The Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library are committed to the development and use of an exceptional collection of books and manuscripts relating to the history of medicine and the health sciences.

The collection was established through the efforts of Dr. Pat Ireland Nixon (1883-1965), who was born in Guadalupe County, attended Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and later built a practice in San Antonio.

Your support of the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library helps to assure that we will be able to maintain, build and promote the use of the collection, both on the campus of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and in the academic communities of the surrounding area.

**FRIENDS OF THE P.I. NIXON MEDICAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER**

No. 30 Fall 2014

“Fighting the Third Army: Combating the Ailments and Injuries of the American Civil War”

**Michael A. Flannery to speak**

Michael A. Flannery will be the guest speaker at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. The evening’s program, to be held at the Old San Francisco Steak House, will explore the traumas and illnesses incident to battlefield injuries and camp diseases during the Civil War, how that directed the course of the conflict, and those who sought to combat and learn from it. As Virginia surgeon Benjamin W. Allen (1824-1886) recalled, “No one could imagine fully the labor, required, unless they had gone through with it ... all, were calculated to break down the strongest surgeons, and arouse the sympathies of the most callous.” In confronting that formidable foe, Union and Confederate became one.

Flannery is the Associate Director for Historical Collections, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, and a professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he also holds adjunct appointments with the departments of history and sociology. The author of seven books, his *John Uri Lloyd: The Great American Eclectic* (Southern Illinois University Press, 1998) received the Kremers Award in 2001 from the American Institute for the History of Pharmacy for outstanding scholarship by an American. He has written on a wide range of historical topics in science and medicine, including the history of medical ethics.

**44th ANNUAL MEETING**

Dinner and Presentation

“Fighting the Third Army: Combating the Ailments and Injuries of the American Civil War”

**Michael A. Flannery, M.A., M.L.S, Associate Director for Historical Collections, University of Alabama at Birmingham**

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Cash bar: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Appetizer, entrée, dessert, coffee or tea

Old San Francisco Steak House 10223 Sahara Street off San Pedro

Cost: $55/person; $30 for students. Cost of student dinner includes membership in the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. Paid sponsorships for students are available on request, and advanced registration is required.

Please RSVP by October 30, 2014—A reservation form is enclosed.
Upcoming events

The Danny Jones History of the Health Sciences Student Essay Competition

This year the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library will continue an essay competition in memory of Danny Jones, M.L.S., who served as Head of Special Collections at the University of Texas Health Science Center, and was also a Past President of the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. The contest is open to current students in any of the schools of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, as well as to affiliated residents or fellows.

Essays can be on any topic related to the history of the health sciences, including history of medicine, dentistry, nursing, public health, or any other health science or profession. A prize of $500 will be awarded to the best essay. Essays should be no more than 2500 words, sent in pdf format to comeaux@uthscsa.edu. The deadline for entry is October 15, 2014.

The prize will be presented at the Friends Annual Dinner on November 6, 2014.

History of Medicine Society Meetings

The History of Medicine Society is an interest group within the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. The student-led group meets monthly when exam schedules allow to discuss the historical development of medicine and the health sciences, and the impact of medicine on society. The public is welcome to attend.

The following meetings have been scheduled for the 2014-2015 year:

- August 20 – Eva Galvan, MS4 – Early Days of X-Rays and Radiation
- September 8 – 10 – History of Medicine Scavenger Hunt with presentation by Charleen Moore on Sept. 10 on Treasures of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library at 6:00 pm in the Howe Conference Room. All entries must be turned in by 6:30 pm on Sept. 10. Forms may be picked up at the library’s Circulation Desk or in the Nixon Library.
- October 1 – Ruth Stewart, RN, MS in Public Health Nursing – Nurses in War: A Florence Nightingale Heritage. 6:00 pm. Howe Conference Room. Followed by viewing NLM exhibit and a small reception.
- November – no meeting. Friends of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library Annual Dinner Meeting on Nov. 6
- December – no meeting
- January 14 – Second Annual Trivia Contest – Ally Hertz, MS4. 6:00 pm Howe Conference Room
- February 11 – History of the Mental Health Prosumer Movement. 6:00 pm Howe Conference Room
- March 25 – Presentation by Danny Jones HOM Essay winner. 6:00 pm Howe Conference Room
- April 22 – History of Medicine in Poetry. 6:00 pm Howe Conference Room

Exhibits

- Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War, NLM Traveling Exhibit, September 29 through November 8, 2014
- Civil War Medical Figures – library exhibit to compliment NLM exhibit. Sept 15 – Nov. 30, 2014
- Every Necessary Care and Attention: George Washington and Medicine, NLM Traveling Exhibit, May 11 - June 20, 2015

For more information on any of these events, contact Anne Comeaux, Assistant Director for Special Collections, Briscoe Library, UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. Phone: 210-567-2428 Email: comeaux@uthscsa.edu
On April 15 the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library had a display of the rare anatomical texts in the collection for the History of Anatomy class taught by Dr. Charleen Moore. Forty-two books were on display including Albinus’ *Tables of the skeleton and muscles of the human body*, Charles Bell’s *Illustrations of the great operations of surgery*, Harvey’s *Anatomical exercitations concerning the generation of living creatures*, Hooke’s *Micrographia*, John Hunter’s *The natural history of the human teeth*, William Hunter’s *Anatomia uteri humani gravidi tabulis illustrate*, and Vesalius’ *De humani corporis fabrica libri septem*.

Students were allowed to view and browse through the precious books with Special Collections staff helping to turn pages on fragile volumes and answer questions. After the visit by the class, the public was also allowed to view and enjoy these treasures.

The State Anatomical Board met at the Health Science Center on July 21st and took the opportunity to view the rare anatomical atlases and other treasures of the Nixon Library. A group of Japanese students visiting the Dental Dean’s Office visited the Nixon Library on August 11th on their tour of the Health Science Center.

*Displays and tours of the Nixon Library may be arranged by contacting Anne Comeaux, Assistant Director for Special Collections, email: comeaux@uthscsa.edu, phone: 210-567-2428.*
Nominees for the Executive Board for 2014-2015

The business meeting of the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library will take place at the Annual Dinner and Presentation on the evening of November 6. Three openings on the Executive Board will be filled: one for Vice-President/President Elect, and two for Member-at-Large. Information about the nominees for these positions can be found below.

Dr. Irene Bober-Moken, D.M.D., MPH, is the nominee for Vice President/President-Elect. A Clinical Assistant Professor in the School of Dentistry, Dr. Bober-Moken teaches courses in Professional Ethics and Jurisprudence, the pre-clinical laboratory component of dental anatomy and modules addressing oral health risk assessment and tobacco cessation counseling. She screens elementary school children for an outreach school dental sealant program. She has expertise in the areas of dental history and dental public health issues.

Eithan Kotkowski, MS-2, is a nominee for 2nd Member-at-Large. Eithan is an M.D./Ph.D. student in the School of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio where he has begun performing neuroimaging research. Kotkowski also works as a teacher in the School of Medicine’s Intermediate Medical Spanish course elective and is president of Frontera de Salud, a health outreach and education program with the mission of improving the health of the underserved in San Antonio and South Texas. He also is on the School of Medicine’s Cultural Competence Committee and was named a 2014 Presidential Ambassador Scholar.

Patrick Ireland Nixon III is a nominee for 3rd Member-at-Large. Nixon is the grandson of Dr. P. I. Nixon, who was primarily responsible for the collection of historical medical books owned by the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library, and shares his grandfather’s and father’s love of history and support for the Nixon Library. He has a B.S. in Human Factors/Social Physiology from Texas Technological College specializing in Man-Machine Interface and a B.B.A. and M.B.A. from Texas Tech University in management, computer tracking and modeling of business cycles. He has worked extensively in research, department and product development, and quality control and assurance and has taught classes in automotive technology.

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Blog Highlights Treasures in Rare Books and Archives

The Special Collections of the Briscoe Library of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio contains both the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library and the University Archives, which houses historical papers from both the university and from health care professionals important to the history of medicine in San Antonio and south Texas. As well as our wonderful rare books, Special Collections staff and interns often find interesting records in the archives and unusual or unique antique medical instruments or other artifacts.

Several years ago, staff started a blog entitled Treasures of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library to highlight some of the books, papers, and other artifacts in the collections. Entries provide information on the materials as well as pictures and references for more information.

Recent topics have included:

- Middleton Goldsmith and Hospital Gangrene
- The Louis Lapicque Papers
- Anthropométamorphosis: Man Transform’d: or the Artificiall Changeling, a 1606 book by John Bulwer
- Dr. John Harvey Kellogg – Inventor of Kellogg’s Corn Flakes
- A Landmark in Anatomical Illustration: Paolo Mascagni and the Lymphatic System
- Through the Eye Piece of the Microscope … San Antonio Nature Observations, highlighting the work of Dr. Rudolph Menger, a 19th century physician in San Antonio who took microphotographs of many of the flora and fauna found around San Antonio and whose original scrapbook resides in the Nixon Library.

The blog may be accessed at:

http://library.uthscsa.edu/category/treasures/.

If you have encountered something really interesting in the Special Collections or that you feel might be related, Special Collections staff are always open to suggestions for new entries.

Civil War Exhibit from National Library of Medicine on Display

The Briscoe Library at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio is hosting a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine entitled Life and Limb: the Toll of the American Civil War. The exhibit documents the experiences of injured soldiers during the Civil War and in the years afterwards, especially focusing on disabled veterans and their role as symbols of the fractured nation. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers were permanently disabled by battlefield injuries or surgery, which saved lives by sacrificing limbs. The exhibit will be located on the 3rd floor of the library and will run from September 29 - November 8, 2014.

Pictured on the right: Soldiers at Armory Square Hospital, Washington, D.C., 1860s. Courtesy of the National Library of Medicine.
P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library: Events in 2013-2014

- September 19 - Jose Cadena, M.D. presented the noon lecture Wonder Drugs vs. Superbugs: the Struggle to Preserve the Utility of Our Antibiotic Arsenal Amidst Relentless Bacterial Evolution.
- October 30 - History of Medicine Society Meeting with presentation by Charleen Moore, Ph.D. on Body Snatching and Great Operations of the Early 19th Century including the display and discussion of John and Charles Bell’s books in the Nixon Library.
- November 7 - Annual Dinner meeting of the Friends of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library at the Old San Francisco Steak House with Basil A. Pruitt, Jr., M.D. presenting San Antonio’s National and International Center of Excellence for Burn Care and Research.
- November 14 - Kirsten Gardner, Ph.D. from UT San Antonio presented a noon lecture We Named Her Priscilla: Diabetic Pregnancy in the Early 20th Century and Dr. Priscilla White.
- December 4 - History of Medicine Society meeting with a HOM trivia contest. Alexandria Hertz, 3rd year student in the School of Medicine, presiding.
- January 29 - History of Medicine Society meeting with a celebration of Vesalius’ 500th birthday including a display of De Humani Corporis Fabrica Libri Septem from 1543 and the new limited edition translation that the Friends had recently purchased.
- February 19 - History of Medicine Society meeting with Kristin Budde, 4th year student in the School of Medicine, presenting Hysteria - from Hippocrates to Hollywood.
- March 26 - History of Medicine Society meeting with Daniel Barron, MD/Ph.D student in the School of Medicine, presenting The Medicine of Perfection: Persistent 20th Century Medical Utopias. A companion exhibit entitled First Do No Harm on medical ethics was displayed in the library during March.
- April 15 - History of Anatomy class visit to P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library to view 37 rare anatomical books followed by viewing by the public.
- April 23 - In honor of Poetry Month, the History of Medicine Society met to discuss the history of medicine in poetry with various members reading selected poems or presenting their own original poems. The library displayed a companion exhibit on The Healing Power of Poetry.
- July 22 - Visit to Nixon Library by Texas State Anatomical Board with display of 20 books.
- August 11—Visit to Nixon Library by Japanese students visiting the Dental Dean with display of books.
San Antonio Chapter National Association of Hispanic Nurses
Records added to the University Archives

The San Antonio Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) donated the historical records of their chapter to the University Archives in September 2013. Records include membership meeting minutes, agendas, sign-up sheets, flyers, newsletters, brochures, correspondence, expense reports, and assorted documents from 1987 - 2009. A list of records in the collection may be found in the finding aid available at the Texas Archival Resources (TARO) website at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/.

This collection adds to the Annie Inez New Collection and the Texas Nurses Association District 8 - Arvella Bentley Vowell History Collection to increase the historical information in the archives on nurses and nursing care in the San Antonio area. Thirty-five finding aids for collections in the University Archives are currently available for researchers at the TARO website including the papers of David Cerna, George Cupples, Adolph Herff, Rudulph Menger, Frank Paschal, Ferdinand Ludwig Von Herff, and other physicians, nurses, researchers, and associations important to the history of medical care in south Texas.

Friends Purchase Collection of Popular History of Medicine Books

The Friends of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library purchased or donated a collection of 27 popular books on the history of medicine for the general book collection of the Briscoe Library. The books may be checked out by students or others using the library who are interested in the history of medicine and would like an intriguing, less academic book on the subject. Topics include microbe hunters, deadly companions (how microbes shaped our history), the doctor’s plague, Victorian London’s cholera outbreak, ebola, pioneers in tropical diseases, the history of the development of vaccines, and many other interesting subjects. A list of all books in the collection may be found by searching the library’s online catalog at http://library.uthscsa.edu/ for the keywords “HOM Collection.”

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John Snow’s original map of London’s 1854 cholera outbreak.
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The Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library provide a forum for individuals who are interested in the history of the health sciences. The Friends meet periodically throughout the year for lectures, films and for the Annual Dinner and Presentation that takes place each November. Since Fall 2012, a student-led History of Medicine Society has participated in the planning of programs. Programs of the History of Medicine Society often take place in the evening and are attended by affiliates of the health science center and other members of the San Antonio community.

Membership is open to everyone! Dues are $10/year for students, $25 for individual members, $50 for patrons (includes spouse), and $2500 for life members. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more, please contact Anne Comeaux, Assistant Director for Special Collections, at 210-567-2428 or comeaux@uthscsa.edu or fill out the enclosed membership form.