

**Lowell D.
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Holmes Happenings

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Last fall, the museum student staff successfully cataloged nearly 300 items in the Carney Pizza Hut collection. The museum is set to open on April 25th with a public celebration. I've enjoyed being a part of the Pizza Hut Museum planning committee. It's been exciting to watch ideas and hard work evolve into something tangible and remarkable. This will be a valuable educational experience for the students involved and for those that will be involved in the future. The student staff and volunteers have also been busy with the day to day tasks of the museum as well as special projects like the Native American photo exhibit in the south stairwell. We also have two High School seniors doing Senior Projects in museum studies which is always a great outreach opportunity for the museum and the Anthropology Department. We have some great new exhibits being created this semester by the Museum Exhibition class. **Please join us for an exhibit opening on April 23rd 2:00-5:00 in Neff Hall.**



Museum volunteer, Gracie Tolley and High School student, Morgan Yaeger working on inventory. Morgan did a senior project on museum work.



Graduate student, and Museum Studies Certificate student, Carissa Speck installed a new photo exhibit about Native Americans.

New Exhibit Honors First President

The museum was asked to create an exhibit in the Morrison Bookcase, right outside of President Bardo's office. With the help of Special Collections, Rachelle Meinecke created an exhibit highlighting the life of Nathan Morrison, the University's first President and owner of the bookcase. The photos include Nathan and his wife and children, and early photos of the University as well as yearbooks during Morrison's presidency.



Bookcase lovingly referred to as the "Morrison Monster" because of its size.

Accessibility in the Pizza Hut Museum



To make the museum more accessible for visitors, Flint Hills Design has been working with the Envision Research Institute, to install Quick Response Codes or QR codes into the label rails. QR codes are two-dimensional black and white barcodes that can be scanned by smartphones and tablets for audible information. In addition to QR codes some of the labels will also be in braille. GoCreate, in the Experiential Engineering building, is making 3D scans of various objects for use on a tactile wall for a different sensory experience for visitors. These kinds of accessibility options are not new to museums but are becoming increasingly more frequent and will allow more visitors to enjoy the museum.



Pizza Party

How do you celebrate the completion of cataloging nearly 300 Pizza Hut artifacts? By eating Pizza Hut pizza of course. Museum registrar and graduate student, Claire Weatherall enjoying her pizza.

Recent Donation



This beautiful butterfly wing artwork was collected by Juanita Morin in Chad Africa in the late 1960s. Morin was in the Peace Corp and later served as an interpreter for the Chad government. Her niece, Michele Donoho donated 12 pieces of artwork and two leather hassocks.

Museum Studies Certificate

If you have any questions about the Museum Studies Certificate please contact Rachelle Meinecke at the information below or click on the link at <http://www.wichita.edu/thisis/home/?u=anthro>.

Upcoming Events



- March 19-23rd—Spring break
- April 10th—AMAC meeting 5:30 Rm 117
- April 23rd—Exhibit Opening 2:00-5:00
- April 25th—Pizza Hut Museum Opening TBA

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