Library Adds Tornado Cross Garden

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In a small courtyard in the
Mabee-Simpson Library of Lyon
College stands an icon sacred
to the college. The Tornado
Cross, a quiet sentinel, is a
testament of the toughness of
the college in recovering from
the worst devastation in its
history.

The cross was torn off Brown
Chapel's steeple in 1973 during
a tornado that completely
destroyed two buildings and
heavily damaged several others,
striking on Maundy Thursday
morning. Thankfully, no one was
killed.

As people wandered around in
shock that day, Dr. Fitzhugh
Spragins, '57, Brown Professor
of Religion, found the cross and
tucked it away in his office
where it stayed for 22 years until
his retirement in 1995.

On Oct. 21, 1995, the cross was
placed in the courtyard and
dedicated by President John
Griffith. Lou Ann Hance '52,
gave the granite pedestal on
which it stands. The courtyard
was enjoyed and stood quietly
for many years until 2010.

In 2010, supporters of the library
wished to improve the
courtyard. Larry Coleman, a
master gardener in Batesville,
was consulted and he created a
plan for a Japanese Meditation
Garden, inspired by the existing
Japanese maples.

Then the request went out for
gifts. Mrs. Hope Spragins, Dr.
Spragins' widow, led the charge.
Friends and relatives of Dr.
Spragins, and "Friends of
the Library" completed the
project. Mitchell's Landscaping
was hired and the project was
completed in October 2010.

Now the "Tornado Cross
Garden" includes two gurgling
fountains, boulders covered with
moss, huge flagstones leading
to the cross, wooden furniture
for relaxing, and landscaping
that includes exotic plants,
trees, and shrubs.

The Mabee-Simpson Library is
proud of the Memorial Garden,
and thankful to all those who
contributed to it. It is a beautiful
addition to Lyon College and will
give everyone many years of
peace, tranquility, and harmony.
The cross stands strong as
does Lyon College, a tribute to
the faith of the Lyon people to
believe and to persevere. A
dedication ceremony is planned
for the spring of 2011.

Let's Stay Friends

The Friends of the
Library is a robust group
with more than a dozen
lifetime members and
approximately 100 individual
and family memberships for
2010.

We are a separate organ-
ization with a separate budget
from the library. We operate
under a mandate to support
the library, which we carry out
by organizing fundraisers that
result in new materials,
programs, library renovations,
and more.

Current memberships
will expire on January
1, 2011. We invite you to
remain our friend by using the
attached envelope to mail in
your dues.

Membership fees are as follows:
❖ $10 high school students
❖ $15 alumni / faculty / staff
❖ $25 for individuals
❖ $40 for families.
Lifetime memberships are
available for $300.
The 60s Live On

Thanks to grads from 1960, more than two dozen titles have been added to the library's collection -- from poetry and short stories to contemporary history books and Arkansiana. These books serve as memorials for the Class of 1960's departed classmates. Stop by the library to peruse or check out these new additions.

Losing the News: The Future of the News that Feeds
Democracy / Alex S. Jones
Concentration Camps on the Home Front: Japanese Americans / John Howard
Americans in the House of Jim Crow / John Howard
The Civil War at Sea / Craig L. Symonds
Endpoint and Other Poems / John Updike
China's Last Empire: The Great Qing / William T. Rowe
How Terrorism Ends:
Understanding the Decline and Demise of Terrorist Campaigns / Audrey Kurth Cronin
Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War / Karl Marlantes
Washington Rules: America's Path to Permanent War / Andrew Bacevich
Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour / Lynne Olson
John Cheever: Complete Novels / John Cheever
Deliver Us from Evil: The Slavery Question in the Old South / Lacy K. Ford
The Birth of Modern Politics: Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, and the Election of 1828 / Lynn Parsons
Becoming Faulkner: The Art and Life of William Faulkner / Philip Weinstein
For the Soul of France: Culture Wars in the Age of Dreyfus / Frederick Brown
Preaching with Sacred Fire: An Anthology of African American Sermons, 1750 to the Present / Martha Simmons
Neoconservatism: The Biography of a Movement / Justin Vaïsse
The Return of Ulysses: A Cultural History of Homer's Odyssey / Edith Hall
Trapped in the War on Terror / Ian S. Lustick
Henry Clay: The Essential American / David S. Heidler
Comeback America: Turning the Country Around and Restoring Fiscal Responsibility / David M. Walker
Remember Little Rock: The Time, the People, the Stories / Paul Robert Walker
The Promise: President Obama, Year One / Jonathan Alter
Crisis Economics: A Crash Course in the Future of Finance / Nouriel Roubini
Shirley Jackson: Novels and Stories / Shirley Jackson
Main Street Arkansas: The Hearts of Arkansas Cities and Towns—as Portrayed in Postcards and Photographs / Steven Hanley Ray
The Broken Vase: A Novel Based On the Life of Penina Krupitsky, a Holocaust Survivor / Philip H. McMath
Always On: Language in an Online and Mobile World / Naomi S. Baron
The Sixties Unplugged: A Kaleidoscopic History of a Disorderly Decade / Gerard J. DeGroot

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Whether you’re at home or at the library, Friends of the Library can find articles, facts, statistics, news, images, and ebooks in the library's online collection. Through library subscriptions, you can access databases such as the World History Collection, Regional Business News, Consumer Health Complete, Wall Street Journal Historical, the Legal Collection, and much more.

Friends should contact Camille Beary at 870.307.7444 for instructions and a password for accessing these valuable resources from home.
Alumnus Speaks About Successful Photography Career

The Friends of the Library hosted a presentation by Arkansas nature photographer Dr. Larry Jernigan, ’65, during Homecoming 2010. Approximately 75 people attended the presentation and subsequent reception. In the years since he took his first photographs at Lyon College, Dr. Jernigan has owned a prosperous portrait and wedding studio; done biological research, medical photography and research; taught school and spent the last 20 years as a physician. His images have been published in school textbooks all over the world. About two years before he retired from his chiropractic practice, he bought a digital camera and returned to a “new and improved” addiction to photography. Dr. Jernigan’s photos were exhibited in the library throughout October.

For more information and to view his spectacular photographs, visit Dr. Jernigan’s website: www.larryjernigan.com.

Check It Out

What are college kids reading these days? This top ten checkouts list for fall 2010 offers a glimpse into the interests (and homework assignments!) of Lyon students.

1 Next time, she’ll be dead : battering & how to stop it / Ann Jones
2 Domestic violence : the criminal justice response / Eva S. Buzawa and Carl G. Buzawa
3 The Hunger Games / Suzanne Collins
4 The devil’s dictionary / Ambrose Bierce
5 Dali. / Edited and arranged by Max Gérard. Translated by Eleanor R. Morse
6 Wuthering Heights / Emily Brontë
7 The transition of H.P. Lovecraft : the road to madness / H.P. Lovecraft
8 A history of the Crusades / Steven Runciman
9 Twelfth night : critical essays / [edited by] Stanley Wells
10 The twelve Olympians / Charles Theodore Seltman

On Libraries and Reading

"I must say I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a good book." — Groucho Marx

"A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them." — Lemony Snicket

"I suggest that the only books that influence us are those for which we are ready, and which have gone a little farther down our particular path than we have yet got ourselves." — E.M. Forster

"Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life." — Mark Twain
Library Hours for the
Fall/Spring Semesters

Sunday: 2 pm-Midnight
Monday - Thursday:
  8 am-Midnight
Friday: 8 am-5pm
Saturday: 1 pm to 5pm

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— Augustine BIRRELL

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