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Crawford Audio Archives: A Fresh Insight into Politics and Public Life

Bob Crawford, legendary political reporter and radio journalist, has donated more than 58 hours of historic audiotape to the University Library. Managed by the University Archives, the collection primarily documents Chicago politics from 1968 to 2004, but it also includes commentary by state and national politicians and public figures. A duplicate set has been placed in the Richard J. Daley Library at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

“This collection provides an opportunity for me to give back to my alma mater,” says Mr. Crawford, who earned a journalism degree from the Urbana campus in 1959. He began his broadcasting career while he was a student at Illinois, working for WILL, WPGU Radio, and WCIA-TV. “I consider much of what I learned at the U of I to be important in what I later achieved,” he says.

For more than four decades, Bob Crawford reported on Chicago politics at CBS radio affiliate WBBM-AM, most notably on the popular public affairs program “At Issue.” He was recruited by the station in 1968 after he covered the trial of mass murderer...
Friends Board Member Establishes Unitrust

Vern Lewis of Centerville, Ohio, knows from experience the value of a strong academic library and an achievement-oriented university. A 1948 U of I graduate who majored in labor and management, he cherishes memories from the university, where he laid the foundation for his highly successful professional career.

With the future of the Library in mind, Vern and his wife Trudy have established the Vern E. Lewis and Trudy K. Lewis Charitable Remainder Unitrust. This generous deferred gift will provide important funds to benefit a number of vital areas in the Library. While the gift is unrestricted, the Lewises have suggested certain areas of focus that are aligned with their interests. These include support for a Colonial America collection, book preservation, the construction or renovation of library facilities, and seed money for fundraising initiatives.

“The Lewises have indicated that Trudy and I have watched the costs of educational activities rise year after year,” explains Vern. “Frankly, I wanted to provide for her future in the event something happens to me. We have found a perfect vehicle for providing income to both of us, a tax benefit, and the ability to help a fine library at a superior university. I would recommend highly that people who want to help themselves and their university look to the [U of I] Foundation for assistance in reaching their goals.”

Vern enrolled at the University of Illinois in 1945, following active duty in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After earning his bachelor’s degree in the Division of Special Services for War Veterans, he went to work for Eli Lilly, where he stayed until 1952. He then accepted a position at General Motors Institute, where he ultimately was promoted to the Frigidaire Division and later served on the labor relations staff of the corporation. He retired in 1980.

Vern remains very active in his retirement. In addition to spending time with Trudy, he engages in many consulting and civic activities as well as historical research focused largely on Colonial Virginia. He serves as a valued member of the Library Friends Board of Directors, graciously devoting his time and energy to support the University Library.

“Vern is a loyal and dedicated alumnus who appreciates the Library as an unmatched resource for the University’s faculty and students,” says Paula Kaufman, university librarian. “Through their generous gift, Vern and Trudy will ensure the quality of the Library’s collections, programs, and services for years to come.”

Richard Speck for WMBD-AM in Peoria. In 1980, he joined the CBS team at the White House, providing reports to all the network’s stations during the final days of the Carter administration through the release of hostages in Iran and the inauguration of late President Ronald Reagan. Renowned for his hard-nosed reporting style, Crawford received numerous awards throughout his career, and in 1995 he was inducted into the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame. He retired in 2001 but continues to provide occasional political analysis on WBBM-AM, Chicago Public Radio, and the WTTW-Channel 11 program “Chicago Tonight.”

According to Bill Maher, university archivist, the gift is a valuable acquisition for the University Archives.

“The taped interviews and sound clips provide a good working tool for journalism and political science students as they learn about public discourse and the complexities of communication under the public eye,” he explains. “Further, the collection offers primary source material for students who want a fresh insight into politics and public life.”

The Robert P. Crawford Audio Archives includes 2,148 separate entries covering 175 notable individuals from government, politics, religion, law, civil rights, and various other fields. It contains audiocassette recordings and typescript interview summaries of press conferences, speeches, and proceedings. The most significant sections address Chicago politics and politicians, including the mayoral administrations of Richard J. Daley, Michael Bilandic, Jane Byrne, Harold Washington, Eugene Sawyer, and Richard M. Daley.

The collection is a unique and significant resource for historians, political scientists, researchers, and students. “It provides an indisputable record of what politicians said and how they said it, and it reveals a great deal about how these leaders handled important issues,” explains Mr. Crawford. “It also demonstrates the importance of proper documentation,” he says. “Journalists cannot engage in sound, explanatory journalism without keeping good files.”

To access the Crawford Audio Archives, visit http://web.library.uiuc.edu/ahx.
Weiss Estate to Establish Military Collection

A unique deferred gift from Julius and Dorothy Weiss of Springfield, Illinois, will support the study of traditions and customs associated with the military and its regalia. Through their generous estate plan, the University Library will receive an outstanding collection of military-related books, ephemera, posters, badges, uniforms, and other reference materials. Their additional six-figure gift will support the collection by establishing the Julius L. and Dorothy U. Weiss Military Collectors' and Researchers' Library Collection Endowment Fund.

“As lifelong collectors and students of the many aspects of the military, we are happy to make this gift to the Library,” says Julius. “We believe that this area has been neglected in traditional scholarship, and a tremendous amount can be learned from its serious study.”

Julius and Dorothy Weiss met not long after Julius was discharged from the Army Air Corp following his service in World War II. While in the service, Julius served in the China-Burma-India theatre and developed a hobby of collecting military insignia. During this time, Dorothy was a student at the Urbana campus, studying to be a teacher. After they met and married, she quickly joined Julius in his affection for military insignia and related materials from the United States and many other nations. Their efforts over the ensuing 50 years led them to amass a wide-ranging collection of research books and ephemera.

“This is a very rich and comprehensive collection, thoughtfully cultivated,” says Karen Schmidt, associate university librarian for collections. “It will provide a wealth of detail on military customs and traditions, and the endowment fund will help sustain, preserve, and share the materials with military scholars around the globe.” The annual income from the fund also will support a librarian to manage the materials and will provide scholarship assistance for graduate students.

In the years to come, the Weiss Military Collectors’ and Researchers’ Library Collection will serve as an important resource for serious students in the field as well as foster interest and respect by the more general enthusiast. “Our overriding goal is to enhance the study of the impact of the military on our daily lives and expand that research to include dress, advertising, music, the arts, and other customs and traditions,” says Dorothy.

University Librarian Paula Kaufman (right) displays Illinois House Resolution No. 744, which congratulates the University Library on the acquisition of its ten-millionth volume. The resolution was presented at the spring meeting of the Library Friends Board of Directors. Also presented was a congratulatory letter from Governor Rod Blagojevich on behalf of the citizens of Illinois. Pictured from left are Senator Rick Winkel (R-52nd District), Representative Naomi Jakobsson (D-103rd District), and Representative Chapin Rose (R-110th District).
Library Friends Support Preservation Efforts

Through gifts to the Annual Fund, Library Friends provide ongoing support for the preservation of library materials. Allocations are distributed yearly to the Library’s units through the Preservation Gift Fund Competition, which supports a wide variety of preservation projects. These projects may include binding and repair, digitization, deacidification, microfilming, and other preservation and conservation techniques.

The Library is grateful for the generous contributions of its Friends. In Fiscal Year 2004, $25,000 was allocated for preservation projects, among which included:

- $1,200 to restore a copy of William Fisk Allen’s *Victoria Regia: The Great Water Lily of America* (Boston, 1854), which is considered to be one of the great pieces of nineteenth-century American printing.
- $3,278 to reformat the *Paris-Hachette* directory, a combined directory of Parisian businesses and high society that was used extensively by Philip Kolb (1907-1992), a University of Illinois professor who spent nearly six decades gathering and editing the correspondence of the great French writer Marcel Proust (1871-1922).
- $2,414 to re-house a portion of the music instrument collection of Carl R. Busch (1862-1943), which is located in the Sousa Archives and Center for American Music and includes clarinets, flutes, cornets, and bugles.
- $800 to bind approximately 725 pieces of at-risk “grey literature” in library and information science—i.e., reports, pamphlets, workshop materials, and other publications that are not produced in hardcover format.

Federal Grants Preserve Collections and Educate Librarians

In partnership with libraries at other universities, the University Library is the recipient of four federal grants to preserve historical collections and educate librarians. The grantors are the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and the awards are as follows:

- **Preserving the History of U.S. Agriculture and Rural Life (NEH)**
  This grant supports the microfilming and cataloging of 2,700 embrittled volumes on American agricultural history and rural life published between 1820 and 1945. The University Library is one of three land-grant university libraries selected for the project, which is administered by Cornell University. The goal is to encourage and strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture.

- **Preservation of Railroad Research Materials (NEH)**
  This grant awards funds for the preservation of historical research materials about U.S. railroads and their influence on American life, landscape, history, and technology. The University Library is one of four university libraries participating in the project, which will focus on reformatting a body of fragile materials to archival-quality microfilm.

- **Recruiting and Educating Librarians for the Twenty-First Century (IMLS)**
  This grant will create the first comprehensive master’s and post-master’s level degrees in library science in the area of digital library programs. It also will fund an annual conference in this area that focuses on recommendations for core competencies. The University Library will collaborate with Indiana University’s School of Library and Information Science on the project.

- **2004 National Leadership Grants for Libraries—Education & Training (IMLS)**
  This grant will develop and implement a leadership program to promote greater understanding and appreciation of international librarianship. The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs will partner with the Illinois State Library to bring together Illinois librarians for a two-year training program. In a second phase, the program will be offered to a group of mid-career librarians from Mexico.
Save an “Endangered Species” with a Gift to the Library Friends

The following materials are in need of preservation or restoration work to ensure their longevity and availability for students, faculty, and scholars. To save an endangered item, please contact the Office of Development and Public Affairs at (217) 333-5683 or mmcleod@uiuc.edu.

- Bloomfield, Robert. *The Farmer’s Boy; A Rural Poem* (London: T. Bensley, 1800). Bloomfield (1766-1823) was largely a self-taught poet who wrote and published his first poems while working as a shoemaker. Wordsworth and Coleridge admired this poem, which combines descriptions of farming practices with attacks on the new commercialism of the age. The poem is divided into four parts, one for each season, with an engraved plate at the beginning of each. $275 is needed to add a new spine and reattach both covers to this important copy of the first edition.

- Marshall, William. *The Rural Economy of Norfolk, comprising the management of landed estates and the present practice of husbandry* (London: G. Nicol, 1795); in two volumes. This is one of several “rural economy” books about land management and crops, which Marshall wrote at a time when America was just beginning to take shape, and east central Illinois was still primarily a swamp. To Marshall, turnips were “turneps,” but his thorough treatment of the subject is still worth considering by the contemporary reader. $320 is needed to repair and reattach the covers to the simple leather bindings in each of these volumes.

- Pope, Alexander. *The Dunciad* (London: Lawton Gilliver, 1729). This is the second edition of Pope’s famous mock-epic which parodies pedantic scholarship in the early eighteenth century. This copy is special because it is part of the Robert Wentworth Rogers Collection of Eighteenth-century English Literature, which honors the contributions of a professor and former dean of liberal arts and sciences. $220 is needed to repair the front cover and reattach two panels of the spine to the binding, which made of cloth and lustrous leather.

- Walker, Obidiah. *Of Education, Especially of Young Gentlemen* (Oxford: Amos Curteyne, 1683). Walker was educated at Oxford and became a fellow and tutor there when he wrote this work. Before he was charged with changing his religion from Protestant to Catholic and before the publication of his writings was banned, this work saw at least six editions. Some of Walker’s suggestions are timeless (“Give not your advice or opinion before being asked”), but the binding is not. $300 is needed to replace the binding in this well-worn copy, given to James Testard in 1715.

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Bill Mischo has served as head engineering librarian since October 1982. Previously, he worked as a library systems analyst and associate researcher at the Online Computer Library Center (1980-1982) and as a reference librarian and automation specialist at Iowa State University (1974-1980). He holds a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Carthage College and a master’s degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Tell me about your responsibilities as head engineering librarian.

My main responsibility is the administration of collection and service activities in the Grainger Engineering Library Information Center, which opened in 1994. The Grainger Library is designed to accomplish three primary purposes: (1) to serve as a repository and provide access mechanisms for the engineering collection, both in paper and electronic formats; (2) to function as a gathering place for engineering faculty and students who interact in real and virtual group environments; and (3) to serve as a laboratory and incubator for research on emerging information technologies and user services.

Could you comment on your current research and latest publications?

My research focuses on providing enhanced access to library information resources and services. Through a series of grants, my colleagues and I have developed Web-based technologies for retrieving and displaying full-text journals. These technologies have been adapted by many professional society and commercial publishers in the over 30,000 electronic journals now available. We also are developing tools for retrieving information about online resources that currently are “hidden” on the Web—i.e., those that can’t be accessed by popular search engines such as Google. My other efforts involve exploring ways to provide online services that mimic the actions of a trained reference librarian. These services will provide users with the optimum or “best match” search results.

In addition to providing users with quality services, what do you enjoy most about librarianship?

For more than twenty years, I have been involved in the training and education of graduate assistants in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS). It has been particularly satisfying to see the professional success of these students, who now work as academic, special, and public librarians throughout the country and world. Recently, the University Library and GSLIS were awarded a federal grant in conjunction with Indiana University to develop a comprehensive graduate degree program in digital librarianship. This will provide the Library with additional opportunities to play a leading role in the education and training of the next generation of librarians.

Grainger Engineering Library and Information Center

The year 2004 marks the tenth anniversary of the Grainger Engineering Library and Information Center, which was established through a private gift from The Grainger Foundation Inc. Since its opening, the Grainger Library has maintained its status as the largest library in the country devoted solely to the field of engineering. Currently, the print collection totals over 273,000 volumes; the electronic journal collection includes more than 800 journals with over 6 million articles; and the periodical index databases total over ten million records. The library serves all engineering departments as well as more than twenty-five centers and laboratories on campus.
$207 for the Biology Library to purchase *The Birds of Africa, Volume VII: Sparrows to Buntings.* This final volume in the magnificent *Birds of Africa* series completes one of the finest and most revered ornithological works ever published. It has been eagerly anticipated by many ornithologists and birders who have collected these books since Volume I first appeared 21 years ago.

$520 for the Ricker Library of Architecture and Art to purchase *Giotto: La Capella degli Scrovegni a Padova.* This sumptuously illustrated two-volume work on the Arena Chapel in Padua, Italy, highlights the fourteenth-century master, Giotto, and his most important work. The narrative cycle in the chapel is considered to be one of the most significant Italian pictorial cycles for its sheer beauty and significant departure from its gothic predecessors. These volumes are the most scholarly and complete analysis of the frescoes to date. Ricker Library owns the preceding twelve volumes in this superbly produced series, *Mirabilia Italiae.*

$1,260 for the Chemistry Library to purchase *Handbook of Nuclear Chemistry.* Impressive in overall size and scope, this five-volume reference work covers all the chemical aspects of nuclear science. It covers the physical basics and includes diverse areas such as the chemistry of transactinides and exotic atoms as well as radioactive waste management and radiopharmaceutical chemistry relevant to nuclear medicine.

$1,894 for the Asian Library to purchase *Qing mo Min chu bao kan tu hua ji cheng: Illustrations of Chinese Newspapers and periodicals in late Qing and early Republican era.* This title compiles illustrations from the Chinese newspapers and periodicals published in late Qing and early Republican periods from the nineteenth to early twentieth century. It will be extremely useful for the study of Chinese history, politics, society, and literature, and it will enhance the East Asian collections to support the new Ph.D. program. The title contains two series of 20 volumes each, which may be purchased individually for $947.

To fund one of the above items, please contact the Library Office of Development and Public Affairs, at (217) 333-5683 or mmcleod@uiuc.edu. Additional requests are listed on the Library Friends website at www.library.uiuc.edu/friends.

Members of the Atius Sachem Honorary Society cut the ribbon on the Undergraduate Library's new reference desk, which was dedicated in April. The desk was purchased through funds raised by the society during the annual Moms Day Sing.
Annual gifts from Library Friends help strengthen the Library and ensure its standing as the largest public university library in the world. We invite you to join this tradition of private support, which makes a critical difference in the quality of the Library's collections, programs, and services.

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