



Among Friends

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Over and Back Wows a Crowd

By Elizabeth Healy

For the past few years the non-profit world has placed an emphasis on “friend raising” rather than “fundraising.” Well, the Friends of the Bethel University Library have jumped on the friend raising bandwagon and, I must say, have done quite well. However, while recently looking at our checkbook, we all cried out, “Let’s do a fundraiser!”

Our first thought was to have a concert by the Friends’ Board. After checking out available venues, it became obvious that there was nothing available in the size required for such an endeavor. So we went to Plan B and asked *Over and Back* to do a benefit for us.

Over and Back, a group of musicians from Northfield, Minnesota and surrounding areas, has been performing since 1991. Their programs raise money for charity and consist of a great variety of music and witty repartee by genial host Will Healy, a Bethel alum (at least the audience views him as genial.) When contacted by the Friends to do a benefit, Will asked if the Library was something new. He didn’t remember it from his days on campus. However, the band graciously agreed to do a show.

On February 11 over 550 people came to the Benson Great Hall to hear the group. They did not go away disappointed. Piano player Craig

Wasner made the whole stage jump. Michael Hildebrandt on fiddle put the “special” in the “Orange Blossom Special.” Harmonica player Stephen Lampa took our breath away, while having plenty of his own breath to do amazing things. The captivating Charlotte DeVries, the lovely LuAnn Aldrich and the superb Susan Lohmann sang with passion. Dan Schwartz, special guest artist, displayed his award winning finger-style guitar picking.



One of the highlights of the evening for many in attendance came during Will Healy’s monologue. He talked about growing up in the neighborhood of the old Bethel campus. Of course, no mention of that community is complete without reference to the Flame Burger. From the audience’s reaction it was clear that they were all of a certain age, since the Flame has been gone many years now.

Well, the night was also a big success from the fundraising standpoint. The Friends received over \$1700. A big thanks to Earleen Warner for all her work on the benefit. A big thanks to *Over and Back* for their part in the evening. And the biggest thanks of all to the Friends’ Board for not doing the concert they planned.

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Dear Friends,

It was fun to see so many of you and personally greet you at the *Over and Back* event in February. Thank you so much again for turning out to make the evening such a success! I know that I have written this before, but it is still true and worth repeating: I wish to acknowledge the work of all the library staff that volunteered their time to carry out the numerous details surrounding the February event. Please be sure to thank the staff next time that you see them for all they are

contributing so cheerfully and so generously to the Friends! This group is a treasure!

As you can see from the photos, Allison and Austin are growing and give new meaning to the term "shelvers". They turned two at the end of February. They do enjoy books, just not always in the conventional way! I recently took Kathryn (age 8) to a bookstore to buy books for a birthday gift for one of her friends (her idea!). As she made her selections I noticed that she had two of everything. When I questioned her on this she replied, "Well I want to read them too, and I don't have these!"



I think that she may have a future in acquisitions.

If you have ideas for future events and, better yet, if you want to participate in the planning, please contact the Friends at <http://library.bethel.edu> and click on Friends, or call 651.638.6224.

Your financial contributions are enriching our library's resources. When you visit the library you will notice that it is a *very* busy and stimulating place. Students and faculty are making use of the library not only for serious academic pursuits but also to gather with friends and colleagues to soak up the atmosphere. Starbucks has nothing on us (well, maybe the coffee, but that is all!). This couldn't happen without your financial donations. Thank you again for sharing the bounty of God's gifts to you with the Friends of the Bethel University Library.

In your service,

Diana Davis Magnuson



Homecoming Attendees Experience "Extreme Makeover: Library Edition"

By Lyndi Finifrock

Friends who attended the Homecoming Open House on October 16 were amazed at the results of the many changes made in the library over the summer. Guests were entertained by a video that recapped the moving of books, rearranging of shelves, and assembling of furniture. They toured the updated computer lab/instruction classroom and visited the Information Commons. Some ventured upstairs to see the areas that have been reconfigured for



group study. A few guests took a look at the new interface of CLICnet, the online catalog, and the new EBSCO periodical databases.

Guests enjoyed cider and donuts. A few walked away with door prizes, including handmade mugs by Jon Kelly and gift certificates from Home Depot.

Thank you to all who helped make the event a success!

Yikes! IC Li-Bear-ian loose in the Library!

By Carole Cragg

November 15 was a banner day! In addition to the IC Li-Bear-ian handing out balloons, reading (and singing) to students, and inviting all to the IC (Information Commons) Open House, the IC was overrun with excited clients who came to get their ICees and learn

about all the cool services and resources available. Over 700 joined us for door prizes, coloring contests, drawings, mini-workshops and displays of electronics available for check-out.

The IC provides students, faculty and staff with one-stop service for technology support, reference, writing assistance and help with multimedia production.

As teaching, learning, research and presentation continue to evolve with significant electronic components, the collaboration between library instruction, information technology and writing services becomes even more vital. We know this is critical for the future as we prepare students to make a difference in the world.

Thank you for helping support this wonderful Library & Information Commons that allows ideas and innovation to flourish!



We're the IC and We're Too Cool!

Books From Friends

By Rhonda Gilbraith

In the last couple weeks I have done the following things: left a pan of honey on the stove to burn, overflow and seep down into the innards of my stove; left my purse at a coffee shop; and left a couple pounds of good hamburger on top of not in, mind you the freezer over night. My kind friends and sweet husband reassure me that this is normal. I am busy after all. And then I found this poem, by Billy Collins. Those of you not yet approaching

middle age may find it amusing; those squarely in and beyond may find it, as I do, immensely comforting. Here are a few lines:

Forgetfulness

The name of the author is the first to go followed obediently by the title, the plot, the heartbreaking conclusion, the entire novel which suddenly becomes one you have never read, never heard of, as if, one by one, the memories you used to harbor decided to retire to the southern hemisphere of the brain, to a little fishing village where there are no phones.

Would you like to read the rest of that charming poem? Take yourself to the Bethel University Library, where you can find it, thanks to the contributions of Friends like yourself, in a collection entitled, *Sailing Alone Around the Room*.

Books like these may not be on the reading list of any of our English classes, but they contribute nonetheless to the education and pleasure of our community. Let me tell you about some other books that populate this category.

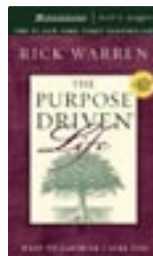


Rick Bayless' *Mexico One Plate at a Time*. This beautiful book is more than a cookbook—it's a travelogue and cultural education. Winner of the James Beard Award for excellence in cookbooks.

Gay Talese Reader: Portraits & Encounters.

Check out one of the great essayists of the Twentieth Century. Great bedside reading. *Art for Travelers: Italy*. Florence, anyone? Rome? Find out what art awaits you there.

An Encyclopedia of Shade Perennials. Are you plagued by murky patches of yard where nothing but creeping charley thrives? Enrich your surroundings by consulting this book, filled with color photos.



And **More Audio Books!** The audio books purchased with Friends money have been among the most popular recent additions to our collection. Just last week Carol Hansen and Earleen Warner picked up these gems: Barbara Kingsolver's *The Poisonwood Bible*;



Anne Morrow Lindbergh's *Gift from the Sea*; Dylan Thomas reading his own poems (and introduced by none other than Billy Collins); *Principle Centered Leadership*; *The Purpose Driven Life*; *Le Morte d'Arthur* (read by the sonorous Derek Jacobi); Tom Brokaw reading his *Greatest*

Generation, Wodehouse's *Right Ho, Jeeves*; a John Grisham collection—and many more. Come get one for your next car trip!

Bethel Librarians Honored

Catalog Librarian Amy Reinhold (pictured, left) and Reference and Program Development Librarian Carole Cragg (pictured, right) were honored at the Coordinating Libraries in Consortium (CLIC) Recognition Luncheon and Forum on February 2.

Amy received the User Service Award which is “presented to an individual within CLIC who has done the most to improve service to users of the CLIC libraries during the



previous year.” She was chosen for this award in part for her leadership in many of the CLIC working groups. One of Amy's nominators stated, “Although her time is stretched to the limit, she is always generous with her talents and is a gracious leader.”

Carole was awarded the Group Effectiveness Award for her work on the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) Redesign Committee.

This award is “presented to a committee, task force, or other group within CLIC, which best exemplifies effective group actions for the benefit of the consortium and its mission.” Chris Olson, executive director of CLIC, noted the committee's effective communication and group dynamics, many hours of time, and a product well done.

Bethel Author Corner

By Nancy Olson

Beyond Rhetoric: Reconciliation as a Way of Life by Curtiss DeYoung & Samuel George Hines.

Dr. Curtiss DeYoung, Bethel associate professor of Reconciliation Studies, has partnered with Dr. Samuel George Hines, senior pastor at Third Street Church of God, Washington, D.C., to write *Beyond Rhetoric: Reconciliation as a Way of Life*. DeYoung expresses his feelings about this partnership

when he says, “this book is a unique father-and-son duet. The late Reverend Dr. Samuel George Hines was my father in the ministry.”

The hallmark of Dr. Hines' ministry was reconciliation. This compassionate, respectfully written “duet” will instruct and inspire reconciliation as it moves you through chapters of biblical theology of reconciliation, the church as an agent in reconciliation and the practice of reconciliation.

If you are working toward reconciliation in your life, whether individually or in community, this book will help you understand the issues from a biblical and practical perspective and will encourage you toward continued growth.



For Travelers Who Read, Or Readers Who Travel, Or Travelers, Or Readers

By Lorraine Eitel

Imagined London by Anna Quindlen

If you've taken a trip to London, or if you've only visited it in novels and/or mysteries, you'll enjoy this travel tour. If you're planning a journey to London, this book would be more than helpful. If you've read and read and read, this book will help you envision the settings of all those books.

London is a multileveled city, reflecting centuries of war, rulers, and ethnic changes. On her recent sojourn there, Anna Quindlen (whose essays and novels you may know) strove to see it in three ways for us: the fictional London that lives in the pages of writers from Shakespeare to P.D. James; the historical metropolis where so many immortal authors have made their homes; and the vibrant capital that today welcomes visitors from all over the world. Anna Quindlen made me eager to go once again to London with her book tucked into my carry-on.

In Memory of Dr. Art Lewis

By Earleen Warner

“Art Lewis, a beloved professor of Old Testament at Bethel College from 1966 to 1988, passed away in the early morning hours of Tuesday, March 8. He came to teach at Bethel after 15 years of missionary service in Portugal. Art had a great love for Bethel. Even after a severe stroke, he continued to write, teach, and be involved with Bethel in numerous ways.” (Bethel University, Office of Communications and Marketing)

Art and Helen Lewis have been Friends of the Bethel University Library since its beginnings in 1999. Their support, interest, and attendance at Friends events have been greatly appreciated. Dr. Lewis’ presence will be missed.

Friends members are encouraged to designate future membership funds toward the purchase of books “In Memory of Dr. Art Lewis.” Whenever a Library patron opens one of these books and sees the bookplate with Dr. Lewis’ name, he will be remembered.

Please keep Helen and her family in your prayers as they walk through the coming days.

Knitters Unite to Celebrate Women’s History Month

By Lyndi Finifrock

On March 3, thirty-five students, staff, faculty and guests cozied up to the fireplace for a night of knitting hosted by Lyndi Finifrock and Carole Cragg, both Reference Librarians who love to knit. Novices learned the basics of knitting while others brought their current knitting projects. Molly, a new knitter, said of the event, “It was a great way to celebrate womanhood.”

Library Footnotes

⇒ The Library is working on a new look for its homepage. Give your input by filling out a survey and sign up for a chance to win prizes. Go to the Library’s homepage (<http://library.bethel.edu>) and click on the student option. **Hurry! Survey ends March 30!**

⇒ The following equipment is now available for checkout in the Library:

- Laptop computers
- CD players
- DVD players
- Flash drives



⇒ Faculty are able to check out digital video cameras to assist them in developing more creative lectures and classroom discussions.

⇒ New Multimedia Centers make it possible for faculty and students to use video, cassette, or LP files to create CDs or digital files that can be used in class presentations. For example, faculty can videotape student teachers and share the video with students, allowing them to evaluate themselves.