

Views

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Annual Meeting of the Friends

The Friends will be holding their Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 4:30pm in the Van Pelt Library.

The Annual Meeting is a time for Board elections. Five current Board members are standing for re-election to the Board. In addition there is an empty board seat that any member may run for -- please contact Chairman Dee Vincent (dee@mtu.edu) to indicate your interest. Many thanks to all current and former board members for their enthusiastic and much appreciated service to the Friends.

The current slate of Board officer candidates appears below. Others interested in running for a position on the Board or for an officer position may nominate themselves at the meeting.

Dee Vincent, Chairman
Don Durfee, Vice Chairman
Amy Hughes, Secretary
Terry Reynolds, Treasurer

This event is open to the public. Bring a friend interested in becoming a Friend!

The *Friends* are always available on line through a link on the Van Pelt Library's web page www.lib.mtu.edu/ or go there directly by typing www.lib.mtu.edu/friends/friends.htm

Report from missing board member Faith Morrison

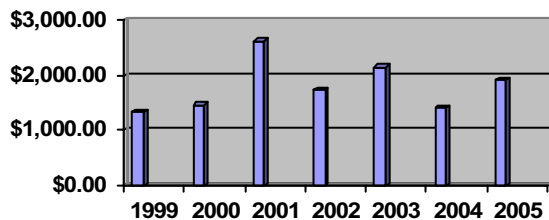
by Faith Morrison

Report from Korea: The libraries are very good here, and there are many books in English. The students are very serious. In the library at Korea University they have student study carrels in a huge array, and students have to present their student IDs to be allowed in to study! I wish all students everywhere were so determined to study! Turns out the reason for the security is that the facilities at Korea University are very nice and students from other Universities and high schools come over and take up all the seats. They need to reserve them for KU students.



Above is a photo of Faith Morrison in Korea (standing in front of Innovation Hall, where her office is)!

The 2005 Friends Book Sale an Unexpected Success



by Terry Reynolds

The Annual Friends Book Sale, held April 5th and 6th, 2005, enjoyed more success than anticipated. Anticipations, admittedly, were low. As in 2004, the Friends' book storage capacity was limited due to the ongoing construction in the Library. Moreover, the space provided us in the Memorial Union Building for the sale itself was more cramped than usual. As a result naysayers predicted the lowest grossing book sale ever.

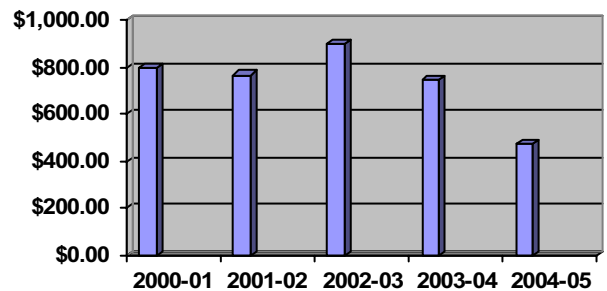
In the end, however, the 2005 book sale grossed \$2,043 for Friends' projects. As the chart above reveals, while the 2005 sale did not approach the 2001 sale in proceeds, it ranked considerably higher than the 1999 and 2004 sales.

In the next few months the Friends should have considerable storage space for donated books in the new and expanded library. So – if you have books you want to donate to a good cause – give the friends a call. Donations can be dropped off at the library or, for larger collections, you can call or email Dana Richter (dlrichte@mtu.edu 487-2149) to arrange for pickup.

Note cards are available on the web

The images may be seen at http://www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/note_cards.html
The note cards are only \$12/set plus tax and shipping and handling. Order some today by emailing your order to treynolds@mtu.edu (include credit card number and billing address for payment). We also accept regular mail orders sent to treasurer Terry Reynolds c/o Friends.

Book Cart Sales Suffer During Library Construction



by Terry Reynolds

In addition to the annual Friends' book sale, the Friends also offer used books for sale on a library cart situated in the Library. Sales at the cart are on the honor system. This system, dreamed up five years ago by Terry Reynolds, Friends' Treasurer, has yielded almost \$3,700 to fund library improvement projects.

In the first four years of the sales cart, annual revenues had averaged almost \$800. This past year proceeds dropped to under \$500 (see chart above). As library operations constantly shifted to meet the demands of construction, the location of the sale cart shifted as well, often to obscure and out-of-the way locales. Those accustomed to browsing the cart at its previous convenient and obvious location, often lost track of it. Sales thus plummeted.

The Friends' hope that the return of stability to library operations will result in increased cart sales during the coming academic year.

Friends Donate 6 Laptops to Library

The Friends have donated six HP laptops to the library. The laptops will be available to anyone with an MTU ID card or library courtesy card and may be checked out at the library's circulation desk for use within the building. The newly renovated library has wireless access throughout. The laptops should be available Oct. 15.

MTU Archives Offers Research Travel Awards

by Julie Blair, Archival Associate
MTU Archives & Copper Country Historical Collections

The Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections is offering research support awards for the 2006 calendar year. Financial support for the travel award program is provided by the Friends of the Van Pelt Library, a support organization for the Library and Archives of Michigan Technological University.

The travel grant program is intended to increase awareness of the Archives' collections and encourage use of some lesser-known resources by scholars. The Archives' manuscript collections contain an abundant array of clues to the region's rich history.

Past recipients of the travel grant have examined topics ranging from the role of Irish immigrants in the UP, to the transformation of former mining districts into vacation and tourist destinations after World War II. The Archives has sponsored visiting scholars from throughout the United States and as far away as Sweden and England.

The MTU Archives is a department of the JR Van Pelt Library. Located on the Garden Level of the new Library facility, the Archives is a place where members of the campus community and the general public can learn more about local and regional history, and the people and events of the past. The MTU Archives is open from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The deadline for applications for the 2006 MTU Archives Research Travel Awards program is January 23, 2006.

For more information about the MTU Archives or to request an application, contact the Archives at copper@mtu.edu or call 487-2505.

Econo Foods "Computers for Kids" Program Benefits Van Pelt Library

by Mary Marchaterre

Time to collect your receipts from Econo to benefit the Van Pelt Library at MTU. Through its *Computers for Kids* program, Econo Foods donates to the Friends 1% of the sum of all Econo receipts collected. These funds are used to pay for computer systems in the Library. In 2004/2005, the Friends of the Van Pelt Library collected Econo receipts that totaled \$58,093.44. As a result, Econo Foods donated 1% of that total, or \$580.93, to the Friends. Econo Foods had donated \$303.61 in 2001, \$431.76 in 2002, \$521.02 in 2003 and \$570.87 in 2004.

Many thanks to those who participated last year, and a big "keep it up" to all collecting receipts for 2005-2006.

Want to help? Please collect your receipts from Econo Foods and send them to us or drop them in the collection box at the circulation desk of the Library. Econo will accept receipts dated from the end of August, 2005, through the beginning of June, 2006. Please send your receipts by inter-campus mail to Mary Marchaterre (IT- 209 Admin). Want to help more? Put out a collection box in your area and encourage your coworkers to bring in their receipts for our Library. There are drop boxes in the Chemical Engineering office (203 Chem Sci), the Chemistry office (607 Chem Sci), at the Library circulation desk, in the coffee room on the 2nd floor of the admin building, and in the basement of the EERC. Every little bit helps.

Thank you Econo Foods! Thanks to everyone who is collecting receipts for the Friends.

