JESUIT COLLECTIONS ENDOWED

OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES AGGRESSIVE COLLECTING HAS enabled the library to assemble a strong group of collections documenting the history of the Society of Jesus. Purchases in the past decade have included the Milton House Archives, which provide information on Jesuit activities in England in the 16th and 17th centuries; letterbooks of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, which give insight into missionary work in the Far East in the early 18th century; and a number of smaller collections which document Jesuit activities in North and South America during the colonial period.

Support for future collecting and for the preservation of Jesuit materials has been ensured by the creation of a $600,000 lifetime charitable remainder trust by Library Advisory Council member Frederic J. Fuller, Jr. (C'39). The agreement of gift states that “the purpose of the fund shall be to support the acquisition and preservation of entire collections and other significant original research materials, whether in manuscript, printed, or other forms, which will serve to document the continued growth of Jesuit and related historical, cultural, religious, and literary traditions, thereby supporting and expanding upon the collections in these fields housed in the Special Collections division of Lauinger Library.”

The first “Jesuit collection” to come to Georgetown was the library of its first librarian, Rev. Thomas C. Levins, who, despite his dismissal from the Society of Jesus, avidly collected books by members of the Society until his death in 1843. More than a century later renewed emphasis on publications by and about the Society came with the relocation to Georgetown of the Woodstock Library. The contemporary transfer to Georgetown of the archives of Woodstock College and of the Maryland Province of the

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THE FIRST AMERICAN CATHOLIC NOVEL

Father Rowland, A North American Tale appeared anonymously in Baltimore in 1829. Its author, the Rev. Charles Constantine Pise, was at the time a 27-year-old priest just taking up his parish in Baltimore, and his own account of writing the book, published some years later, is worth quoting:

In the commencement of my ministry in Baltimore, a little tale was published in that city by the Protestant press, entitled “Father Clement,” written expressly against the Church. . . I then determined to return a “Roland for an Oliver,” and composed “Father Rowland,” which became the avant-courier of numberless other little volumes of a similar character.

Father Rowland is a pretty bad novel, but Father Pise’s Catholic readers must have been much pleased when at the tale’s end a family not unlike that of George Washington is converted to the Church by a Jesuit not unlike John Carroll. They liked it well enough that three further editions appeared in the next dozen years.

The Special Collections Division has long held a small quantity of Pise’s papers, including a journal of his voyage to Rome in 1820 and a number of literary manuscripts. The recent acquisition of the first edition of Father Rowland (known only in a small handful of copies) rounds out nicely Georgetown’s collection of Pise’s printed works, which include speeches, poetry, and a 5-volume history of the Church.

SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES COLLECTION

Puja Chugani (F'00) is the student coordinator for an effort at collection building not seen at Georgetown for many years. The brainchild of Karan Khemka (F'97), the South Asia Studies Collection is a student-organized and student-led attempt to develop gifts in cash and in kind to strengthen the library’s holdings in materials relating to South Asia, resulting ultimately in providing library collections able to sustain a future South Asian Studies Program. Further information on the project is available at the group’s independent web site, at http://southasian.net/georgetown, or you can reach Ms. Chugani by e-mail at chuganip@gusun.georgetown.edu.
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LIBRARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

"Bridge in the Sky: The Berlin Airlift of 1948," a seminar co-sponsored by Lauinger Library and the Center for German and European Studies, will be just one of a large number of academic presentations marking the opening weekend celebration for the university's Third Century Campaign. Scheduled for Friday, October 9th, at 2 p.m. at a site yet to be determined, the seminar's lead panelist will be Jean Edward Smith, the biographer of General Lucius D. Clay, head of American forces in occupied Germany and the father of the Berlin Airlift. This commemoration of the airlift's 50th anniversary will give attendees an insightful look at just how Allied aircrews preserved a free West Berlin in the face of the Communist blockade.

The library will host "A Bookish Banquet" on Friday evening in the Pierce Reading Room for members of the Library Advisory Council and invited guests. On Saturday the morning meeting of the Council will be followed by various showcase events in the library focusing on the application of recent technological advances to library uses. Associates and friends are encouraged to attend both the seminar and the showcase events.

NEW MEMORIAL FUND LAUNCHED

On June 29th the library received the following e-mail, forwarded on behalf of Library Advisory Council member Tony Kerbs (C'73); Associates, and especially former Chimes, may find it of more than routine interest.

FELLOW CHIMES-

You are no doubt aware of the recent passing of Al Walsh and of the outpouring of recognition of same that culminated in the attendance of nearly 40 Chimes at his funeral. Time alone unfortunately insures that this will be a less common event for us than it has in the past. Al's powerful long-time commitment to our fellowship and his special presence in many of our hearts makes this moment particularly noteworthy. Dave Walsh and I have taken the liberty of starting the Alfred J. Walsh Memorial Fund under the wing of the Lauinger Library to honor and memorialize this Chime and friend. Those of us who contemplate making a pledge or donation to Georgetown between now and year-end 1998 have the opportunity to do so, in whole or part, by way of this memorial fund. We hope all friends of Al's, Chimes or not, will take advantage of this opportunity and will help spread the word in this regard. Hopefully sometime in late '98 or early '99 we will be able to gather in DC along with Joanne Walsh and members of her family to recognize this memorial in Al's honor and to celebrate his life with our song. Checks may be sent to the attention of Sue Martin at Lauinger Library, Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057-1006.

CARREL LIBRARY TRANSFERRED TO LAUINGER

The surviving books, offprints, and journals from the library of French physician and philosopher Alexis Carrel, winner of the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1912, were recently transferred from storage in the Dahlgren Library to the Special Collections Division in Lauinger, where they will rejoin the bulk of Dr. Carrel's papers, moved to Lauinger in the early 1980s.

In addition to the printed materials, the transfer also included a quantity of Carrel's laboratory records and a collection of several hundred Autochrome slides documenting his work in the field of wound healing.
WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?

We'll try to make it easy! If you have books, manuscripts, prints, or other items the library might be able to use, contact Marty Barringer, head of Special Collections, at (202) 687-7475, or Betty Smith, head of the Gifts unit, at (202) 687-7458. If you are considering a contribution in the form of cash, or appreciated securities, or some other form, please call University Librarian Susan Martin, at (202) 687-7425, or the Library development officer, Marji Bayers, at (202) 687-5666.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We thank all those friends of the library who have donated books, manuscripts, or other library materials since December, 1997. Among them are:

- **George M. and Penelope C. Barringer**
  First editions of literary works by Thomas Hardy and others

- **Thomas A. Breslin**
  Microfilm of additional papers of John LaFarge, S.J.

- **John J. DeGioia**
  Modern poetry and other books from the library of Timothy S. Healy, S.J.

- **Laurie L. England**
  Additional fine and commercial paper ephemera

- **Grace M. Haller**
  Etching and drypoint by Gerald K. Geerlings, "Grand Canal, America" (1933)

- **Karan Khemka**
  Books on the history and culture of India, the initial gift for the South Asia Studies Collection

- **Leon Robbin**
  Additional musical manuscripts and letters by composers, including Berlioz and Saint-Saëns

- **Eric M. Smith**
  Additional original editorial cartoons and preliminary sketches

- **Starr E. Smith**
  Additional reading/advance proof copies of modern fiction

- **Sidney D. Spencer**
  Complete run of annual reports of the General Electric Company, 1892-1997

JESUIT COLLECTIONS ENDOWED (continued from page 1)

Society made available at Georgetown the largest collection of Jesuit historical materials in the United States. The more recent transfer of microfilm and photographic copies of the archives of the generals of the Society provides a strong base on which the ongoing collecting of original research materials can build.

The *Regulae observandae in Anglicanis missionibus* (1753) illustrated on page one provides a very recent example: published by the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith for Pope Benedict XIV, it sets forth the terms on which missionary activities were to be carried out by the Jesuits in Maryland as well as by other missionaries working under direction from English superiors. Purchased from a French bookseller, it makes only the third copy recorded in American libraries.