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CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

April 17, 2009

Library Society Dinner

Keynote speaker Robert M. O'Neil, director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression

6-9:30 p.m.

Ellis Library Grand Reading Room

April 18, 2009

Friends of the MU Libraries Annual Meeting

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Reynolds Alumni Center Room 211

MU Libraries Donor Appreciation Ceremony

10:30 a.m.-noon

Ellis Library 1st Floor Colonnade

Friends of the MU Libraries Annual Luncheon

Noon-2:30 p.m.

Reynolds Alumni Center, Great Room

Message from the editor:

A golden year for the MU Libraries



Jim Cogswell

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year, I am happy to report that 2008 has been both eventful and successful for the MU Libraries. At the Library Society dinner in April 2008, we announced that we had reached our \$8 million campaign goal, and since that time we have raised an additional \$206,439. We are proud to have contributed to the success of the For All We Call Mizzou fundraising campaign, which reached its \$1 billion goal in November.

The success of MU Libraries' fundraising campaign reaffirms our role as a central, vital campus resource by ensuring that necessary research materials and services are available to students, faculty and citizens of the

state. In fact, we annually deliver more than 55,000 books and journal articles to users from other institutions in Missouri and throughout the nation. Your support and contributions continue to make this possible.

The article on pages 2 and 3 of *Library Connections* provide more details of our accomplishments. As always, I invite readers to visit our libraries, either in person or online, to see these and other developments for themselves. With sincere thanks for all the support and encouragement we receive every day, I wish you all the very best in the new year.

Jim Cogswell
Director of Libraries

Expert on free speech to speak at Library Society dinner

Robert O'Neil, former president of the University of Virginia, current director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression and renowned authority on academic freedom, will speak at the Library Society dinner April 17.

After graduating from Harvard

law school, O'Neil clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr. In 1963 he began his law faculty career, first as a teacher at the University of California-Berkeley and then as a teacher-administrator. His posts included provost of the University of Cincinnati, vice

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We did it!

The MU Libraries raise more than \$8 million

For the past eight years, the MU Libraries have been involved in a monumental fundraising campaign. Alumni, friends and corporate supporters were asked to contribute a combined total of \$8 million to the libraries during the For All We Call Mizzou campaign. In April 2008, the MU Libraries reached its goal.

Your generous gifts have enabled a transformation of our libraries. We have expanded physical space, print and online collections, and service hours and event offerings.

Here are some of the highlights of the last eight years:

- Just as the library is the heart of any university, the James B. Nutter Information Commons is the “heart” of the MU Libraries, providing improved access to the very best scholarly materials both in print and online. The 23,000-

square-foot Information Commons, which opened in August 2004, provides a unique learning environment for MU students and faculty. The Information Commons includes casual seating as well as enclosed study rooms.

- The renovated Engineering Library and Technology Commons (ELTC) opened on Feb. 2, 2006. Use of the library has increased 150 percent, with more than 55,000 students visiting the library in the first three months it was open. The



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The James B. Nutter Family Information Commons is located in the south end of Ellis Library.

ELTC features 50 computer workstations and five wireless laptops for checkout.

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Libraries. “Today, we seek to be the global information nexus for journalism, preserving the history and tools of the profession while making the universe of emerging information accessible to students, scholars and practitioners, on campus and around the world.”

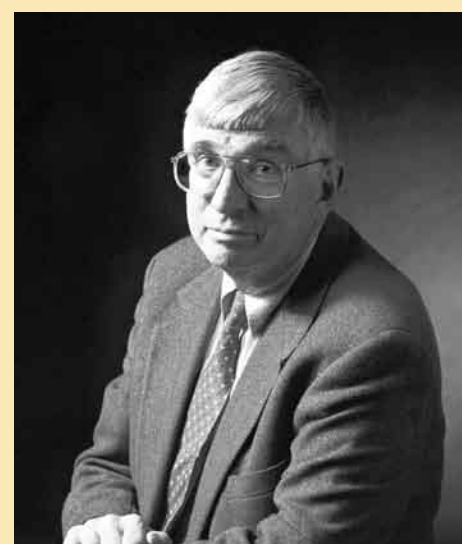
- As of Dec. 31, 2008, the MU Libraries have raised \$8,206,439 for the For All We Call Mizzou Campaign, which is 102.58 percent of the \$8 million goal.
- The Library Society, the primary donor recognition and giving society of the MU Libraries, currently boasts 98 members.
- The Honor with Books program has raised \$28,068 since FY 04–05, which enabled the purchase of approximately 280 books.
- The Adopt-A-Book program has raised \$20,190 since FY 06–07, which enabled the preservation of 99 books from rare and special collections.
- The MU Libraries have hosted

four Library Society dinners to honor donors and supporters.

- The MU Libraries hosted events for alumni in New York City, New Jersey and Boston. Ron Powers, author and MU graduate, was guest speaker at the New York event. Plans are underway to host events in Chicago, Honolulu and Washington, D.C., in 2009.

IN MEMORIAM

Marilyn Lacey McMullen of Shawnee Mission, Kan., died Oct. 19, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Larry; her sons, Michael and Andrew; their wives and six grandchildren. Marilyn attended the University of Missouri and graduated in 1954 with a bachelor of science from the College of Education. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. A strong supporter of the Libraries, she was a member of the Friends of Libraries Council and the Library Society. She and her husband first met in Ellis Library and placed great value on time spent in the library. We at the MU Libraries and the entire university have long valued the contributions of Marilyn and Larry, and we cherish Marilyn’s memory.



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president of Indiana University and president of the University of Wisconsin system.

From 1979–95 O’Neil served as a trustee for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He has also chaired the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, a commission on the future of Virginia’s judicial system and a commission of the Markle Foundation on media coverage of presidential elections.

He currently serves as director of the Ford Foundation’s Difficult

Dialogues initiative, launched in 2005 by the Ford Foundation in an effort to combat anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and other forms of bigotry through rigorous intellectual inquiry and the open expression of opposing viewpoints. MU is one of only a handful of institutions to receive renewal grants from the Difficult Dialogues program.

The 2009 Library Society reception and dinner will be held in the Grand Reading Room (Room 201) of Ellis Library. Invitations will be mailed in March.



Queen Elizabeth and her two ladies-in-waiting greeted Larry and Marilyn McMullen, left, and Ron and Judy Wood, right, at the Library Society dinner Oct. 28, 2006. The Elizabethan theme of the dinner was timed to coincide with the Queen Elizabeth exhibit on display at Ellis Library.

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A lively library



Dan Martin draws Weatherbird during his talk, "See You in the Funny Papers: The Rich Tradition of St. Louis Cartooning." The talk was part of the MU Libraries exhibition, "Alley Oop: 75 Years of the Comic World of V.T. Hamlin," which was held in September 2008.



Steve Richardson, BS BA '77, and wife Sally, BSN '78, of Plano, Texas, enjoy some refreshments at the Ellis Library Homecoming open house, which was held after the Homecoming parade. The open house included cider, muffins, family activities and an exhibit celebrating the history of MU football.



Friends, former students and co-workers gathered at a luncheon in the Reynolds Alumni Center on Sept. 12, 2008, to honor former MU journalism professor Dave Dugan. An endowment to purchase Journalism Library materials was established in Dugan's name by Jim Stewart, BJ '78.