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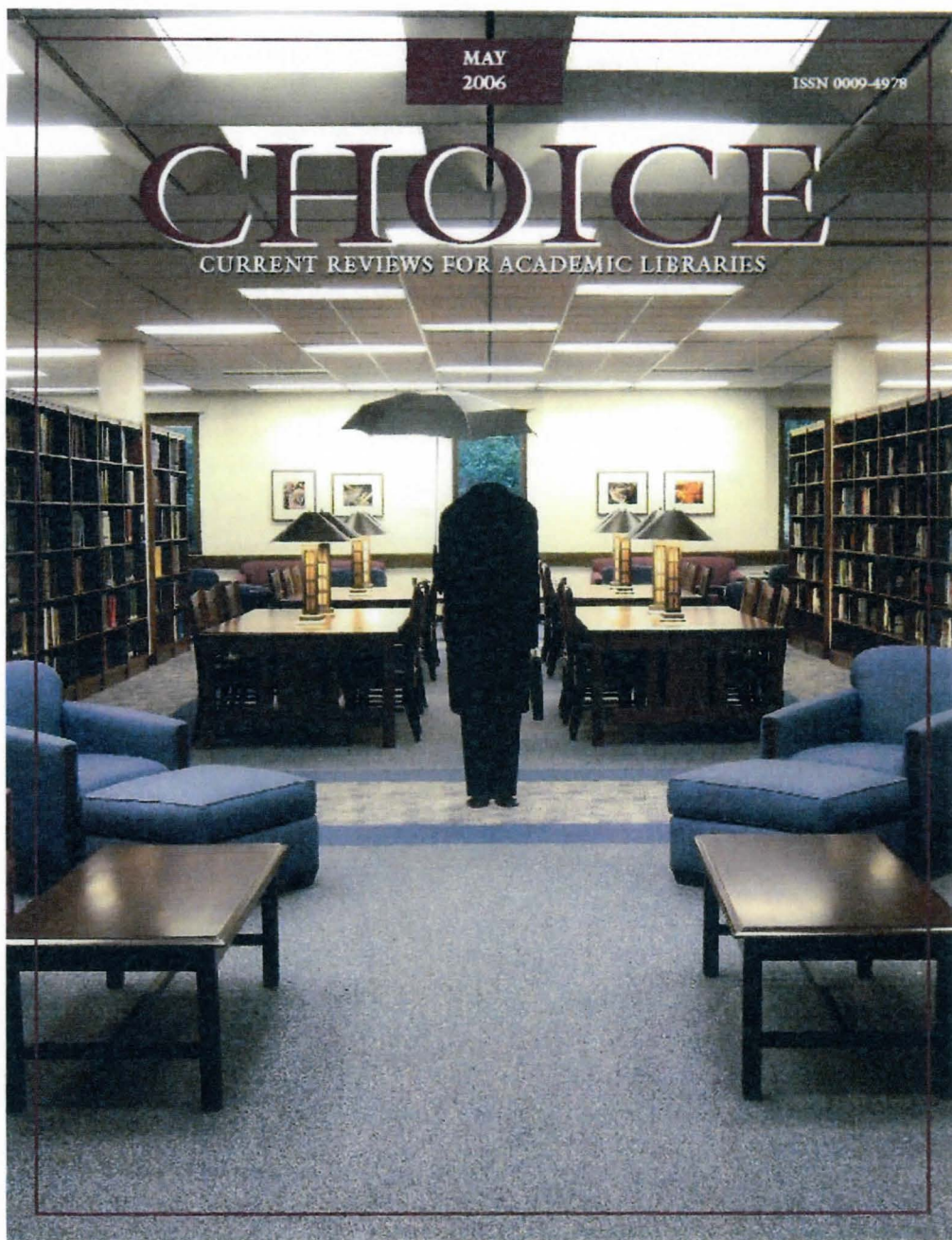
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Alumnus Dr. Kenneth Grundy Donates Africana Collection

By Denise Hartman

Myrin Library was the recipient of a very generous donation from **Dr. Kenneth W. Grundy**, Ursinus College class of 1958. Dr. Grundy donated 110 cartons of books, journals, and ephemera from his Africana collection which he had accumulated through the course of his scholarly career.

After graduating from Ursinus, Dr. Grundy went on to The Pennsylvania State University to receive a Master of Arts degree in Political Science and later his Doctoral degree. He recently

retired as a Professor of Political Science at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

In March, Dr. Grundy and his wife, Marty, Ursinus College Class of 1960, spent a week in the library to inventory the collection. While on campus, they visited with faculty and staff, attended evening lectures, and became honorary members of the Myrin family.

The Library's Technical Services staff will begin proc-

essing and cataloging this wonderful gift soon. Thanks again to the Grundys for their generous addition to our collection!

The Myrin Library's gift donation policy can be found on the Library website at http://myrin.ursinus.edu/about/gift_policy.htm. Questions can be directed to Denise Hartman, Administrative Assistant, at 610-409-3000 ext. 2243



Dr. Kenneth Grundy '58, together with his wife Marty '60, works on an inventory of his gift books.

Staff News: The Only Constant is Change!

By Myrin Staff

New Arrivals

Diane Skorina, our *Reference and Instruction Librarian*, and her husband Marcus welcomed the birth of their first son on Sunday, March 5th at 5:56 p.m.. Baby Bruce weighed in at



8 pounds, 6 ounces. Bruce, Mom, Dad, and sister Maya are all doing well. Diane, who is currently on maternity leave, will return to Myrin on May 15th.

Departures

Joan Rhodes, our *Interlibrary Loan Manager*, will be retiring after 21 years of outstanding service to the College. In providing Ursinus students, staff, and faculty with thousands of books and journal articles not available from Myrin's collections, Joan was

instrumental to the success of their research. In fact, Joan's contributions have been acknowledged in a number of faculty publications. Since interlibrary loan service is a reciprocal program, Joan also helped Myrin share its resources with patrons at other libraries, including both national and international institutions.

Please come to a reception to acknowledge Joan and her contributions on Thursday April 27th at 3 p.m. in Jazz-

man's.

Jessica Gallagher, graduating Myrin student assistant, will participate in the ten-week Junior Fellows' program in the Moving Image Section of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. this May. There she will be exposed to a broad spectrum of library work, including preservation of films and videos, reference, access standards, cataloging, information management, and the U.S. copyright system. The program

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Myrin Library Featured on the Cover of Choice Magazine!

By Charlie Jamison

For many years, the American Library Association (ALA) has published a scholarly book review journal entitled CHOICE, an essential resource for academic librarians who turn to it as a primary tool for collection development. ALA chooses only 11 academic libraries each year to be featured on the cover of the journal. The Myrin Li-

brary is proud to announce that it is one of those 11, with a photograph of the main floor of our renovated Library appearing on the cover of the May issue of CHOICE. A reproduction of this cover is on the front page of this issue of the newsletter.

The Myrin Library would like to extend its thanks to

Carolyn and Bill Weigel for taking such a great photograph, and we thank the American Library Association as well for choosing us for CHOICE!

Myrin Library Director Charlie Jamison poses with the Choice cover under the protection of "Umbrella Figure," a library landmark, by the artist Clifford W. Lamoree.



Edible Books Festival a Success!

By Jessica Gallagher

The Edible Books Festival returned again this year with great success. It was held on Thursday, March 30 in Jazzman's Café in the Library with some 21 creative entries, which looked amazing and were even tastier to eat.

Among the six winners, the two first place prizes were awarded to returnees from last year. **Kerri Landis** and **Robin Pierce**, the original creators of the "Velveeta Rabbit," placed first in



the student category with another hit entitled "Jurassic Pork." **Dr. Karin Sconzert** won first place for faculty and staff with "The Stinky Cheese Man" and his entire family.

The second and third place winners for students were

"The Guinness Book of World Records" by **John Ganter** and **Sean Donahue** and "Once Upon a Potty" by **Jessica Gallagher**.

The second and third place winners for the faculty and staff included "Te-quil-a Mockingbird" by **Yvon Kennon** and **Margie Conner** and "Lord of the RingDings" by **Domenick Scudera**.

There has already been talk about possible entries for next year. In just two years, this has become a fun tradition which we hope will continue.

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invites twenty college students to search through the uncataloged elements of the Library's copyright deposits, produce an inventory, and then collaborate with the staff and curators to plan a display and discussion in the Thomas Jefferson Building. Last year's interns discovered a home video of Marilyn Monroe playing golf and one of only nine operettas written by John Philip Sousa entitled "Desiree" (1882).

Jessica is very excited to have the opportunity to uncover the hidden treasures that lie ahead!

David Mill, *Information Technology Librarian*, who interrupted his sabbatical leave this semester in order to help with staffing issues, will complete his leave in the coming Fall semester. While David enjoyed the unexpected opportunity of working with new colleagues in Myrin, he looks forward to finishing his sabbatical projects.

Myrin Adds Another Kate Re Painting

By Charlie Jamison

As part of the recovery renovations following the flood of 2004, the doors leading into the Technical Services Department on the main floor of Myrin were replaced. When the new doors were manufactured, the outer doors were finished with a wood laminate but the inner doors were not, giving an unbalanced appearance.

To remedy this problem, **Charlie Jamison**, *Library Director*, offered up a challenge to sophomore art major, **Kate Re**. Mr. Jamison asked Kate if she would like to create a painting on the unfinished inside surface of the doors. Kate, with great enthusiasm, agreed to the idea, and she and her father took the doors home during the semester break this year, so Kate could create the painting.

A few weeks later the doors were returned and the Myrin Library's student art collection had grown by one.

"Bamboo Forest," a 5 foot x 7 foot acrylic on wood painting had arrived!

"Bamboo Forest" is the third piece of Kate Re's award winning art in the Myrin collection. It joins "Fish Pond 1," which hangs in Mr. Jamison's office, and "Old Glass

Bottles" which can be found on the second floor of the Library.

Anyone wishing to take a closer look at Kate's creation "Bamboo Forest" should contact the Library Director's Office to schedule an appointment.



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Extended Hours & Library Hours—Final Exam Schedule

Study Breaks!

To give students more opportunity to study for final exams, the Myrin Library is extending its hours on selected days until 4:00 a.m.. Please see the schedule at the right for details.

The Library will also offer student study breaks with light refreshments on the following dates.

Wednesday, May 3

Thursday, May 4

Monday, May 8

Tuesday, May 9

Wednesday, May 10

All breaks will be at 10 p.m. on the main floor of the Library.

The entire staff of the Myrin Library wishes all students good luck with their final exams!

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Thanks to:

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May 2 (Tues.) 8:00 a.m.—4:00 a.m.

* May 3 (Wed.)..... 8:00 a.m.—4:00 a.m.

* May 4 (Thurs.)..... 8:00 a.m.—4:00 a.m.

May 5 (Fri.)..... 8:00 a.m.—Midnight

May 6 (Sat.)..... 9:00 a.m.—Midnight

May 7 (Sun.)..... 10:00 a.m.—4:00 a.m.

* May 8 (Mon.)..... 8:00 a.m.—4:00 a.m.

* May 9 (Tue.)..... 8:00 a.m.—4:00 a.m.

* May 10 (Wed.)..... 8:00 a.m.—4:00 a.m.

May 11 (Thurs.)..... 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

May 12 (Fri.)..... 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

May 13 (Sat.)..... Closed

May 14 (Sun.)..... Closed

* Student Study Breaks with light refreshments will be available at 10 p.m. on each of the indicated dates.