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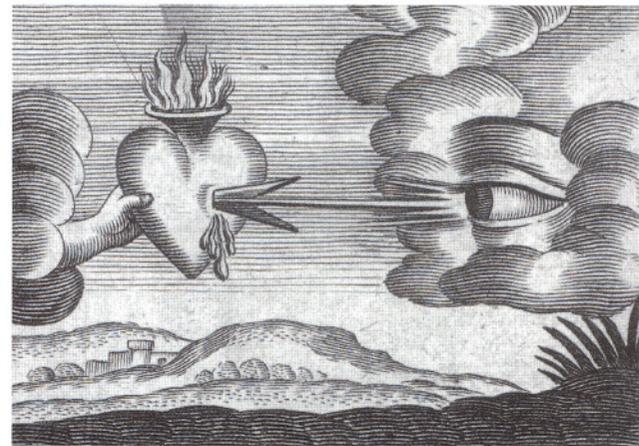
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International Exhibit of Emblemata Sacra

During 2006 the Society of Jesus commemorates several significant events: the 450th anniversary of the death of its founder, St. Ignatius Loyola, and the 500th anniversary of the birth of two of his first companions, Peter Faber and Francis Xavier. To celebrate these anniversaries, Francis A. Drexel Library is co-sponsoring with the University Press, the Office of Mission, and the Jesuit Community, an exhibition of emblem books from the Maurits Sabbe Library of Theology at The Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium), the world's premier theological library.

This unique exhibit, first shown in the Library of Theology in Leuven in winter 2005 in connection with the international conference, "Emblemata Sacra: Rhetoric and Hermeneutics in Illustrated Religious Literature," includes over seventy emblem books chronicling the history of the religious emblem and highlighting the Jesuit contribution to this genre. The Jesuits produced more emblem books (in all the major European vernacular languages, as well as in Latin) than any other identifiable group of writers, employing them in their ministries of education and preaching, and to disseminate Ignatian spirituality.

Emblem books were best-sellers in the 17th and 18th centuries. An emblem presents an enigmatic image that can only be decoded by means of the motto that accompanies it, much as in a modern-day political cartoon. The exhibit includes significant examples of "student work," that is, emblems composed by students from several Jesuit colleges in Belgium.



Rob Faesen, S.J., the holder of the "Ignatiana and Jesuitica" chair in the Faculty of Theology at Leuven, and the MacLean Chair holder at SJU in spring 2004, has been instrumental in arranging for this exhibit to come to Philadelphia. In this undertaking, he has collaborated with several members of the University Press, the creative talent behind the SJU exhibit of "Emblemata Sacra." In addition to mounting the exhibit of emblem books, the Press will publish an exhibition catalogue, as well as make provision for guided tours.

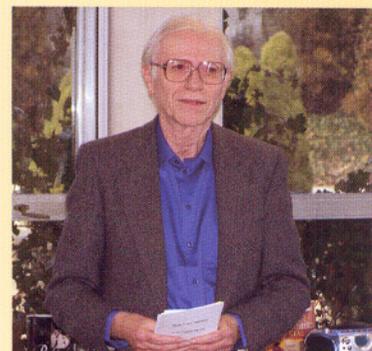
Fr. Faesen will deliver a lecture in the library on Monday, March 20, 2006, the feast of St. Joseph, marking the formal opening of the exhibit.

Rev. Joseph F. Chorpenning, OSFS, editorial director of SJU Press, contributed information to this article.

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN: A SUCCESS ON MANY LEVELS

For the fifth consecutive year, the Francis A. Drexel Library was host to participants in the 17th National African American Read-In. The event, sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English, which includes international participants, recognizes the rich literary legacy of African American writers and literary artists.

Arnold Farr, Ph.D., of the Philosophy Department was the moderator of the event at Saint Joseph's University. Dr. Farr encouraged those gathered to take an interest in the writings of African American



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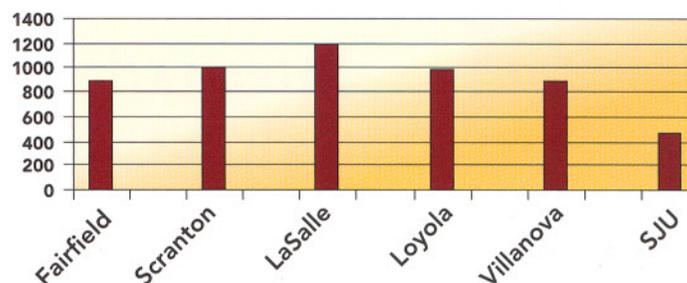
INFORMATION COMMONS FEASIBILITY STUDY

The University has contracted with Becker Winston Architects to conduct a Feasibility Study to address the following needs:

- Increase in seats and a quiet, focused space for 24-hour uninterrupted study
- Greater opportunity for faculty/student interaction
- More flexible space for collaborative group work
- More computers, access to coffee
- Additional space for collections, archives and Special Collections

The Project Planning Committee will be meeting every three weeks over the next few months with the intention of completing the study by May, 2006.

Student Seating



NEW IN REFERENCE

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Several new information sources have recently been added to the array of e-resources available to you from the Library's web site: <http://www.sju.edu/libraries/drexel/>

CQ ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

A suite of full-text documents from Congressional quarterly:

- **CQ Historic Documents** – more than 2,500 primary sources covering current events around the world from 1972 to present
- **CQ Politics in America** – authoritative information on the members of Congress
- **CQ Researcher** – comprehensive reporting and analysis on issues in the news
- **CQ Washington Information Directory** – navigate the complicated web of official Washington
- **CQ Weekly** – expert coverage of the U.S. Congress: status of bills, votes and amendments, floor and committee activity, and backroom maneuvering

JOURNAL CITATION REPORTS

The only source of citation data on journals, covering 1945 to the present, and including virtually all areas of science, technology, and social sciences. Journal Citation Reports can show you the

- Most frequently cited journals in a field
- Highest impact journals in a field
- Largest journals in a field

PROJECT MUSE

An online resource providing access to over 250 scholarly journals in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Access provided to full-text journal articles online before the print is available.



RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Full-text online access to:

- Contemporary American Religion
- Encyclopedia of American Religions
- Encyclopedia of Buddhism
- Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World
- Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2nd ed.
- Encyclopedia of Religion
- Encyclopedia of Science and Religion
- New Catholic Encyclopedia
- Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices
- Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology
- New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement, Jubilee Volume: The Wojtyla Years

Don't miss the FEATURED e-RESOURCE on the Library's web page which will highlight a different resource each month!

PRINT RESOURCES

- **Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara**
Ref DT351 .E53 1997 4 vols.
- **Handbook of Research on Multicultural Education**
Ref LC1099.3 .H35 2004
- **Standards and Schooling in the United States: an encyclopedia**
Ref LB2822.82 .S82 2001 3 vols.
- **Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary**
Ref BS440 .N347 1995
- **Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences**
Ref R118.6 .J54 2004
- **PDR for Nutritional Supplements**
Ref RM258.5 .P37 2001



THE LIBRARY CATALOG @ Saint Joseph's University

on-campus: [catalog/](#)

off-campus: <http://catalog.sju.edu/>

You may have noticed that Jerome, our online catalog, has been replaced with an entirely new system. Not to fear, the new catalog, accessible at <http://catalog.sju.edu>, has a clean, sleek look, is easy to use, and provides the SJU community with some exciting new features:

My Library Account allows the user to:

- View items they have currently checked out
- Renew books online
- Place Holds online (on currently checked out items)
- Review Holds
- Receive courtesy emails before books are due

Reserves: Search by professor's name or course name/number for books, article reprints, sound recordings and other course related items.

Additional features will be activated throughout the coming year. — S.T.

THE VIETNAM WAR: *Beyond One Book*

This semester's Saint Joseph's University Reads selection, *The Things They Carried* by Vietnam veteran, turned author, Tim O'Brien, introduces the reader to a fictionalized series of short stories about the war through the eyes of some of the young Americans who served in country more than 35 years ago. The war is now a distant memory for many, some know little or nothing about it and others still live with the painful consequences on a daily basis, having lost a loved one or suffered a physical and/or an emotional wound on or off of the battlefield. Learning more about what happened and why in Vietnam may also help bring about a better understanding of the challenges the nation faces today in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Guide to *The Things They Carried*

<http://www.sju.edu/libraries/drexel/sjureads/index.htm> endeavors to supplement and expand the reader's knowledge about the Vietnam War beyond the stories themselves, the panel discussions, and the film series. It is by no means a comprehensive compilation of resources on the war but a starting place for further research on the subject. Users are introduced to the new Library Catalog <http://catalog.sju.edu/> with a select bibliography of books on the conflict. Some full text articles have also been linked from the Library's growing collection of e-Resources <http://www.sju.edu/libraries/drexel/dbsubj.htm>.

Readers can learn about the politics of the war through former secretary of defense Robert McNamara's memoir or discover the POW experience in an article by the late James Stockdale. A couple examples of good sites are Vietnam Online <http://www.pbs.org/jwgbh/amex/vietnam/> the companion to the Public Broadcasting System series Vietnam: A Television History or The Vietnam Project <http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/index.htm> at Texas Tech University.

CAUTION ON THE WWW:

Google, Yahoo, Lycos and other internet search engines can be good places to continue research on the Vietnam War or any topic after developing a good core of scholarly information. A seasoned researcher needs to know something about a subject in order to separate truth from fiction on the World Wide Web. The Web enables the user to trace, if not, actually locate the full text of documents once only accessible through a visit to an archive, museum or educational institution. Government (.gov), organization (.org), military (.mil), and even commercial (.com) sites can all be invaluable. Nevertheless, they must be checked for accessibility, comprehensiveness, accuracy, authorship, and currency as they relate to the subject. This is something that takes time to learn.



Scheduled Events Remaining

Film Series (7:00 PM - Forum Theatre)

Wed., March 22: Platoon
Wed., April 5: The Fog of War
Wed., April 19: The Quiet American

Dramatic Reading

A Piece of My Heart by Shirley Lauro
Directed by Laura Pattillo, Ph.D.
Tues., March 28 11:30 - 1:00 PM
Forum Theatre

— C.D.

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN *(continued from page 1)*

writers. "To know something about African American history is to know something about yourself," he said. Dr. Farr kicked off the event with a reading from one of the writings of ex-slave and abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

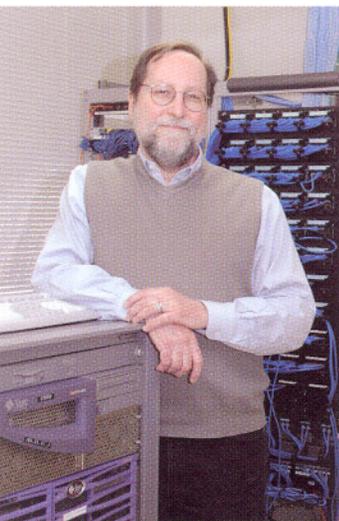
The readings were many and the audience and participants represented a broad spectrum of multicultural diversity sharing in a common experience. Excerpts from the works of writers like Alice Childress, Toni Morrison, and Jill Scott, and even a humorous account by Coretta Scott King about her first impressions of her future husband, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., were read. A reading from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. detailed his feelings and explained why he took the stance he took regarding American involvement in the Vietnam War. Listening to those words eerily reflects the issues being debated today

regarding America's current conflicts.

There was a stirring rendition of "Death Don't Have No Mercy," a song of Blues artist and master guitarist Reverend Gary Davis. It was also revealed that members of many of the legendary rock groups like the Grateful Dead studied guitar under the tutelage of Gary Davis. Participants were exposed to a recording of "Aggravatin' Papa" by Blues artist Bessie Smith, and treated to a group sing-a-long to the Negro Spiritual, "Wade in the Water."

The Library has an extensive collection of literature covering all aspects of the African American experience, including numerous books of slave narratives. Evelyn Minick, University Librarian, encouraged everyone to read these books to learn aspects of slavery that are often overlooked in traditional literature. — M.B.

TIM LABORIE — POISED FOR A FOND FAREWELL



The Drexel Library will be saying goodbye to Tim LaBorie, Associate Director for Library Systems, who will be retiring in September after seventeen years. When Tim began his tenure, the Library had only three PCs and a handful of dumb terminals. Now there are over seventy-five PCs, an integrated library system, and a bank of servers.

Tim is the Library's official technology liaison and views his position as "the first line of support for computers in the library." Along with Catalog Librarian, Susan Cheney, Tim led the acquisition and implementation of the new Millennium Library System.

He enjoys seeing the positive impact computers have in making things immediately easier for people. Tim wants to be remembered "Through the work that I've done providing a computer environment wherein staff can do their jobs the best they can and students and faculty can find the materials they need for their research and study."

Tim was awarded this year's Excellence in Service Award for coordinating the SJU Manna (Metropolitan Aids

Gaitley's Gift

Bibliophile and Saint Joseph's University alum, **Vincent J. Gaitley, '80**, recently presented the Francis A. Drexel Library with the extremely rare, 1930, 2nd edition of the Poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins. The volume is a wonderful complement to the 1918 first edition of the same work previously given to the library by Mr. Gaitley.

Mr. Gaitley is the Dean, School of Continuing Studies at Harcum College in Bryn Mawr.



Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance) Program, a volunteer organization that provides hot, nutritious home-delivered meals for people living with HIV.

If he had it all to do over again, would he change anything? "No, I don't believe in looking back. I believe in looking forward," said Tim. The Drexel Library staff is in mourning, but certainly wishes Tim well as he looks forward to relaxing in his cabin with his wife in the Canadian mountains. Look for a notice of a 'goodbye' event to send Tim off in style. — M.B.

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