

# Connect!

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## Rileys Donate Digitization Center

Thanks to the stewardship of Harold ('51) and Dottie Riley, researchers across the globe will soon be able to utilize materials from Baylor University. The Rileys have graciously donated \$100,000 to provide furniture and equipment for a digitization center in the Riley Room, named in honor of Harold's father, Ray I. Riley. The new facility is located on the third floor of Moody Memorial Library.

Many researchers both on and off campus are unaware of the rich collections of valuable resources owned by Baylor University. These include rare materials in the Armstrong Browning Library and the Texas Collection, 19th century sheet music in the Crouch Fine Arts Library, audio resources from the Institute of Oral History, and manuscripts, posters and cartoon collections from the Baylor Collections of Political Materials.

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*Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. visits with Harold and Dottie Riley at the unveiling of the Riley Room, named in honor of Harold's father.*

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# Connect@BU Libraries

Welcome to *Connect!*, the libraries' newly designed advancement newsletter. Like the new logo, "Connect@BU Libraries," the name was selected to emphasize the libraries' mission — connecting people with ideas in support of teaching, learning, scholarship and academic distinction.



In addition to the strong link with the mission and logo, the new name also signifies our goal of connecting with clients either in person or electronically. I invite Baylor alumni and donors to stay connected to the people and resources of the libraries through *Connect!*

The lead story highlights Mr. and Mrs. Harold Riley of Austin, who provided a generous gift for a digitizing center on the third floor of Moody Memorial Library. You will also read about the Ferguson-Clark Author Lecture next fall featuring David McCullough, twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Photographs of the libraries' 100th anniversary rededication and the annual donor appreciation banquet on April 24 are also included, along with several other articles for you to enjoy.

Reagan Ramsower  
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# Rileys Donate

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With a high-quality digitization center, these resources can be described in detail, indexed into databases and accessed via the Internet. As the visibility of these resources increases, they will be used widely, and Baylor's scholarly reputation will be further enhanced. Additionally, the use of the digitized versions of these materials can help preserve the original resource from the wear and tear of increased physical use.

The Riley Digitization Center will provide an environment with state-of-the-art equipment capable of handling on-going digitization projects for the Baylor Libraries and other departments across campus. A surprise unveiling of the Riley Room was held on Nov. 16, 2002, in appreciation for the Riley family's generous support of the University over the years. Recently, Harold and Dottie pledged \$15 million to endowed scholarships as part of The Campaign for Greatness, continuing a commitment to stewardship that originated with Harold's father.

"I believe by helping provide an education for someone, you create an opportunity that may result in that person helping someone else," Harold said. "My family was given that opportunity. Dottie and I want to do the same for others."

The generosity of Harold and Dottie brings home the lesson learned from Harold's father, "When God calls, God provides." Ray and Ruby Riley had three children: Betty Riley



Harold Riley and Dean of Libraries Reagan Ramsower

Akeson, Harold Riley and Gordon Riley. Ray Riley experienced a conversion and subsequent call to the ministry in 1938. He later moved his family to Waco where he attended Baylor University. He went on to pastor churches in the Texas Panhandle, Central Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona and California. Rev. Riley died in 1963, his life and pilgrimage a testimony to faith in God's providential care.

— Angela Siefkes  
University Development

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# Pulitzer Prize Author to Speak

Until now, President John Adams has been an obscure and often overlooked figure in American history. In his second Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *John Adams*, David McCullough illuminates the fascinating life of the nation's second president whose efforts proved invaluable in the founding of the United States of America.

Students and history lovers across Texas will have the opportunity to hear McCullough speak at the second annual Ferguson-Clark Author Series planned for Oct. 9 by the Baylor Libraries.

McCullough, a Yale alumnus, has won numerous prestigious awards for his successful books, which include *Mornings on Horseback* and *Truman*, his first Pulitzer Prize winner. Known as an engaging speaker, McCullough has taken part in the White House presidential lecture series. He has served as television host for "Smithsonian World" and "The American Experience" and has

narrated PBS documentaries such as "The Civil War" and "Napoleon."

"He comes to the stage with no notes and speaks for about an hour. He is able to keep your attention the entire time," said Colleen Hightower, a 1949 Baylor graduate and member of the library Board of Advisors.

Mrs. Hightower, who has reviewed *John Adams* while dressed as Abigail Adams, said she appreciates how McCullough exposes a more personal aspect of Adams in relation to his wife. Men and women alike will find the pair's interaction and exchange of opinions and ideas interesting.

"Their relationship was ahead of the times. A man asking a woman what she thought about politics was almost unheard of then," Hightower said.

Lecture attendees can anticipate a vivid portrayal of *John Adams* by the



David McCullough

author himself at 7 p.m. in Waco Hall on the Baylor campus. Tickets will go on sale Aug. 1 through the Baylor Ticket Office, 254-710-3210. Costs are \$5 for students, faculty and staff, \$10 for general admission and \$75 for patrons. Patron tickets will include an invitation to a reception honoring the author in Armstrong Browning Library following the lecture.

— Amy S. Jones

Amy Stephenson Jones was a graduate assistant in the Library Advancement Office last spring. She will receive a master's degree in international journalism from Baylor in August.



John Morris  
"Voice of the Baylor Bears"

## "... brought to you by the BU Libraries"

For the first time ever, the Baylor Libraries joined the Preferred Advertiser Club and were featured during all BU sports broadcasts last year.

A group of Baylor students who are "library regulars" produced the first radio advertisement promoting the libraries last fall. In addition to the taped ad, John Morris, "the voice of the Baylor Bears," read live ads promoting the new Prichard Family Information Commons, the Ernest Gaines lecture, the Creations @ Baylor exhibit, the 100th anniversary of the libraries and the Baylor Book Society.

Library ads were heard at all football games as well as during all men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball games.

# A Day of Celebration



**Faculty and staff, students, alumni and friends gathered for a rededication ceremony April 24 to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Baylor University Libraries. The ceremony took place in Burleson Quadrangle in front of the renovated Carroll Library, which was dedicated in April of 1903.**



*Above Left: Program participants in front of Carroll Library include, from left, Michael Toon, Kathy Hillman, Dr. Reagan Ramsower, Dr. Herbert H. Reynolds, former governor Mark White, Martha McNabb, Dr. Donald Schmeltekopf and Dr. David Lyle Jeffrey.*

*Above: The Baylor Men's Glee Club performs some of the same selections presented by this group at the original dedication.*

*Left: An overflow crowd under the tent listens to the keynote address by Mark White, former governor of Texas and Baylor graduate. Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. introduced the guest speaker at the ceremony.*

*Left: Gov. White delivers the keynote address.*

*Far Left: Gov. White, Dr. Reynolds and Dr. Ramsower visit prior to the rededication.*





**Continuing the anniversary celebration, the annual appreciation banquet for library donors was held in Armstrong Browning Library the evening of April 24.**

*Left: Ade Ifelayo and Kristina Lamb present student perspectives of the many renovations and services in the libraries during the past year.*

*Below Left: For their outstanding support of the Baylor Book Society, Betty and Gus Green receive an inscribed copy of John Adams from Provost-elect David Lyle Jeffrey.*

*Below: John and Ruth Belew, founding members of the Library Fellows, accept an inscribed copy of John Adams from Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr.*



*President Sloan presents framed certificates to new members of the Library Fellows, Bill and Beth Hair, far left, and Reagan and Glenda Ramsower during the banquet program in the McLean Foyer of Meditation.*

Photos by Baylor Photography

# Java City Opens

Students and faculty can now enjoy baguette sandwiches, muffins, snacks, desserts and gourmet coffees at Java City, the cafe that opened in April on the garden level of Moody Library.

"I think it's a really good idea because people like to snack when they study," Elizabeth Norton, a Waxahachie junior, said of the cafe. "A lot of times people are here late nights, and they need something to keep them awake."

Renovations to the library for the inside of the cafe included new furniture and lighting, a new ceiling and the installation of a greenhouse structure facing Harvey Garden. A new wall and a coffee bar with outlets for laptop computers were also added.

Tables are available outside in the Harvey Garden, which was paved



Inside Java City



Harvey Garden

with red brick. Additions to the garden include a redwood planter with seating, new plants and a drip irrigation system.



Members of the Libraries Board of Advisors and library staff gathered for the annual Libraries Donor Appreciation Banquet on April 24. From left: Michael and Rebecca Liles, Jack and Colleen Hightower, D.M. Edwards, Betty Green, Jesmarie Hurst, Ellen Deaver, Margaret Terrell, Martha McNabb, Susie Jaynes, Reagan Ramsower, Carla Sue Garrett, Carol Pitts Diedrichs, Bill Wardlaw, Mary Goolsby and John Wilson.

Right: Jack Hightower, board chair, receives an inscribed copy of John Adams from Dean of Libraries Reagan Ramsower.

"I like the garden renovations," Jessica Chih, a Plano junior who comes to the area to study, said. "It's really nice."

A stage constructed at the end of Harvey Garden is available for entertainment, such as performances from the School of Music or poetry recitals.

Baylor Dining Services (ARAMARK), the Schumacher Foundation in Dover, Mass., and the library provided the funding for the project.

Carol Scott, retail operations director for Baylor Dining Services, said Java City is doing well. "It's been quite well received by the Baylor students," Scott said.

— Andrea Nourse

*Andrea Nourse of Hewitt, a reporter for The Baylor Lariat last spring, wrote numerous articles about the libraries. Andrea graduated in May with a B.B.A. in business journalism and accounting.*



# Student Spotlight

Abbey Cappadonna, a junior public relations major from Helotes, was part of the 2002 library focus group that proposed the idea for what is now the popular Prichard Family Information Commons. We interviewed her to get her opinion on how the library has changed in the past year, and, among other things, how those changes compare with her focus group's vision.

## **Abbey, how often do you study in the library and when?**

This semester I have been working on a group marketing project, so I have been in the Information Commons once a week from 6 to 9 p.m. I also came in once a month to check out books for my religion class and always pulled an all-nighter during finals. In addition, I usually stopped by to finish or polish a paper in the computer lab during my lunch break.

## **How have the libraries changed since you were a freshman at Baylor?**

The most obvious change has been to the lobby. With the opening of the Information Commons, the lobby has become a little bit quieter and a lot less crowded at night. I've also noticed a change, or maybe I've just become more aware, in the effort that the library staff puts into making the library student-focused. I see them going out of their way to make changes that will benefit students and to say "What else can we do to



*Abbey Cappadonna*

make it easier for you?" It impresses me to see an organization that doesn't wait for problems but makes it a habit to think of ways to make a good thing better.

## **Tell me about the focus group you were in last year and how the Prichard Family Information Commons matches up with what the group discussed.**

There were about five students in the group, and a young woman who worked at the library presented the idea for the commons, as well as some sketches of what the room might look like. We were pleased with the design and concept, but I remember we had a lot to say about the furniture and its functionality; we even looked through some furniture magazines, pointing out features we did and did not like. The library staff seemed genuinely interested in our opinions, and I think you can see

that reflected in the different types of furniture found in the commons. The small private reading rooms were a suggestion we had, too, and those are a big plus when students are practicing presentations.

## **How do you think the new Java City will benefit you and other students?**

Well, when I am in the library at night, it's usually because I have a lot of work to do. I especially don't need the temptation of my bed during those times, so in those cases, caffeine is king, and I'm glad it's so close at hand. The specialty drinks and snacks at Java City give us a little extra motivation and encouragement when we're trying to work on tedious projects. During the day, it's great to have an option for coffee and snacks that's so close to the communications building, where I have most of my classes.

## **What would you say to donors and alumni about the kind of impact recent library improvements have on students?**

The things that have been added to the library and the money that the donors have provided have made the difference between a "better" and "best" library. Everyone needs to go to the library at some point, and Baylor goes out of its way to make the library an enjoyable place to study. With the additions, you see more and more people making it their first choice for group and individual study time.

— Interview by Amy S. Jones

## Yes, I Want to Connect!

- Books for Bears (\$50 per book)
- Baylor Book Society (\$500)
- Library Fellows (minimum \$1,000/year)
- Library Fellows Renewal
- Electronic Library Endowment
- Armstrong Browning Library Guardian Angels (minimum \$25)
- The Texas Collection
- Baylor Collections of Political Materials

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