

Ackerman to present scripts to Collier Library

The general public is invited to a news conference at Collier Library at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, October 18, during which science fiction legend Forrest J. Ackerman will present copies of several vintage movie scripts to the George Lindsey Collection.

The gift of the scripts from Ackerman, including *Dracula* (1931), *Frankenstein* (1931), *The*

Day the Earth Stood Still (1951), *Forbidden Planet* (1956), *Star Wars* (1977) and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977) was arranged by UNA alumnus/Shoals area thespian/TimesDaily entertainment writer Terry Pace.

Ackerman, who coined the term sci-fi in reference to the science fiction genre, is thought to have the largest collection of sci-

ence-fiction, horror and fantasy memorabilia in the world. He was Ray Bradbury's first editor and publisher and served as agent to most of the major personalities in science fiction. More recently, he is known for having inspired the careers of Stephen King and Steven Spielberg. Ackerman is also scheduled to be an honored guest at the world-premiere of the horror film

Sadomaniquin at the Ritz Theatre in Sheffield. The event takes place on Friday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m., and it will also feature a tribute to Ackerman and a showing of his film, *Dr. Acula*.

Last year, Pace arranged a gift of Bradbury plays to the Lindsey Collection in Collier Library. Dr. Lindsey began the collection with the gift of his

Andy Griffith Show scripts to his alma mater. The collection got a tremendous boost when his Hollywood friend Dr. Ernest Borgnine donated a leatherbound collection of scripts from his work in film and television.

Many other industry luminaries, including Tom Cheronos, Stephen Root, George Yanok and Tom Brokaw, have given scripts to the collection.