In Development

A Friend of the Library: Charles Bali

A University library, whether the association is through employment or attendance, has many advantages. It is difficult, for instance, to go very many days without learning something new on any subject, many things truly profound. Also, the people one is likely to meet are mostly devoted to their work and the introductions to them can be spectacularly rewarding.

It is not unusual for a book to be donated to a University Library by an author. Actually it’s quite common. It is also a frequent happening that the author will themselves, bring the materials to the library, especially if the author happens to be a UCF faculty or staff member.

In late January, the UCF Libraries_logged the honor of acquiring a gift book from Professor Charles Bali, who happens to be an instructor of law. Mr. Bali made the long trip to Florida, landing on a late Sunday evening, and visited the campus on Monday morning, fighting a long and vicious lack of sleep. He donated to the library his most recent book, Australian Commercial Law in Perspective. As we showed him around our departmental circles, the library as a whole, and the campus, he was able to impart an insightful knowledge of Australian culture we would never have been able to learn in the one visit from the engineer.

We thank Dr. Bali for his visit to UCF and hope that our new good friend can return many times.

A UCF Factoid: In May, 1979—Charles Bali became the university’s second president in its history. He was born in Australia.

Department Review: Media Services

In February 2006, the Head of Circulation, Mirzoe Kilman, added the Media Services department to his area of responsibility. The move was a result of budget constraints in the department’s structure to make the third floor, which acts as the home for the library’s digital media services, more utilitarian, including changes to make the best use of the space and to allow greater interaction between the departmental staff and the campus, the third floor, which acts as the home for the library’s digital media services, and the print periodicals and newspapers have been moved to create more seating where people, who would not otherwise come, into the library.

The library is always looking for more donations to build that collection as it, in particular, is a great tool for bringing new people, who would never have been able to learn on our own.

For a brief period, the Media Services area is hosting the Browsing collection, which generally made up of newer pleasure readings books. This collection provides a great way for UCF students, staff, and faculty to perk up any evening.

Ms. Bali’s visit to the library was made possible through funds raised at the 2006 Media Services department Review. The library will use the money to make the best use of the space.

Inez Brady—Rejuvenate Your Life in 21 Days

In May, Inez Bracy was featured in a Developmental Update. On July 18, she nominated 34 attendees from both the UCF Libraries and other departments on campus with her book, Rejuvenate Your Life in 21 Days. The book has become a best-seller and is making a huge impact on all who attended and reflected her 20 year experience in an array of professional environments from corporate, nonprofit, and educational. All walked away from the visit with something to ponder and look forward to.

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Those who missed Ms Bracy speak can still benefit by her teachings. The UCF Libraries carries the donated print version of her e- book, Rejuvenate Your Life... on the first floor of the main library under the call number 948 B5 2006. To get your own copy of her book, simply visit the book’s web site. Ms Bracy has designated that a portion of each book sale will go to benefit the UCF Libraries. You can also learn more about Inez Bracy by visiting her web site.