

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Page 1	TCU Texas Book Award 35 th Annual Friends of the TCU Library Banquet
Page 2	President's Message Dean's Message
Page 3	Grace Halsell Papers
Page 4	New Members Donors Gifts Made in Memory Of Board Members Faculty Speak
Page 5	TCU Texas Book Award Continued Anna Harriet Heyer
Page 6	News From the Library
Page 7	TCU Scrapbook Collection

TCU TEXAS BOOK AWARD

By Barbara Standlee, Administrative Assistant

Timothy Egan, winner of the 4th biennial TCU Texas Book Award for *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*, will speak and accept his \$5,000 award at a Friends of the TCU Library banquet on April 17 at the Kelly Center on the TCU campus. For more information, please call 817-257-6109. The TCU Texas Book Award is jointly sponsored by the Friends of the TCU Library and TCU Press.

The Worst Hard Time is also the recipient of the 2006 National Book Award for non-fiction, the Oklahoma Book Award and the Western Heritage (Wrangler) Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. *Publishers Weekly* described the book as a "visceral account how America's great, grassy plains turned to dust" and *The New Yorker* as "portraits as sobering and far less familiar than those of the 'exodusters' who staggered out of the Great Plains." Amazon's website commentaries include "Best of the books I read during this past year" and "This is a book that you simply cannot put down. It is a "masterpiece."



Continued Page 5

35TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE TCU LIBRARY BANQUET

By Barbara Standlee, Administrative Assistant

On Friday evening, January 29, 1972, in the library foyer one hundred and twenty persons attended the organizational meeting of the Friends of the TCU Library. Library staff members were seated at a membership table and made arrangements for food, dishes, service, and decorations. The original by-laws stated the purpose of the organization (1) to encourage understanding and appreciation of the library (2) to build a greater realization of the importance of the library to the future development of the university (3) to attract gifts in the form of bequests, endowments and other appropriate materials (4) to serve as a medium through which friends of the library may become acquainted and share their enthusiasm for books.

During the early years the annual dinner was held in the library reference room and then in 1979 moved to Colonial Country Club. A brief exception occurred in 1983 when it was held in the spacious lobby of the newly expanded library. Since 1999 it has been hosted in the TCU Kelly Alumni Center.

Even though Daniel Schorr, Jim & Kate Lehrer, Liz Carpenter, Betty Buckley, Tony Hillerman, and Bob Schieffer are among the more notable guest speakers no less enjoyable and informative have been the academics, authors, actors, art curators, playwright, and former library dean.

In 2001 the first TCU Texas Book Award was established and presented to Steve Harrigan for *Gates of The Alamo*. Jeff Guinn was the winner in 2003 for *Our Land Before We Die* and the 2005 award went to *The Captured* by Scott Zesch.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

Spring is, literally, in full bloom, and isn't it a wonderful time of the year? New and fresh beginnings and possibilities bring with them new energies and excitements. Don't overlook the energy and excitement at the Mary Coats Burnett Library. Dr. June Koelker will begin her second year as Dean of the Library in May, and she, with the Library staff, continue to impress with energy, dedication and forward thinking.

I encourage you to take advantage of all that spring has to offer and join into all manner of things that interest you, whatever that might be. The Friends continue to offer many opportunities, whether through Membership or through the many programs that the Friends offer throughout the year.

No time like the present. On April 17, the Fourth Biennial Texas Book Award, sponsored by the Friends and TCU Press will be presented. Make your reservations. This occasion also marks our Spring Banquet—an annual gathering for the past 35 years. Thanks to the Library and all the Members of the Friends who have made this possible.

Also, be sure to take advantage of the Friends' FacultySpeak program, which features current and emeritus TCU faculty. By the time you read this, Dr. Gregg Cantrell, TCU Professor of History, and the Lowe Chair in Texas History, will have presented on April 3 a program titled, "Texas Legation Papers." These historically significant documents, belonging to the Texas State Archives, are temporarily housed at TCU for researcher access and provide historians previously unknown and important information about the Republic of Texas from 1836 until its annexation into the U.S. in 1845. If you miss this opportunity, keep on the lookout for future FacultySpeak programs.

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

Above all, though, enjoy this glorious Spring Season!

Regards,
Kevin Kuenzli

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Spring is a time of beginning and it is a time of closure: a beginning of a new calendar year and at the same time, we see the end of an academic year in sight. Focusing on beginnings, I am initiating new services for TCU graduate students. Graduate students can be a library's most intensive set of users while they pursue graduate studies. In the current library's cramped building conditions, we are not able to provide sufficient study space. As a beginning, I started a "Scholar's Study." This room is reserved for graduate students, providing them with personal space to support their long hours in the library. Another beginning is the availability of the website <http://lib.tcu.edu/m>. Recognizing the popularity of cell phones and mobile devices used by the campus community, this website customizes displays for the library's web page and its database, so that both are viewable from small display windows, typical of handheld devices.

As we near the near the end of an academic year, I look back at some of the changes introduced earlier in the year. In the fall, we redesigned the library's webpage after usability testing, arranging its display to be more self-explanatory. We expanded the Library's Bistro Burnett in the Lobby to offer a broader selection of food, including sushi. Yes, sushi is one of the best sellers for campus food service!

The current academic year has had many good events for us. We hired a new Associate Dean, filled other important staff vacancies, and received the Texas Legation Papers. Next month, we will award the TCU Texas Book Award to Timothy Egan for *The Worst Hard Time* at the annual Friends Banquet. I encourage you to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Friends of the TCU Library on April 17th by joining us that evening.

Dr. June Koelker

GRACE HALSELL PAPERS

By Claire Galloway, Archivist

Special Collections is pleased to announce that the Grace Halsell Papers are processed and open to researchers.

Halsell, a journalist and author, worked for several newspapers between 1942 and 1965, including the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, and the Washington Bureau of *The Houston Post*. Throughout her career, she traveled alone to and worked in many places in Europe, Asia, South America, and Central America. From 1965 to 1968, she worked as a staff writer for President Lyndon B. Johnson. She was assigned to write official statements and became the highest-ranking woman on his staff at the time. After her stint in the White House, Halsell focused her career on writing non-fiction books, the most famous of which is *Soul Sister* (1969). Among her thirteen published books are *Black-White Sex* (1972), *The Illegals* (1978), *Journey to Jerusalem* (1981), and *In Their Shoes* (1996). In her writings she emphasized love and tolerance for others and went to great effort to change her physical appearance to experience how other ethnicities lived, including taking medication to darken her skin for her *Soul Sister* research.

In 1993, the University of Pennsylvania bestowed the Lifetime Achievement Award upon Halsell. The Association of Women Journalists honored her career in journalism in 1996, and Texas Christian University's Journalism Department named her the Green Honors Chair Professor of Journalism.

In 2000 Halsell died in Washington, D.C.,

of complications from treatment for multiple myeloma, a cancer related to the medicine she took to darken her skin for *Soul Sister* research.

The papers document the life and career of Grace Halsell. They consist of materials related to Halsell's published and unpublished works, as well as personal correspondence and research material. The correspondence, especially with her family, is the highlight of the collection due to its personal nature. Photographs and correspondence document the many notable figures with whom Halsell had contact, among them Clark Gable, Conrad Hilton, Alex Haley, Dan Rather, and Jim Wright. Halsell's writings and research material provide insight into racial and sexual relations during the 1960s and 1970s. In the 1980s and 1990s her writing focus shifted from these subjects to religious conflicts, particularly those in the Middle East.

Halsell's father, Harry H. Halsell, was the author of nine books, including *Cowboys and Cattleland* (1937), *Memories of the Old Chisholm Trail* (1939), and *The Old Cimarron* (1944).

A finding aid for the papers is available in the Special Collections reading room and on the Special Collections' webpage. The Grace Halsell Papers is one of several archival collections in Special Collections documenting the life, career, and accomplishments of literary figures.



Grace Halsell, c. 1940s
Grace Halsell Papers

NEW MEMBERS (May 2006-March 2007)

Linda Anderson	Teresa Massengale
Susan L. Anderson	Leeann Michalak
James E. Bradley	Charles Ogilvie
Kathleen Burnham	Rodney Robb
Amy Dooley	Scott Shirley
John Durand	Susan & Jim Smith
Gwin Grimes	Jon Walters
Megan Johnson	Trish Wise
Yeon Sun Lim	Leah Wyckoff
Catherine Mallette	

DONORS

Dr. Paul Boller
Bill Bond
The Robert S. & Joyce Pate Capper Charitable Foundation
Alex and Virginia Cothran
Dallas TCU Womens Club
Dr. Floyd & Patty Durham
Dr. A.F. & Roxanne Murph
Glenna Odom
A.M. Pate Charitable Trust & Mrs. Joyce Pate Capper
Dr. Ben & Mrs. Phoebe Procter
Dr. & Mrs. Frank Reuter
Dr. & Mrs. Burton Schwartz
Sally & Roger Sorensen
Pat & Ruthanna Truly

GIFTS MADE IN MEMORY OF

Jane Daniel
Grace Hermann Diehl
Joe Enochs
Jack Gates
Gladys Cavilt Gosney
Dorothy Knepper
Dr. Ken Lawrence
William Michero
Ruth Newcomer
Dr. Keith Odom
Pauline Prescott
John Roundsaville
Dr. George Tade

HONORARIUM GIFTS

Jim & Liz Kelly's 50th Wedding Anniversary

BOARD MEMBERS

OFFICERS

Kevin Kuenzli	President
Cynthia Reaves	Vice President
Dr. Mary Schunder	Secretary
Edward Fritz	Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS

Alexander Cothran
Patti Durham
Marvin Gearhart
Susan Smith
Susan Hotard (Past President)
Dr. June Koelker (TCU Library)
Dr. Judy Alter (TCU Press)
Ronald Watson (TCU Faculty)

STAFF SUPPORT

Barbara Standlee

Tuesday April 3rd

Faculty Speak

Dr. Gregg Cantrell, Professor of History, and Erma and Ralph Lowe Chair in Texas History will present on the recent loan of the Texas Legation Papers to TCU. TCU Library conference room, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday April 3rd.



For more information
Dr. Gregg Cantrell

<http://personal.tcu.edu/~gcantrell/>

Texas Legation Papers

<http://www.newsevents.tcu.edu/745.asp>

TCU TEXAS BOOK AWARD

(Continued from Page 1)

For 15 years Egan has been an enterprise reporter for *The New York Times* with articles featured in the Sunday weekly review and travel sections. In 2001 he shared in a Pulitzer Prize for a pioneering series exploring race in contemporary America. His other books include a Northwest classic, *The Good Rain: Across Time and Terrain in the Pacific Northwest*, and *Lasso the Wind: Away To the West*, winner of the 1999 Governor's Writing Award for Washington State and a New York Times Notable Book of the Year. His well-received novel *The Winemaker's Daughter* reflects not only his growing up in the Northwest but also a year spent in Italy with his wife and children. Mr. Egan also is a featured radio essayist for the BBC.

Mr. Egan and his family make their home in the Seattle area.



Timothy Egan, by Sophie Egan



ANNA HARRIET HEYER

By Cari Alexander, Music/Media Librarian

The TCU Music/Media Library is proud to announce the completion of the Anna Harriet Heyer display celebrating her life and her achievements. Ms. Heyer was a pioneer as the first full-time music librarian in Texas and author of the three editions of "Historical Sets, Collected Editions and Monuments of Music: a Guide to their Contents". This extensive bibliography became the guiding path linking researchers to the contents of the various large collected works of composers. It also encompassed other multi-volume, all-inclusive collections representing genres of music or national musical output from places such as Germany or Austria. She started the music library at what is now The University of North Texas in 1940 and worked at TCU as a library consultant from 1965-1979.

Ms. Heyer earned several degrees from institutions; including TCU, Illinois, Columbia and Michigan, but she always came back to Fort Worth to practice her many talents as a musician and librarian in both the public school system and higher education. She was a charter member of the Junior Woman's Club and a life member of the Woman's Club. She was a life member of TCU Friends of the Library as well as the Music Library Association at both state and national levels. She was awarded several achievement awards for her contributions to the advancement of libraries and musicology.

The TCU Music/Media Library is excited to be honored with a gift from her estate making several projects possible. Please come and visit the display in the Music/Media Library (second floor) to learn more about this remarkable woman.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Tracy Hull, Associate Dean of The Library



Ms. Tracy Hull becomes the new Associate Dean for the Mary Coutts Burnett Library. Tracy comes to TCU from Drexel University in Philadelphia where she currently is the W.W. Hagerty Library's Head of Information Services. Before Drexel University, Tracy was employed at Georgia State University's Pullen Library as the Head of Liaison and Research Services and at Duke University's Lilly Library as the Resource Education and Drama Librarian. Tracy's educational background includes a Master's degree in Library Science and a Master's degree in Fine Arts from the University of Illinois. We welcome Tracy and look forward to her joining the Mary Coutts Burnett Library in early summer.

Library Staff: Promotions, New Hires and Transfers

Promotions



Ms. Brenda Barnes is TCU's new Head of Reference. Brenda's promotion occurred in March. Previously, Brenda supervised Government Information services. She brings more than 20 years of reference experience to her new position.



Ms. Kay Edmondson is the new Head of Interlibrary Loan. Kay has assisted, most ably, the library's Interlibrary Loan services since 1996. Her promotion became effective January 2007. Congratulations to both Brenda and Kay.

Transfers and New Hires



Ms. Karen DeWysockie became the new Library Specialist in Periodicals in March 2007, bringing Periodicals experience from the library at Southwestern Baptist Seminary.



Ms. Maria Puente, Library Specialist, transferred from the Library's Periodicals department to Interlibrary Loan in February. We welcome both Maria and Karen to their new positions.

Library Staff Award

This year's Staff Award, the tenth, sponsored by the TCU Friends of the Library was awarded to Lori Russell. Lori is a Computer Technical Specialist with the Library who manages the Information Commons computer lab.

Those who nominated Lori said that *in addition to managing technical details of maintaining the hardware and software in the IC lab, she is a gracious "host" to the many stressed-out students who need help with printing, mastering the quirks of Microsoft Word, using Library research databases, and all the other tasks that students in the modern university use computers to do.*

TCU SCRAPBOOK COLLECTION SHEDS LIGHT ON FORGOTTEN FACTS IN TCU'S HISTORY

By Claire Galloway, Archivist

Special Collections is pleased to announce that the TCU Scrapbook Collection is processed and open to researchers. Although these scrapbooks have been housed in Special Collections for several decades, they are now gathered together as an official collection that is accessible to the public. This collection includes many interesting items that document long-forgotten stories in TCU's history. This article illustrates just a few examples of unusual and interesting stories, such as Helen Keller's visit to TCU, the Braxton B. Wade Memorial Prohibition Library within the main library, and Dura Louise Cockrell's 1920s student scrapbook.

On March 5, 1915, Helen Keller and teacher Mrs. Macy visited Fort Worth to give a lecture, which many of TCU's female students attended. Student body president Edward Carl Tomlinson compiled a scrapbook in the 1910s during his college years, and he kept a copy of *The Skiff* that documented Keller's visit. A large crowd of the female students who lived in Jarvis Hall attended Keller's lecture at the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Macy spoke of her history with Keller, particularly how she had helped Keller learn how to communicate despite her barriers, followed by Miss Keller's address on "Happiness." Afterwards the speakers gave the audience time to ask questions concerning her opinions on authors, heaven, and the current European war. Not only did a large crowd of TCU students attend this lecture as audience members, but some of the female students also served as ushers for the night.

In November of 1916, the Braxton B. Wade Memorial Prohibition Library was founded within TCU's main library. "Brack" Wade, a 1911 graduate of TCU, had been an officer of TCU's Prohibition Association as a student. He died in January of 1916 after a disappointing loss as a "dry" candidate for election to his county's legislature. In May of 1916, TCU's librarian Miss Nell Andrew proposed a monument in the form of a prohibition library that would be dedicated to his memory. Wade's family donated \$100, and his friends and associates followed with monetary and literary donations. The library placed glass book cases in all of the prominent parts of the library to display their growing collection of prohibition literature. A library staff member continued to add clippings to a scrapbook documenting the prohibition library through 1925, after which no other records of this memorial remain.

Dura Louise Cockrell's scrapbook is one of several student scrapbooks detailing student social life and activities at TCU during the early 1920s. Cockrell was the daughter of two TCU professors. Her father E.R. Cockrell taught in the political science and law fields before being elected as mayor of Fort Worth, and her mother Dura Brokaw Cockrell taught art for years and worked as the principal of TCU's School of Art (they also had contributed both money and books to the Wade Prohibition Library). Cockrell was a TCU student from 1920 to 1924, and her scrapbook documents some of her academic, but mainly her extracurricular, activities. She kept receipts, programs, and many other evidences of things she had done, including a receipt for her full payment of \$6 for the 1923 Horned Frog. Another advertisement publicized "moving pictures" that would be shown at TCU on a particular Friday at 25 cents per adult. Among her many club activities, she served as head of the Clark Literary Society and kept several examples of the correspondence that she mailed to members. Several photos show Cockrell involved in various artistic activities with her friends, including participating in a staged play and posing for a bust that Special Collections still possesses.

These stories are just three examples of the interesting and unusual types of material found in the TCU Scrapbook Collection. A finding aid for the papers is available in the Special Collections reading room and on the department's webpage. The TCU Scrapbook Collection is one of several archival collections in Special Collections documenting the history of the university.



Braxton B. Wade, c. 1915
TCU Scrapbook Collection



Dura Louise Cockrell posing
for a bust, c. 1920-1924
TCU Scrapbook Collection