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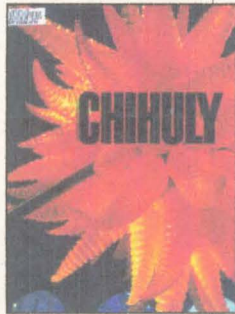
Among Friends

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Something Old

Homecoming was a great success for Friends of the Library, as well as for the football team. Our crowd cheered on as we honored Vivien and Ralph Steinbach and family for their gift of a number of art books.

These beautiful materials were given in memory of their daughter, Nancy. They scored a touchdown with these beautiful books.



The Steinbach family

G. W. Carlson was also on hand to provide a kick to the event with readings of his grandmother's poetry that he has collected and published. Signe Olson Peterson was a prolific

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Somethings New

Two events are planned for the near future for Friends of the Bethel College Library. Last year's Reading Extravaganza was such a smash that the Board has decided to make it an annual event for another year at least.

Join us on February 16 at 7 p.m. to hear an august group of faculty reading from their works. Here is our lineup:

- ♦ **Joey Horstman**, Assistant Professor of English, will be reading from his recently published collection of essays and short stories, *Praise, Anxiety, & Other Symptoms of Grace*.
- ♦ **Nancy Larson Olen**, Associate Professor of Nursing, will be reading from her biography of Virginia M. Ohlson. Her leadership in the development of nurses worldwide demonstrates the power of one individual to impact society for good.
- ♦ **Tom Johnson**, Associate Professor of Business and Economics, will be reading from his poetry. Tom's poems appear in *ArtWorld Quarterly*, *Loonfeather*, *Higginsville Reader*, and *Chiron Reader*. He uses the non-de-plume of Thomas Brand.
- ♦ **Carl Rasmussen**, Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, will share from his recent trip to Turkey and Greece.

Oh yes, there will be desserts. In fact, fabulous desserts. (Not that this will influence any of you scholars and life-long learners – but we had to get the library staff to come somehow.) And there will be great door prizes from Barnes & Noble, Har Mar Cinema, Science Museum of Minnesota, etc.

An Art Night will be hosted in the library on April 20. Our second soiree (a word I learned from Carole Cragg, who somehow manages to get her name in the newsletter every time) will be a first time event for the Friends group. **George Robinson** and current Art

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Dear Friends,

Our second annual Homecoming Event was a huge success. We had a great turnout (about 80) for our program. It was a wonderful time to connect with old Friends and to make some new Friends. It isn't too early to pencil the third annual Friends Homecoming Event in your social calendar for September 29, 2001!

Back by popular demand is our Reading Extravaganza, February 16, 2001. Carl Rasmussen, Tom Johnson, Joey Horstman and Nancy Olen will read selected excerpts from their most recent works. You can expect the same spirited evening as last year (and yes, there will be great desserts). By

April, the Library will look like an art gallery - we are planning on hosting an evening with the Bethel Art Department. Stay tuned for details!

If you haven't already, please check out library.bethel.edu. The instant it went online, I made it my homepage. Everything one could possibly need for a day's work or play on the web is there (or a link to it).

Thank you again for your support of the Friends of the Bethel Library. It is a privilege to serve as your president.

Diana L. Magnuson

Old continued

writer in both Swedish and English, and we heard a wonderful sample of both. **Jean Hanslin**, Adjunct Instructor of Modern World Languages, read the Swedish poems.

In order to give my readers a real taste of the day, I wanted to do this column in both Swedish and English, side by side, but the layout people said absolutely not. So, you will have to do your own translation. They did agree, however, to include a poem here for your edification.



**Signe Olson
Peterson**

Increase My Faith
Svenska Standaret,
Vol. XX, No. 44

Dear Lord, increase my faith
enough,
To fully trust in Thee,

Whene'er the path seems steep
and rough
Which Thou has given me.

And when I seek a place to fill,
Endeavor for the good,
That is according to Thy will,
As I have understood;

Increase my faith then, Lord, I
pray,
That doubts and fear may cease,
And cannot steal my strength
away,
Nor rob me of my peace.

Teach me to go with trusting
heart
And always do my best.
Remembering - when I've done
my part,
Thou Lord will do the rest.

New continued

Department faculty members will be discussing the works they currently have in the library.

I think it is safe to assume that you will not go home hungry

from this art event. Though this paper has not been informed of any dessert plans for the evening, a precedent has been set in previous soirees.



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New Purchases Planned

Money from the Friends will soon provide another significant contribution to Bethel's collection. Our librarians are getting ready to buy Bibles in the languages represented by the students and course work on campus. If you have not yet renewed your membership, this should provide you with a great incentive.

The travel guides that were recently purchased are currently on display – that is, the ones that haven't already been checked out.

Warning: Dynamite Web Site

Yes, the Friends of the Library finally have their own web site. As I was looking at the new site while doing research for this article (an editor's work is never done) the phone lines all over town went out. Coincidence? I don't think so. Word got out that library.bethel.edu now has a section devoted just to Friends of the Library and the demand was so great that it caused an overload of the system. So, be careful!

Visit the web address above to learn more than ever before about the Friends. At the bottom of the web page you will find a link to the new Friends of the Library web pages. This is still a work in progress, so check back often and harass the staff if those recipes they promise don't appear soon. All kinds of useful information is available. If, for example, you sent your newsletter out for framing and forgot to write down the dates of upcoming events – never fear. Now a few clicks of your mouse will get you all the information you need.

Donna Barnett Gets Recognition

The following tribute appeared in by word of MALE, the official publication of the Minnesota Association of Library Friends:

Donna Barnett rotates off the Minnesota Association of Library Friends board after serving two three-year terms. On September 28 at MALF's annual conference, the MALF Board presented Donna with an *Above and Beyond Certificate* and applauded her contributions to the state organization.

Two more reasons why you should join the Friends of the Bethel College Library:

- 1) You would get to serve with the famous Donna Barnett who has not rotated off our Board.
- 2) You may someday get a certificate and applause.

I'm not even going to mention the fact that this might be your last newsletter if you do not renew. The thought of that would be too terrible for you to handle.









“My favorite part of the web site.” -Elizabeth Healy
“Thank you, Elizabeth, for your creative and energetic work that makes the newsletter possible!” -The Board



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