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Library exhibits Madden collection

Watson Library hosted an exhibit and reception in honor of Martha Madden and the 20th anniversary of the library's acceptance of the donation of the Martha Madden Collection.

Madden, former secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, donated a collection of papers, books and pictures to the Library in 1987, after leaving state government. Since then, she had added extensive materials that encompass her lifetime of public and private sector service. Other material documents the history of Louisiana's and the nation's efforts to meet education and environmental challenges. The collection reveals Madden's interest in academia, world travel, government, management,



Martha Madden, left, was greeted by Archivist Mary Linn Wernet and Dr. Randall J. Webb.

entrepreneurial leadership and award-winning chili cook-offs. She has funded Watson Library activities that include archiving the Martha Madden Collection.

According to University Archivist **Mary Linn Wernet**, Madden donated the collection to NSU because of the Louisiana Sierra Club Collection housed at the Cammie G. Henry Research Center.

The Center holds the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club newsletters, along with other environmental collections, including the Caroline Dormon Collection and the Lee Craig Levy Collection.

"Madden's papers track her lobbying effort for the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club. The collection grew in scope and content as her career grew in scope," Wernet said.