Dear Associates:

The Board of Trustees of the Library Associates opened the 1975-76 series of events with a reception on October 19 for members and their guests in the Howard W. Gunlocke Special Collections Room. On display was an exhibit honoring the Library's sesquicentennial. It featured books and manuscripts dating from 1479 to 1974.

Among the more outstanding items displayed for the Associates were Samuel Clemens' holograph manuscript of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer; the Custis (Washington) family copy of the 1731 Catesby National History; first editions of More's Utopia (Leiden, 1516); Erasmus' edition of the New Testament (Basel, 1516); and the Dahlgren-Georgetown copy of the Shakespeare "First Folio" (London, 1623).

ASSOCIATES ATTEND DISCUSSIONS ON BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT COLLECTING - The Library Associates sponsored a series of three very successful evening discussions in November and December for members and guests interested in the pleasures and rewards of book and manuscript collecting. The discussions were arranged by the Special Collections librarian, G. M. Barringer, and the panelists included prominent book and manuscript collectors, authors, librarians, and bookstore proprietors. The setting for these discussions was the Howard W. Gunlocke Special Collections Room where there is a new exhibit featuring important books and manuscripts given to Georgetown by alumni and friends.

EXHIBITION OF RECENT ACQUISITIONS - A current exhibit in the Howard W. Gunlocke Special Collections Room features examples of materials added to Special Collections in recent years. Exhibited items are organized according to areas of collecting interest, such as English literature, political science, American diplomacy, and the art of the book. Items given by several Associates are displayed, including material from John W. Snyder, Martin Quigley, Jr., Richard X. Evans, and Professor Emeritus Bernard M. Wagner.
FULTON OURSLER MEMORIAL COLLECTION - The collection of letters and manuscripts of the late Fulton Oursler has been expanded and enriched by a recent gift from Fulton Oursler, Jr., a Georgetown alumnus and member of the Board of Trustees of the Associates. In this gift are letters to Oursler from Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Albert Einstein, H. L. Mencken, Theodore Dreiser, Upton Sinclair, Eugene O'Neill, Booth Tarkington, and many others. The letters and manuscripts are now being inventoried, and a more detailed description will be given in a future Newsletter.

RICHARD X. EVANS COLLECTION - Richard X. Evans of Washington, D. C., a member of the Associates, has donated to the Library a substantial and significant portion of family papers dating from about 1750 to the beginning of the 20th century. The collection includes papers and correspondence of Robert Mills, one of the outstanding American architects of the early 19th century, and the original copper plate for a portrait of General John Smith of Hackwood (Robert Mills' father-in-law), by Charles B. J. F. de Saint-Memin, to whose skill we owe likenesses of many outstanding Americans of the early Federal period. Also in the collection are letters and papers of Alexander Dimitry, Georgetown alumnus (MA 1832, LLD 1859), diplomat, and founder of the Louisiana public school system.

JOHN S. MAYFIELD GIFT - Mr. and Mrs. John S. Mayfield of Bethesda, Maryland, and Tyler, Texas, recently presented to the Library a very large and fine vellum document, the last will and testament of Francis Dixon of Liverpool, made in 1818, and probated before the Bishop of Chester in 1822.

Mr. Mayfield is a prominent author, curator, and collector of several English and American writers, especially Swinburne, Byron, and Lanier. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Library Associates and serves on the Executive Committee and the Program Committee.

AMERICAN HERITAGE DICTIONARY CORPUS PRESENTED BY THE HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY - The Houghton Mifflin Company has presented to Georgetown University Library a large collection of language information used in preparation of the American Heritage School Dictionary. The collection was assembled during the research and analytical work which cost more than one million dollars. The principal materials in the collection include a five-million word sample, 87,000 word sets, citations for several thousand words of interest, and the original marked and coded sampling texts.

Houghton Mifflin President, Harold T. Miller, said in making the gift to Georgetown that this is the first time such an extensive collection of dictionary research and development material has been made available to scholars and researchers for their use. This unique collection will be located in the Special Collections Division for use by scholars who are concerned with the English language, the American dialect, and general and applied linguistics.
SCHOOL OF FOREIGN SERVICE CLASS OF 1950 GIFT - Eighteen alumni of the School of Foreign Service Class of 1950 presented to the Library more than $600 as their 25th reunion gift, and all other alumni of that Class are being invited to contribute to the gift. We are hopeful that this fine example of alumni interest and generosity will be an incentive for the establishment of other class gifts and endowments for the Library.

SOCIETY OF HISTORIANS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN RELATIONS ARCHIVES - The archives of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations are being deposited in the Special Collections Division where they will be preserved for historical and scholarly purposes. The Society convened its first national conference at Georgetown last August during which many of the several hundred attending historians visited the library and received information about the manuscript collections pertaining to international relations and diplomacy.

WOODSTOCK THEOLOGICAL CENTER LIBRARY - The Woodstock Theological Center Library, formerly Woodstock College Library, now is located in the Lauinger Library at Georgetown. The Woodstock collection originated more than a hundred years ago and has more than 150,000 volumes. It receives currently more than 600 theological journals and adds several thousand books per year. The Woodstock library is open to Georgetown faculty, students, alumni, visiting scholars, and anyone interested in theological studies.

ASSOCIATES MEMBERSHIP GOAL - The Board of Trustees of the Associates is pleased to report that the number of charter members has increased to more than 350. The charter membership goal for the first year is 400 members and this goal can be reached quickly and surpassed if each present charter member assists by enlisting one additional new member. The basic contribution for alumni and friends is $15.00. Checks should be made to GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATES and sent to The University Librarian, Georgetown University Library, 37th and O Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20057.

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR ASSOCIATES - We announced in the first Newsletter that membership in the Associates entitles you to a special patron library card which enables you to borrow books, read and do research in the library, listen to recordings, see films and videotapes, attend special lectures and seminars, and enjoy other appropriate library privileges and services. We are pleased that many members have obtained special patron cards. Associates wishing to receive a card should write or call the University Librarian.
ASSOCIATES GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE - Your contributions and gifts to the Library, including books, manuscripts, money, stocks and bonds, and other valuables, are deductible for federal and state income tax purposes to the extent provided by law.

You can obtain information about appraisal of your books and manuscripts by calling or writing the University Librarian.

The University Librarian has a permanent record of your gifts and contributions, and a letter of acknowledgement and appreciation for each contribution is sent to you. Your contributions and gifts to the Library Associates are reported to the Office of University Development where a permanent record is maintained. All funds given to the Associates are sent to the University Treasurer and deposited in a special account from which expenditures can be made only by approval of the Library Associates Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees extends to you sincere appreciation and thanks for your enthusiastic and outstanding cooperation, assistance and generosity in the organization and establishment of the Library Associates. Your membership in the Associates is essential and important in the growth and advancement in excellence of the Georgetown Library. In the name of thousands of students and faculty who will benefit from your membership and participation in the Library Associates, we offer our sincere thanks. We send to you our very best wishes for 1976.

Gratefully yours,

John W. Snyder, Chairman
of the Board of Trustees
of the Library Associates

Joseph E. Jeffs
University Librarian and
Secretary of the Library Associates