation for libraries and books from her mother, Doris Miller, former Associate Director at Founders Memorial Library. Doris Miller had worked in libraries since her teens and passed her enthusiasm and love for her profession on to those around her.

We wish Erin Miller luck in her studies and know that she will meet the high standards of being a Katherine Walker Library Work Scholar.

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become a librarian and I did just that as a school librarian for over 30 years.

But not everybody is so fortunate as to have a parent who introduces a child to the wonders of the library at an impressionable age. If we work together, perhaps each of us could bring a non-library, non-member person to any one (or all) of the five remaining FNIUL programs & events for this year. Who knows? We may make some “converts,” give someone a new interest, and in the process, make our FNIUL even more successful in our goal of providing funds for the purchase of books, manuscripts, and other materials that could not otherwise be acquired by the NIU Libraries. Our next program, Your Old Books in the Attic: Appraise Antiquarian Books, presented by Mr. Thomas Joyce on Thursday, October 21, 1999, 7:30 p.m. in the Staff Lounge of Founders Memorial Library, is a great presentation to invite a guest to because each attendee can bring in ONE BOOK TO BE APPRAISED!!! Who wouldn’t be thrilled to learn that old book is valuable????!! It’s worth a try. I’m looking forward to our next program and I hope that you are, too.

Christa Feuer

Memorial Fund Established

Sherman M. Stanage, NIU professor in philosophy for 31 years, passed away on May 9, 1999 in Marengo, Illinois. Dr. Stanage devoted his life to teaching and left an enduring impression on friends, family, faculty, and students. He came to NIU from Trinity University (Texas) in 1968.

Stanage held a joint appointment in NIU’s internationally acclaimed doctoral program in adult education for 18 years. In 1994, he was awarded the Presidential Teaching Professorship, Northern’s highest honor.

Dr. Stanage was a frequent user of the library and his colleagues and students knew that they could often find him there. For this reason, his colleagues and students have established a memorial fund in order to memorialize him with a plaque on the Ensuring the Future display in the lobby of Founders Memorial Library.

Please make contributions to this fund payable to the Friends of NIU Libraries with notation that they are for the Prof. Stanage Memorial Fund. All contributions can be sent to the Friends of NIU Libraries, NIU Libraries, DeKalb, IL 60115.
The first class held at Northern was one-hundred years ago in the fall of 1899.

On Sunday, September 12, 1999, the University Libraries Centennial Committee, with the help of the Friends of NIU Libraries, sponsored a Centennial Reception in Founders Memorial Library. Although the skies were overcast outside, inside there was warmth and good spirits. Approximately 100 current and former University Libraries faculty, staff, administrators, Friends, and university representatives, including President John E. LaTourette, came to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first classes held at what was then called the Northern Illinois State Normal School. The Friends of NIU Libraries joined in co-sponsoring this event and underwrote the cost of the brunch that was provided by the Country Inn Restaurant.

Dean of the University Libraries, Dr. Arthur Young, addressed those gathered in the Staff Lounge and reflected on the first days at “Northern” when workmen were still putting the finishing touches on Altgeld Hall. Dr. Young noted the anticipation of those first students for the library that was to open several months later.

The photographic exhibit “Northern Reflections: 1899-1999” by Glen Gildemeister, Director of the Regional History Center, was well received. Those attending the Centennial Reception gathered by the exhibit panels to relive old memories stimulated by the photographs and the artifacts in the nearby exhibit cases which highlighted the history of Northern’s libraries over the past one hundred years.

Dr. Gildemeister and Dean Young holding an original Northern Illinois State Normal School (N.I.S.N.S.) pennant.
The University Libraries Centennial Committee is thankful for the help and support shown by the Friends of NIU Libraries over the past few years as we have worked to celebrate and promote the history of Northern and the Northern Illinois University Libraries. We are grateful for your financial support for the brunch and also to all the loyal members of the Friends who came out to enjoy the exhibit, the food, and the fellowship.

Adra Gallagher and Patricia Dahlberg in the Lobby of Founders Memorial Library.

President John LaTourette and his wife, Lillie attended the reception.

The group listens to Dean Young's address during the brunch.

The brunch, catered by the Country Inn, was enjoyed by all.
Todd Nebel of Cary, Illinois, has donated his collection of old-time radio programs to Northern Illinois University. Mr. Nebel has been an ardent fan of old-time radio since his teens. During his schooling at Elmhurst College and following his graduation he worked at radio stations WAIT, WCFL, and WNIB-FM in Chicago as a Producer, Sales Rep and Engineer for the Those Were The Days and Radio Classics programs with host Chuck Schaden. Mr. Nebel was involved with producing Mr. Schaden’s programs for broadcast from 1983-1997. He also served as the best of nostalgia radio from roughly 1930 to 1962, otherwise known as the “Golden Age of Radio.” The collection consists of more than 100 old-time radio series, encompassing more than 25,000 radio programs. Program series include: The Shadow, Jack Benny, The Lone Ranger, Burns & Allen, Bing Crosby, The Adventure of Superman, Lux Radio Theatre, Suspense, Charlie McCarthy, Lights Out, The Bickersons, The Green Hornet, Gangbusters, Dragnet, Fred Allen, The Life of Riley, and Sergeant Preston of the Yukon, to name just a few. The collection contains every facet of the period, from drama, music (including Big Band Remotes), mystery, comedy, and historical; including complete broadcast day recordings of September 21, 1939 (recorded for the 1939 N.Y. World’s Fair) and June 6th, 1944 (D-Day).

This collection has been recorded on reel-to-reel tapes and at least 95% is on high quality Ampex Tape. Eight hundred of the reels were recorded onto such tapes in the early/middle 1980s and copied directly from the collection of Chuck Schaden (old time radio expert, old time radio historian, radio personality, and member of the Board of Directors on the Museum of Broadcast Communications). Mr. Schaden’s entire 3000-reel Old Time Radio collection was donated to the Museum of Broadcast Communications. An excellent selection of reference materials was included with the donation of tapes.

Mr. Nebel’s collection of 2000 reel-to-reel tapes consists of a columnist for Chuck Schaden’s Nostalgia Digest magazine for over 12 years, writing history and nostalgia related articles bi-monthly for its 15,000 readers.

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The Friends of the Northern Illinois University Libraries provide support to the libraries in many ways. Membership dues are placed in an endowment fund, the interest income from which is used for the purchase of books and materials the libraries could not otherwise afford. The Friends hold a program series every academic year with a variety of speakers on interesting topics. These programs are free to members and their guests. Every April, the Friends hold their Annual Book Sale. Books that are donated to the library for the book sale are sold to the public. Proceeds from this event are placed in the endowment fund. We are very proud of our Friends group because their activities benefit and strengthen our libraries and the University. If you are already a Friend, please share this newsletter with a friend or colleague, or consider giving a membership in the Friends as a gift.

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Phyllis Kelley and Thomas Woodstrup, both of DeKalb County, will present papers at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency Conference to be held in Springfield, October 22, 1999.

Woodstrup’s paper will be based on his recent book, Captain Benjamin Page, about a Rhode Island man who served in the Continental Navy during the American Revolution. Page’s children relocated to Sycamore and erected a monument in Elmwood Cemetery to memorialize his service. Little was known about Benjamin Page until Woodstrup began research about the Page family. His book has won an award from the Connecticut Genealogical Association.


Chapel, a native of Malta, served with Company “F” of the 13th Regiment, Illinois Infantry Volunteers during the Civil War. The book is based on Chapel’s journals, which documents the daily life of the soldiers in his regiment and their campaigns through Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia.

Both books are available at the Joiner History Room in the Sycamore Public Library and at Sycamore Coin Gallery, Sycamore.

Welcome New Members!

Individual Members: Kuo-Huang Han, John Hartmann, David Jaffe, Rebecca Schreiber, Bruce Stevenson, and Sonia Wennlund