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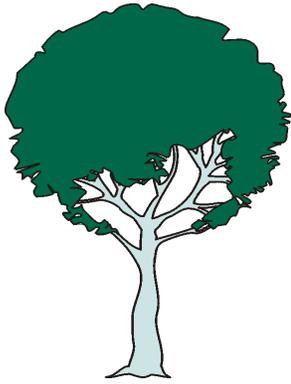
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# *Society for Advancement of Poynter Library*

## THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

University of South Florida St. Petersburg

Summer 2003

### SAPL Annual Meeting - A Salute to Gene Patterson

by Margaret Tappan  
SAPL Historian



Betty Jean Miller  
SAPL President

#### President's Column

It's been an exciting year, a challenging year, a year of changing places and new faces at our campus. Our library board heard from interim vice-president and CEO Ralph Wilcox at its January meeting and we plan to hear from new campus executive officer and vice-president Karen White this year.

We had a demonstration of the new LAN (Local Area Network) computer which we bought for the library, and had a successful book sale under Marion Ballard's expert guidance. The annual fiction contest has left us with some challenges and questions which we will deal with in the coming year. And we have an attractive and helpful new SAPL brochure, thanks to Kristina Thyre.

The annual meeting was a smashing success, with Drs. Ray Arsenault and Roy Peter Clark discussing their book, "The Changing South of Gene Patterson," followed by Gene Patterson's spellbinding account of his

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SAPL held its 19th Annual Meeting in the Poynter Library Office Complex on the 3rd floor. Our usual venue, the beautiful library terrace overlooking Bayboro Harbor, was ruled out due to windy, inclement weather.

Nevertheless, a large crowd was present, and enjoyed a sumptuous appetizer buffet, planned by Marlene Mock and Kristina Thyre. The business meeting was brief, with present officers re-elected for another year: President - Betty Jean Miller; Vice-President - Sally Poynter; Secretary - Marlene Mock; Treasurer - Marci Jacobs; Historian/Advisor - Margaret Tappan. A proposed amendment to the by-laws regarding the size of the board of directors was tabled for further study.

The program for the evening was "A Salute to Gene Patterson" for his contributions to the Civil Rights Movement, 1960-1968, during his years as editor of the Atlanta Constitution. Mr. Patterson wrote a daily column while editor (a remarkable total of 3,200), in which he repeatedly encouraged his fellow white southerners to change their attitudes and ways at a time of great political strife. Mr. Patterson became editor of the St. Petersburg Times in 1971.

A recently published book, *The Changing South of Gene Patterson*, was co-edited by Roy Peter Clark (Vice-President, Poynter Institute) and Ray Arsenault (USF History Professor). They were present to provide the background for the program. Both authors discussed their work in researching Mr. Patterson's career and his many contributions to journalism. Each shared his own personal experiences in working on this book, and how their respect and admiration for Mr. Patterson grew.

Mr. Patterson then spoke to the audience, and shared many of his personal memories, such as being present in Washington D.C. to witness Dr. Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech in August, 1963. In very moving terms, he spoke of his sudden realization that the Civil Rights Movement had become a national movement, rather than just a southern movement.

After Mr. Patterson's remarks, he received a standing ovation from a grateful audience.



Gene Patterson (right) with Nelson Poynter

## From the Dean



**Kathy Arsenault**  
Library Dean

The Poynter Library staff is looking forward to the beginning of the 2003/04 academic year with excitement, plus a little bit of trepidation. USF St. Petersburg has had the biggest expansion in its history: 61 new faculty members and 11 new administrators will be joining us this year. We expect enrollments to be up significantly as well. Summer term, usually a quiet lull in the school year, was a bustling preview of what's to come. The fall will bring even more students checking out books, consulting reserve materials, and working with our reference librarians. Our librarians will have many more classes to assist with presentations about how to

use the library. It will be a busy, but exciting, new beginning for USF St. Petersburg, but we think we're ready!

It is hard not to be enthusiastic about the future in the presence of our new USF St. Petersburg Vice President Karen White. Dr. White joined us in July from the University of Nebraska at Omaha where she was Dean of the College of Fine Arts. Before she became a university administrator, she was a violinist and conductor. In a previous position at Southeastern Louisiana University, she became friends with our former library director Lanny Greaves and his wife Mary Jo. I am excited about working with Vice President White and hope SAPL members will soon have a chance to get to know her as well.



**Dr. Karen White**  
USFSP VP/CEO

## SAPL Book Fair

by Marion Ballard

The Annual SAPL Book Fair was held on campus in Davis 130 on Friday, April 4th for students, staff and faculty. The following day the sale was open to the public. It earned \$1,310 for the SAPL Board to fund various library programs.

Each year the library is the recipient of many thousand books. Each title is examined for suitability for the permanent collections, and those not needed are earmarked for the sale. Books are sorted into over 20 categories, priced and boxed to await the sale. With the help of Physical Plant staff, the boxes are moved to

Davis Hall, where volunteers display them. While volunteer help is essential, the sale could not take place without the help of the library staff, especially Barbara Reynolds, Sudsy Tschiderer, and the Physical Plant staff.



## Untangling the Web: USF Libraries New Website

by Jim Schnur, Special Collections Librarian

In mid-May, the University of South Florida libraries unveiled their new website that updates the USF Virtual Library. While individual USF libraries will continue to maintain their own web pages, this new website ([www.lib.usf.edu](http://www.lib.usf.edu)) serves as a convenient, unified site for all users of the USF Libraries.

This new website represents a natural evolution from the Virtual Library. Content and links have been updated, navigation improved, and aesthetics enhanced. The front page of the new website includes "News @ USF Libraries," a place to learn about events, new collections, service enhancements, and other timely topics. Many of the top-layer pages also include helpful navigational bars. A horizontal bar provides information about connecting to databases from off-campus, renewing books online, or getting online reference assistance. A vertical bar, along the left margin of the screen, features quick links to the library catalog, databases, libraries and

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experiences as editor of the Atlanta Constitution during the tumultuous early years of integration.

Meanwhile, our spring newsletter somehow became our summer newsletter, and such are the hazards of a first-time president in learning the ropes, which is why it makes more sense to be president for two years. Having had my “trial run,” I hope to be more aware of events and schedules and such in the coming year.

In closing, allow me to enlarge upon the words expressed in “Great Expectations,” the USF St. Petersburg news publication - There is No Great City Without a Great University,” and say “There is No Great University Without a Great Library.”

**Poynter Library Cuts the Wire**

by Berrie Watson, Systems Coordinator

This fall, students will enjoy a fast, reliable laptop computer with mobile internet access, without wires! We are pleased to introduce the first wireless laptop available for students use at USF St. Petersburg, made possible through funding from the Society for the Advancement of Poynter Library.

This fully functional mobile powerhouse uses the fastest Intel computer chip, the Pentium 4, and connects to the internet through the library’s wireless ethernet network. The recently implemented wireless network seamlessly connects USF St. Petersburg to the wireless network in Tampa and other regional campuses. Wireless access, also known by the popular term ‘WI-FI’, is available for student use on all floors of the library through the use of Cisco Access points and wireless networking cards. Coverage maps are available both in print and online to indicate the best areas for reception of the wireless signal, for use with the library’s laptop as well as student owned laptops or mobile handheld devices.

A full suite of Microsoft applications are pre-installed on the laptop, including MS-Word, Excel, PowerPoint, among others. The LUNA archival retrieval program is also available to access the digital archive of the Tampa library. The laptop is maintained by the Circulation department through an online imaging process, that re-images the laptop after each use. The imaging process re-



Students using wireless laptop computers.

places the entire contents of the computer’s hard drive which allows students to have a clean, freshly installed operating system each time the machine is checked out. Having a newly imaged computer at checkout provides a consistent and dependable environment for mobile research.

Students will be required to present their current student ID and Driver’s License to check out the laptop, for a maximum of 3 hours at a time. For a full program list, policy and coverage information, and to learn more about the Poynter Library’s wireless network, please visit our website at: [www.nelson.usf.edu/systems](http://www.nelson.usf.edu/systems). Thank you, SAPL, for making this possible!

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their respective collections, and services.

One of our most exciting new features is a series of web pages specifically designed to provide information regarding services and policies that affect our faculty and researchers. From this site you can examine guides and tutorials, schedule bibliographic instructions sessions or tours, and find helpful information about copyright and plagiarism. Although still a “work-in-progress,” recent enhancements include links to library liaisons for collection development and updated pages for many of the services available to faculty.

Look for additional improvements to the USF Libraries Website during the fall semester!

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