Hidden in the far north corner of Shorter College’s A.W. Young Library is a gem of a collection unlike any other in Central Arkansas. Shorter College is in possession of more than fifty African artifacts, many of which date from the 19th century and earlier.

The opportunity to obtain the artifacts came in 2015, when Shorter College’s Dr. Jean Bell Manning, Dean of Academic Affairs, worked with noted African art dealer Sulayman Jarra of Houston, Texas, to broker the donation to the college, consisting of 67 total artifacts from nine separate donors. Forty-nine pieces were received in 2015 from eight separate donors, with the final 18 donations arriving in 2016. The names of most of the donors are known, although several pieces are listed as being from unknown benefactors.

It took hours to unpack each shipment. Library Technician Nasser Sadouly said each individual artifact was wrapped very thoroughly, with lots of padding for protection. “It was like Christmas,” he said of opening each and seeing what was inside.

The artifacts have each been meticulously cataloged with a call number, title, barcode and subject description, and the library has a thorough record of every piece, including history when known and how the item was traditionally used. “Students of African art and history can find information on the pieces quickly because of this cataloging,” said Sadouly.

Fifty-nine figurines, masks, and other objects are currently on display in the main room of A.W. Young Library. Eight additional works, including an intricately

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Free expungement clinic coming Oct. 27

Shorter College, in partnership with the Center for Arkansas Legal Services and Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area, will hold a Free Criminal Record Sealing Clinic on the college campus on Friday, Oct. 27.

“Our lawyers and lawyers from the community offering their services pro bono will sit down with people and go through their criminal record and see what charges can be sealed,” explained Kendall Lewellen, an attorney with the Center for Arkansas Legal Services. “Sealing past records, when possible, offers new opportunities for jobs and a sense of closure.”

This service has been offered in various locations quarterly since 2015, with as many as 100 people attending. The clinics generally have between 10 and 15 lawyers and student volunteers. The clinic being held on the Shorter College campus will be open to both students and people in the community.

Those planning to attend the clinic are asked to call the Helpline to set an appointment at (501) 376-3423 or 1-800-950-5817.

Center for Arkansas Legal Services staff and volunteers at the last Expungement Clinic held in Pine Bluff. Shown from left to right: Donna Ramsey, John Brogden, Zina Frazier, Madhav Shroff, Constance Gabel, Kendall Lewellen, Quincey Ross, Julie Howe, and Riley Causley.

Unsung treasure
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carved statue nearly 50” tall, are being stored until new display shelving can be built. Librarian Jennifer Ravnell envisions a wall of museum-quality displays, the better to showcase and protect the collection. “These are not just mere pieces of wood,” said Sadouly of the artifacts. “They are not mass-produced. They show talent and appreciation of the culture. They show tradition, a visual language that speaks volumes.”

Although most of the artifacts are masks and statuary, also included in the collection are a Luna/Hemba stool and a Baule ritual drum.

A prize of the collection is a nkisi (power figure) from the Yombe people, DR Congo, currently in storage. Carved from wood and studded with an impressive collection of iron nails and axe heads, this nkisi was created to harness and utilize ancestral power in the resolution of everyday troubles. The village nganga (magic man) carved and guarded the nkisi, and bilongo (magical materials) were kept in the glass-sealed receptacle on the belly of the figure. The figure itself is styled to be as formidable-looking as possible, in order to fight for the desires and wishes of the supplicants.

One of the older masks was designed to cover the head of the wearer with long ceremonial braids. “People still wear braids even today,” Sadouly said. “There is cultural connectivity between modern students and the artists who made these works going back centuries.”

A.W. Young Library is located at the corner of Pine Street and Bishop Lindsey Avenue. The majority of the African artifacts collection is available for public viewing weekdays during regular library hours.
Fall 2017
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For Students:
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Hollister aiming to stand on his own

North Little Rock native Tyrees Hollister was taking an extended break from school when the thought of enrolling in Shorter College first crossed his mind. Hollister had played basketball for the North Little Rock Charging Wildcats, and a scholarship took him to Conway before life got in the way of his studies. “I enrolled at Central Baptist College on a basketball scholarship in 2012, to study business management, but left school later after my daughter Lailah was born,” Hollister said. “I had to work.” He went to work at Family Dollar for a couple of years, then moved on to an assistant manager position at Chicken King, staying there until the Conway location was closed, then returning to the North Little Rock location. One day he heard an ad for Shorter College on the radio, and he decided to apply.

“I was debating if I should go back to school, and I kept on hearing the ad,” he said. “It seemed like the right time to return to school.” Hollister enrolled for the spring semester 2017, focusing on Entrepreneurial Studies. Hollister said it is hard to pick just one favorite thing about Shorter College, but at the top of his list is the staff and faculty. “The staff is like family,” he said. “They really raise me up and push me forward, to be my best. I like that everyone looks out for everyone else.”

It was former staffer Christopher Watkins who encouraged Hollister to enter the Mr. Shorter College Scholarship Pageant this past April. Hollister was nervous about appearing on stage in front of a large crowd, but entered the contest anyway. “I was shaky on entering, but Mr. Watkins and his sister helped me, encouraged me, and took the time to help me get comfortable with public speaking.” The effort paid off and Hollister was selected as Mr. Shorter College 2017.

Hollister’s goal after graduation is to go into business for himself with a towing company. In the meanwhile, in order to raise funds for the towing business, he is developing a line of clothing, including motivational, character-driven tee-shirts, called Big Dog Status. “When you stand on your own in face of adversity, you’ve achieved big dog status,” Hollister explains. “This is a religious school, and sometimes you get called out to stand up and pray. When you do, in that situation, you are the big dog. You don’t worry what anyone says about you; you stand up on your own and stand for yourself.”

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As Mr. Shorter College 2017, Hollister is a Student Ambassador of the college and looks forward to speaking to others about opportunities at Shorter and assisting with recruitment. He is also involved with the Student Government Association and the Black Male Initiative, which supports black men in strengthening their communities.

Inspirational Quote of the Month

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When Lee Wesley Allen first enrolled in Shorter College, he was considering the state of his billfold more than his brain.

“To be honest, I initially chose Shorter College because it was a bargain”, said Allen. “Tuition was a struggle for me at that point in my life. Low tuition plus available financial aid was very attractive, and I liked the good teacher/student ratio.” It was a little while before Allen began to take his studies seriously. “I admit I made fun of Shorter when I first arrived. I was one of those students saying, ‘This isn’t even a real college! It’s too small!’ I bashed the school so hard.”

A turning point came when Allen encountered then-Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Karen Buchanan. “I knew Mrs. Buchanan; she had been my principal in elementary school. She pushed me in the right direction. When I first enrolled I was just killing time, I wasn’t even very interested in getting my associates degree. But she pushed me hard. I quickly realized how wrong I was, and that Shorter is very much a real college. The faculty and staff at Shorter are dedicated to the students’ education.”

At this point fully invested in his education, Allen was appointed Student Government Association President for the 2012-13 school year, a position which left him no doubt that leadership was his future. He also served as student ambassador to President Obama’s re-election campaign, which proved rewarding. “As a result of my hard work during the campaign, I was invited to the Inauguration in January 2013, and to the Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus.”

After earning his Associate of Arts in General Studies at Shorter College, Allen enrolled in Bethune-Cookman University, a historically black university in Daytona Beach, Fla., on a full Presidential Scholarship. At Bethune-Cookman, he joined the Delta Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, a social organization with a service-focused mission. “We are very involved in the Black Male Initiative, which intends to increase, encourage, and support the inclusion and educational success of male students of color,” Allen stated. “We started it at Alpha Phi Alpha to help get inner-city kids involved in their own education, to focus on matriculation and bridge the gap from high school to college. We provide ACT prep for high school students and GRE prep for college students. We also implemented a Suit and Tie Initiative, to help students dress for success.”

A further goal is to keep alumni involved with historically black colleges and universities. “Many times alumni of HBCUs will not stay involved after graduation. We encourage them to return to campus as mentors, and to support their schools with financial gifts if they are able.”

Allen received a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications with an emphasis in public relations and advertising in 2016, and is currently enrolled at Bethune-Cookman working towards a Masters of Transformative Leadership degree, a field which focuses on project management, effective leadership, and conflict resolution.
Roger Doyne

Roger Doyne, known by many as "Mr. Roger," was born and raised in Little Rock. His earlier days were spent in the old Granite Mountain, and later his mother moved the family back to College Station, which was his birthplace. He graduated from Parkview High School in 1979 and went on to attend the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Oral Roberts University, and recently the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, where he completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Professional and Technical Writing with a double minor in Religious Studies and Nonprofit Management.

Doyne has been married to Regina for 24 years and the two are the proud parents of six children. He has been an entrepreneur for most of his life, owning and operating his own commercial and residential construction company from 1990 to 2012. After retiring from construction and spending a few years driving the school bus for both Little Rock and Pulaski County, Doyne went to work for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission in 2013. There he was responsible for educating communities about the Affordable Care Act. While working with the Commission, he was assigned to servicing the Shorter College student body.

After the legislature canceled funding for the program, Doyne decided to go back in business for himself and launched Roger Doyne & Associates Insurance Agency, located in the Pike Plaza Shopping Center off Pike Avenue in North Little Rock.

During the summer of 2015, Doyne and his wife Regina launched a youth ministry called Youth Institute of College Station. During the summer months they and their volunteers would serve over 50 youth in the College Station area with meals, sports and character-building programming. This ministry has continued to grow, and this past summer they celebrated the completion of their third summer. They are currently planning to expand the ministry year-round involving after-school programming for tutoring, homework assignments and various activities for ages six to 18.

Dr. Tiffany Haynes

Tiffany Haynes, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health.

Dr. Haynes is a clinical psychologist with expertise in mental health services research, intervention development, and community-based participatory research (CBPR). Her research broadly focuses on improving access to and use of mental health services in rural and underserved communities.

She has served as the Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator on several National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) funded grants, examining the feasibility of working with faith communities to improve mental health service use.

She is currently the Principal Investigator on a National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) funded U01 grant that aims to test the effectiveness of a faith-based depression intervention within rural African-American churches.