

## Grammy Foundation helps Cajun, Creole music go global

MUSIC LOVERS AROUND THE WORLD will have access to materials in the Cajun and Creole Music Collection at Edith Garland Dupré Library, thanks to a grant from The Grammy Foundation.

The funds will be used to create catalog records for the music collection that will be made available on the Internet. Many of the materials in the Cajun and Creole Music Collection require original cataloging, since they are unique pieces that have never been fully cataloged by any library.

In 2003, Dupré Library began building the Cajun and Creole Music Collection with a Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund, Traditional Enhancement Grant.

The collection consists mostly of

commercially produced recordings and materials related to the music of the Cajuns and Creoles of Louisiana. The recordings, published since 1928, cover the history and the evolution in the Cajun and Creole musical cultures. Formats include both analog and digital media: 78 rpm, 45 rpm, and LP (33 1/3 rpm) records, 8-track tapes, audiocassettes, compact discs, VHS tapes and DVDs. The expanding collection also contains selected field recordings, books, periodicals, photographs and artifacts.

In addition, Dupré Library will benefit from a Grammy Foundation

grant awarded to Jerry Embree, an audio engineer and musician, who plans to donate his collection of radio transcription recordings to the Cajun and Creole Music Collection.

His donation will include two radio series, the "Creole Gumbo Radio Show" and "South to Louisiana: A Cajun and Zydeco Music Show," which were distributed over the national public radio satellite network in the early and mid-1990s. Embree's grant will allow him to compile and archive his recordings in a more stable media before donating them to the library.



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### SUPPORTERS TURN RED FOR UL LAFAYETTE

If red is the new black, then thousands of Acadiana residents were quite chic one day this fall.

They took part in Wear Red Day in Acadiana to show their appreciation of UL Lafayette. The Sept. 1 observance

- Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department, mid-size business category; and
- The Schumacher Group, large business category.

Innovative Intelligent Design

Inc. earned the Wear Red Spirit Award.

Awards were presented during halftime at the first home game of the 2006 football season, the 6th annual Herbert Heymann Classic. Photos of

all the winners and contestants were displayed on the scoreboard at other home games.

"Over 50 businesses submitted digital photos of employees wearing red. We even received a shot of a 1969 nursing graduate who wore a red outfit to work that day – in Calgary, Alberta, Canada," said Cheryl Hidalgo, assistant director of trademark licensing at UL Lafayette.

coincided with College Colors Day, a national celebration of the traditions, contributions and achievements of all universities.

Businesses had a chance to compete for bragging rights in two contests – for having the most employees wearing red and for conveying the best Ragin' Cajun spirit in a photograph.

Winners were:

- Regent Broadcasting Inc., small business category;

## Ferry disaster documentary heads to archives

A VIDEO DOCUMENTARY COMPLETED by a graduate of the master's program in communication at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has been accepted into one of the state's prestigious archives.

The board of directors of The Historic New Orleans Collection recently announced its acceptance of Royd C. Anderson's original video project, which covers the Luling Ferry Disaster of 1976.

It was the worst ferryboat accident in U.S. history.

The 22-minute documentary explores in detail the events of the morning of Oct. 20, 1976, when a Norwegian tanker collided with a ferry on the Mississippi River at the Destrehan-Luling Ferry Crossing.

Seventy-eight people died as a result of the accident. Enhanced regulations requiring random drug and alcohol testing for pilots were implemented after the tragedy. Also, a bridge was constructed that now serves motorists along Interstate 310 between Destrehan and Luling.

