



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kevin Kuenzli



Hard to believe, but another year has come and is about gone. It's been another wonderful year for the Mary Couts Burnett Library and for the Friends.

The Friends FacultySpeak program continues, featuring current and emeritus TCU Faculty on the most interesting topics. In the most recent program, with a large gathering of Friends attending, Dr. Paul Boller, Professor Emeritus at TCU, spoke about his just published book, *Presidential Diversions: Presidents at Play from George Washington to George W. Bush*. What a delightful man and program!

The Friends commitment of financial support to the Library also continues, with renewed emphasis by the Friends Board. The Friends have committed \$20,000, payable over two years, to underwrite the Library's acquisition of an important electronic database for 19th Century British literature. The database, called *C19: The Nineteenth Century Index*, is a one-stop finding tool covering multiple content types, providing records for literally millions of documents ranging from books and newspapers to government documents and periodicals.

This year, the annual TCU Press event is December 7. The Friend's annual banquet, which will be its 36th, will be held in the spring. Stay tuned for the details.

Finally, the Friends and the Library welcome Ms. Tracy Hull, Associate Dean of the Library. Tracy's work as Associate Dean frees Dr. June Koelker to work on long term planning for the Library, such as expansion.

Enjoy the Fall and Winter Seasons! I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

For more information about the Friends or the Library, please call the Library administrative office at (817) 257-6109.

## GUNN DONATES CHAUCER WORKS

By Roger Rainwater

Longtime friend and past president of the Friends of the TCU Library, Ben Gunn, has recently donated a copy of Geoffrey Chaucer's "Monk's Prologue and Tale" and "The Nun's Priest's Prologue and Tale" comprising folios 83 to 91 from William Thynne's third edition of *The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer* printed in London "by Wylliam Bonham, dwellyng in Paules churche yarde at the sygne of the reed Lyon" about 1545. The complete volume bears the title, *The workes of Geffray Chaucer : newly printed, with dyuers workes whiche were neuer in print before : as in the table more playnly dothe appere. Cum priuilegio*. Ben's gift is very nicely bound in modern leather over boards, with paper label. Many thanks to Ben for his continuing generosity to the TCU Library and to the Friends.



## DEAN'S MESSAGE

By June Koelker, Ph.D.



In this issue of our newsletter, you will read articles about the recent gift of the C-19 Index, a database purchased by the Friends Board; about the gift of a Chaucer volume by Ben Gunn, Past President of the Friends Board; about staff changes and a newly hired Librarian; and other news about the Library. We have just had a ribbon cutting to recognize the TCU Student Government Association (SGA) gift to the Library that enabled us to build more Frog Pods at the Information Commons (pictures of Frog Pods are on our website, <http://library.tcu.edu>). Yes, we found the space to do this by moving low use volumes offsite to remote storage. The lack of space in the building continues to be a problem for us in spite of the fact that we average 2,000 students daily in the Library.

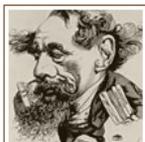
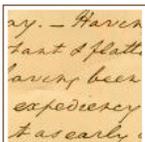
Plans are coming together for a special evening this spring for the Friends. The Annual Banquet will be March 19, 2008 at the Kelly Center. We are planning a "Celebrate Texas Night" that promises to be both enjoyable and informative. Save the date!

I am most appreciative of the support that the Friends of the TCU Library provide the Mary Coats Burnett Library. This column gives me the opportunity to express my thanks. Part of my position as Dean is to be the recipient of compliments from you, our students, and our faculty about our customer service. Thank you for taking the time to let us know that we're doing a great job. We love to hear that.

## A GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE TCU LIBRARY

By Dennis Gibbons

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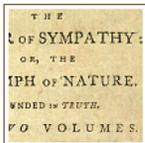


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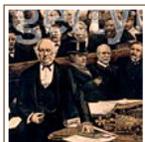
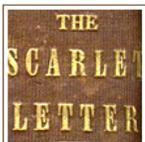
he Friends of the TCU Library have generously donated money for the



acquisition of C19: The Nineteenth Century Index. C19 is a comprehensive source for discovering nineteenth-century books, periodicals, official documents and newspapers. It indexes 1.4 million books and official publications, 64,891 archival collections and 15.6 million articles published in over 2,500 journals, magazines and newspapers.



C19 not only indexes journals but also provides links to full text articles in other databases the library owns. Researchers can link from C19 to articles in American Periodicals Series (1,100 titles) and British Periodicals Collections I & II (over 450 titles). The acquisition of C19 significantly increases the value of these full text databases. We greatly appreciate this gift from the Friends.



## JOYCE ROACH PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL HORNE LIZARD CONSERVATION SOCIETY

By Barbara Standlee



Joyce Roach, Life Member of Friends, was elected president of the National Horned Lizard Conservation Society. She arranged and presided over the 6th Annual Meeting held July 27-29, 2007 at the Kelly Alumni Center on the TCU Campus. The featured display was arranged by Susan Swain a member of the library special collections staff.



For more information about the society see their website at <http://www.hornedlizards.org/>

## 35TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE TCU LIBRARY BANQUET AWARDS

The Carol Jim Renshaw Award was given to Dr. Paul Boller, who has been a supporter of the Library for many years. In addition to giving his personal papers, correspondence, writings and course material he also contributed his collection of Wizard of Oz books. An author of many books including the current *Presidential Diversions*, he has also been a speaker for the annual spring banquet, two FacultySpeak evenings and several staff in-house sessions. He continues to be a frequent visitor to the Library.

Glenna Odom received the Friend of the Year Award for her many memorial and honorary gifts to the Friends. She has been a member since 1972 when she and her husband Dr. Keith Odom were instrumental in beginning the Friends organization. Glenna is in attendance at most Friends events.



Kevin Kuenzli & Glenna Odom



Timothy Egan & Victor Boschini



Kevin Kuenzli & James Lutz

The Professional Excellence Award was given to James Lutz, Director of Library Administrative Services. Since joining the library staff in 1997 he has been instrumental in coordinating with TCU Physical plant to execute projects from the original computer lab and subsequent upgrades to the creation of the Frog Pods.

Timothy Egan was the keynote speaker at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of the TCU Library Banquet and received the 4<sup>th</sup> biennial TCU Texas Book Award for his work *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*.

## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR NEW FROG PODS

By James Lutz

On November 28 brief remarks were made by University Chancellor Victor Boschini, Dean of the Library June Koelker, and Student Government Association President Elect Thomas Pressly before a ribbon cutting ceremony for the two new Frog Pods. The latest Frog Pods, collaborative computing spaces that students can reserve, are the second project that was partially funded by a generous gift from the Student Government Association at TCU.

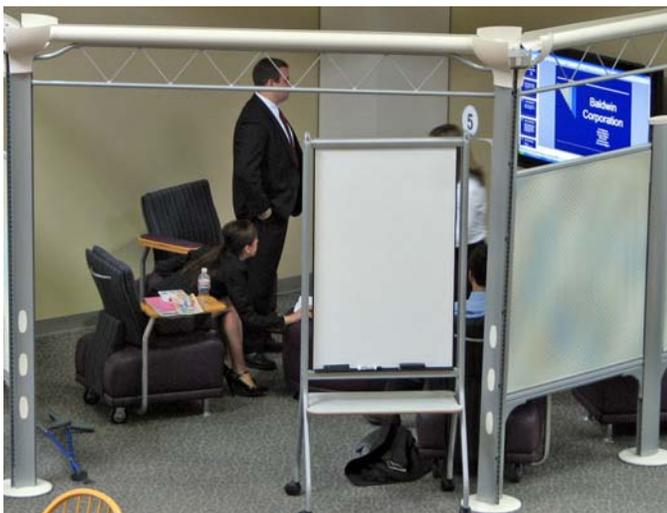
In 2005 SGA gave a \$55,000 gift to the Library for the first Frog Pods. The original Frog Pods are designed around tables and task chairs with two 20" LCD panels to accommodate between 6-8 people. They have been very popular and a reason SGA returned to the Library with the current gift.



*The new Frog Pod arrangement with four tablet arm chairs, ottoman on casters, 52" LCD screen, mobile dry erase board, and computer with wireless mouse and keyboard.*



*Chancellor Victor Boschini speaks at the ribbon cutting..*



*Students rehearse a presentation before semester's end.*

## THE SCHOLAR'S STUDY: NEW RESEARCH SPACE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

By June Koelker

The Dean of the Library began a new initiative this Fall with the introduction of the Scholar's Study. Located on the basement level of the Library, the Study provides individually reserved spaces for graduate students, a resource not previously available in today's crowded Mary Couts Burnett Library. Intended to support those whose research requires frequent use of in-building library material, the Scholar's Study allows graduate students to leave personal belongings and library materials at personal carrels assigned to them for the semester.



## NEW EXHIBIT IN THE LIBRARY LOBBY

By Claire C. Galloway



*A TCU female student, ca. 1922  
TCU Scrapbook Collection*

Consisting of items contained in the university archives housed in Special Collections, "Building a New World: Student Life in the 1920s" highlights the history of student life at TCU during the 1920s. These items represent student life during the decade one historian has termed, "a culture recreating itself."

The exhibit includes photographs of TCU students dating from the 1920s, as well as other materials related to student life. The exhibit first discusses the effect of World War I upon the campus, and then it examines student life in the context of fashion, school clubs, social life outside of clubs, and athletics. The theme of this decade was change, which was very prevalent at TCU during the time. The exhibit will be on display through sometime this spring near the Bistro Burnett in the lobby.

## LIBRARY STAFF: NEW HIRES, TRANSFERS, AND PROMOTIONS

By Tracy Hull

### New Hires



**Jeff Bond**, our new Science Reference Librarian, joined in June. Prior to arriving at TCU, Jeff worked at Emporia State University's William Allen White Library as a Reference and Instruction Librarian. Jeff received his MLS from

Emporia State in August of 2006. In addition he also holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a Bachelor of Music Education.



**Amy Castillo** joins us as a Library Specialist I in the Periodicals Department. Amy has a Bachelor's in Music with an emphasis in Business from U.T. Arlington and she is currently enrolled in the MLS program at Texas

Woman's University. She has a variety of experience in libraries, but most recently she worked as a Customer Service Assistant and Library Clerk at the George W. Hawkes Central Library in Arlington.

### Transfers



**Nancy Menard** has moved from her full-time position in Acquisitions to working part-time placing firm orders for books.



**Ann Margaret Phelps** formerly in the Periodicals Department is now working with our approval plan book orders.



Recently part of the Special Collections division, **Laura Ruede** and the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Archives are now part of the Music/Media Library. Laura is now serving as Van Cliburn Archivist and Assistant Music/Media Librarian, officing in the Music/Media Library

### Promotions



**Cari Alexander**, Music / Media Librarian has been promoted to Librarian III.



Reference Department, **Pat Austin** has been reclassified as a Senior Library Specialist.

## ELLIS AMBURN PAPERS

By David R. Prestianni



Special Collections is pleased to announce that the Ellis Amburn Papers are processed and open for research. Amburn, raised in Fort Worth, graduated from Texas Christian University in 1954 with a B.A. in Journalism, and earned a M.A. in English at Columbia University in 1957. While at TCU, Amburn served as editor of the student newspaper, *The Skiff*, from 1953-54. The day after he graduated from TCU, *Newsweek* magazine, which took note of a particular editorial of his in *The Skiff*, flew him up to their offices in New York City and hired him to work as a reporter. In 1960, Amburn entered the book publishing industry where he made the successful transition from reporter to publishing editor at some of New York's famous publishing houses. For his almost four decades in publishing, he oversaw many bestsellers and was editor for such well-known authors as Paul Gallico, Belva Plain, Muriel Sparks, Joshua Logan, James Jones, and Jack Kerouac's later works.

During the nineties, Amburn became known as a biographer for the several biographies he wrote concerning pop culture icons. In 1990, Amburn wrote his first biography on singer, and fellow Texan, Roy Orbison, titled *Dark Star: The Roy Orbison Story*. Other notable biographies of his include *Buddy Holly: The Real Story* (1995), *Subterranean Kerouac: The Hidden Life of Jack Kerouac* (1997), and *The Most Beautiful Woman in the World: The Obsessions, Passions, and Courage of Elizabeth Taylor* (2000).

The papers document Amburn's career in the publishing industry and as a biographer. The papers consist of drafts of his writings, press clippings, promotional materials, photographs and research materials. Moreover, the papers contain Amburn's professional correspondence, some of which are from well-known literary and Hollywood figures.

A finding aid for the papers is available in the Special Collections reading room and on the department's website. The Ellis Amburn Papers is one of several archival collections in Special Collections documenting the careers and accomplishments of TCU's alumni.

## CELEBRATE TEXAS NIGHT

By Barbara Standlee

*Going to Texas: Five Centuries of Texas Maps*, published by the TCU Press, will be featured at this year's annual spring banquet. TCU faculty and other local authors will be at individual tables hosting discussions of both the book and the Texas Legation Papers (first public viewing). Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, March 19th at 7 p.m. in the Kelly Center**.

## SAVE THE DATE

By Barbara Standlee

On **March 27th** Jeff Guinn will have a conversation with James Donovan, about his recently published book, *A Terrible Glory: Custer and the Little Bighorn*. This special evening will also be held in the Kelly Center at 7 p.m.

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