



Friends News

Homecoming games always start off with a kickoff, but this Homecoming Weekend started with a kickoff of another kind. The Bethel Friends of the Library kicked off their first season with a team event co-sponsored by the Art and English departments. The beautifully renovated library was the scene for the first get together of this august group.

Over 50 people showed up to have tours of the library, choose a book for their book plate, hear speeches, honor people, see old friends and eat a delicious brunch.



Jerry Healy was Master of Ceremonies, and what a ceremony it was. Carole Cragg gave a brief history of how the Friends came about. Diana Davis Magnuson was introduced as President of this newly formed body. Diana introduced special guests Nancy Lundquist and John Groh, chair of the Class of 1999 Gift Committee. (Read page 3 to see why Nancy was honored. You will have to wait until next time to find out about the class of 1999.)

Carol Hansen was honored for 30 years of service to the library. All of this, plus a nice brunch (eating in the library - some things do change), served to make this a great kickoff and will surely lead to a winning season. Bethel footballers won, too.

Reading Extravaganza

February can be a dreary time of year in Minnesota. Friends of the Bethel College Library have come up with a perfect solution to those mid-winter doldrums. They are providing an exciting event that will incite the intellect, foster friendships, and satisfy the stomach - all in one evening!

Join in on February 3 at 7 pm for an interdisciplinary reading extravaganza. Four Bethel faculty members will read from their own works, followed by a time for questions.

Here is our all-star lineup:

John Lawyer, Professor of Political Science, "Spirituality of Aging."

Weldon Jones, Professor of Biology, "Folic Acid: The New Wonder Vitamin?"

Keith Anderson, Campus Pastor/ Associate Professor, "Spiritual Mentoring: A Guide for Seeking and Giving Direction."

Jenell Williams Paris, Associate Professor of Anthropology, "Do Less for God."3

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A Letter from the President

Diana Davis Magnuson

My deepest thanks for your overwhelming response to our Friends Kickoff. I know I speak for everyone on the Board that the number of people who expressed strong interest in the work of the Friends has been inspiring. It was exciting for me to be present at our first annual Friends' Homecoming Celebration - history in the making! The Friends' Board hopes that this will be a time Bethel Library Friends will look forward to each year and will anticipate ways to get involved with the ongoing work of the Board.



If you missed the fall event, don't despair! Bethel Friends is hosting a winter readers' extravaganza and again there will be good books, good conversation and good (library approved) treats!

I look forward to seeing you in February.

P.S. Gift tip for those hard to buy for family members or friends: a bookplate in honor of the recipient. And of course, the "Friends" will happily accept any year-end contributions.

Extravaganza

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Invitations will be sent soon for this event, but mark your calendars now. If you keep your calendar on the computer, make a back-up copy on paper - you would hate to lose your social life to Y2K.

If intellectual pursuits are not enough to get you out on a dreary February evening, then come for the fellowship and the food. Reports of a fabulous dessert buffet have surely not been exaggerated. The library is happy to be hosting its special Friends for this Reading Extravaganza.

CONTEST

Your Chance to Win!

In case you haven't noticed, the name of our newsletter, Friends News, is quite lame. This is not because the editorial staff lacks imagination and creativity. No. Rather it is to give each of you a chance to enter a contest to name our newsletter. The winner will not only be announced in print, but will have the satisfaction of seeing their newsletter name in the banner every issue. When this becomes an award winning publication the winner can say with pride, "I thought up the name."

There are no rules. Enter as often as you like. Judges names will be kept secret until we can find some. Send your entries to Carole Cragg (info in box on right) by January 31.



Friends of the Bethel College Library is an alliance of people dedicated to improving the quality of the library collection at Bethel. The Friends News is published four times annually.

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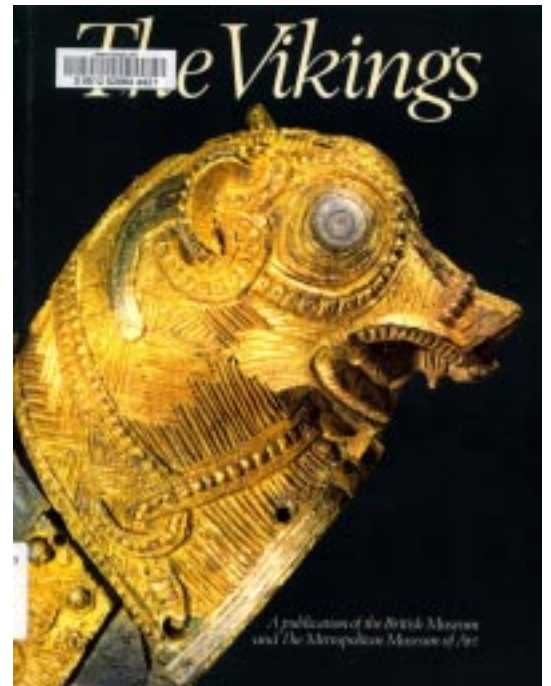


The library of Nancy and Carl Lundquist has been greatly enhanced by many art books collected in their museum visits around the world. The collection consists of anthologies of a particular country or style or era, works of individual artists, and many museum catalogs.



In recent years Nancy has donated many volumes to Bethel's libraries. Carl's extensive devotional literature

has been donated to Bethel Seminary in St. Paul and his theological and ministerial books to the new eastern branch of the seminary. Last spring, Nancy donated more than 100 of their art books to the Bethel College Library. Some are anthologies, some collections of a particular artist, and many are catalogs that the Lundquists acquired in their travels, which always included museum visits. These beautiful and valuable editions were on display during homecoming. We are honored and gratified to add them to our collection.



Financial Report

Thanks to you, the Friends group has been very successful in raising funds for the Bethel College Library. Class of 1999 gift so far totals \$4,719.10, while the other gifts total \$8,328.51.

Bylaws

Many thanks go to the Bylaws Committee of Donna Barnett, Jerry Healy and Verena Larson. If you would like a copy of this fascinating document, please get a life. If that

is not possible, contact any of the librarians - they should know just where to find it. If they don't then the Friends have a bigger job ahead than any of us anticipated.