From the University Librarian
Balancing Change and Budget

As we begin the third century of Georgetown University, the library is being affected both by external forces and internal needs for change. External forces translate, for the library, both into changes in service that are needed if we are to continue to provide the university community with the information it needs to study, educate, and do research, and also into economic impacts that may require us to identify the best way to operate within constrained circumstances.

To address both these issues, a major planning effort is underway in the library, under the direction of Robert Dugan, Associate University Librarian for Administration and Planning. Beginning with the mission statement adopted in January 1991 and the strategic plan approved in November of the same year, the library staff is now identifying the activities that will best allow the library to achieve the goals of this plan. Once articulated, these activities will be placed in priority sequence with costs identified, so that we can then define a course of action.

Meanwhile, more specific projects are underway. The Automation Planning Committee has completed a draft plan for the use of information technology by the library, and the Information Technology Committee of the Library Advisory Council has been actively engaged in the process of developing the plan. This summer and fall, we expect to have town meetings for both library staff and users to comment on the automation plan; the resulting document will guide us as more numerous and sophisticated information resources become available for our students and faculty.

The library's integrated online system has reached the point at which it is necessary to consider replacing it with a more advanced and less expensive system. The rule of thumb for the lifetime of automated systems is now approximately three to five years; our system is seven

Ord Family Papers

An important collection of papers relating to the celebrated American family, the Ords, has recently been donated by Marian Ord of Washington, D.C. The material spans the entire nineteenth century and includes a rich array of family letters. There is extensive correspondence by the scholarly James Ord (1789-1873), an early Georgetown alumnus and an officer in the War of 1812, who is thought to be the son of George IV and Mrs. Fitzherbert. Also, there are numerous letters from James's son, the Civil War hero Major General Edward O. C. Ord (1818-1883), and from the General's brothers James Placidus Ord, Judge Pacificus Ord and Dr. James Lycurgus Ord.

Many aspects of nineteenth century American life – economic, political and social – are portrayed in these highly descriptive letters. The Civil War, the gold rush, winemaking and farm-
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Three Anniversaries

In 1892 Georgetown acquired the library of the most noted American Catholic historian of his time, the inaugural recipient of the University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal, John Gilmary Shea, who unfortunately died shortly after signing the agreement whereby his library was transferred to Georgetown. At the time the collection came here it was unarguably one of the finest in existence on the history of the Catholic Church in North America and particularly in the United States, its total of books and manuscripts, photographs, and other records amounting to nearly 15,000 items.

Early this fall, in observance of the 500th anniversary of the "discovery of America" by Christopher Columbus, and in local celebration of the life and collecting acumen of John Gilmary Shea, the Special Collections Division will mount an exhibit of 60 rare books and 15 manuscripts drawn from Shea's library. Items to be displayed will focus on the church in America, on Native American history and culture, and on the exploration and settlement of Canada, Louisiana, the Southwest, Mexico, and Central and South America.

In connection with the exhibit the Library Associates will sponsor a lecture by Fr. Gerald Fogarty, S.J., professor at the University of Virginia and archivist of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus. In addition, a detailed catalog of the exhibit with an introductory essay on Shea and his collection will be published, and Associates who desire to have a copy are urged to write directly to the Special Collections Division.

ADDRESS TO THE CATHOLIC PUBLIC.

The Editor embraces this opportunity of returning his sincere acknowledgments to his friends, and the public in general, for their kind support, and is sorry to observe, that, as the present edition is the first, he had not sufficient time to collect more information respecting the colleges, churches, and institutions; assuring them, however, that it shall be extended in future, in proportion to the demand. Communications, post paid, for this work, will be received till the 1st of November, at No. 177 Bowery, New-York.

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Title page of the first U.S. Catholic directory, with the editor's broadside tipped in

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The Lyon’s Share

Ambassador Cecil B. Lyon of Hancock, New Hampshire, has presented to the library his diplomatic archive, which fully documents his long and distinguished career in the American Foreign Service. From 1930 onwards Lyon served in a variety of countries, often at turbulent times, including Japan, Cuba, Hong Kong, China, Egypt, Poland, and Germany. In 1956 he was appointed ambassador to Chile; two years later he was assigned to Paris as minister and deputy chief of mission. In 1964 he became ambassador to Ceylon (as well as to the Maldive Islands) before retiring in 1968.

WASHINGTON, October 23 [1964] — Cecil B. Lyon, U.S. Ambassador-designate to Ceylon, and his wife celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on October 7, the day on which he was sworn in as U.S. envoy to Ceylon. Like her husband, Mrs. Lyon is “thrilled” to be going to Ceylon. “I have always wanted to go to that part of the world,” she said, adding that she has done a great deal of reading on Asian philosophies. The Lyons “still remember vividly” their brief stay in Ceylon late in 1935. The Lyons are arriving at Katunayake airport on . . . October 27.

One extraordinary aspect of the papers are the more than 3,500 letters written to Ambassador Lyon. There is correspondence from virtually every prominent diplomat and statesman of the period: Dean Acheson, Chester Bowles, Willy Brandt, David K. E. Bruce, Valery Giscard D’Estaing, Allan Dulles, Dwight D. Eisenhower, W. Averell Harriman, Christian A. Herter, Amory Houghton, Cordell Hull, Lyndon B. Johnson, George F. Kennan, John F. Kennedy, John J. McCloy, Robert Murphy, J. Graham Parsons, Dean Rusk, Adlai E. Stevenson, Walter J. Stoessel, Maxwell Taylor, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, among many others. And the correspondence is far from routine. For example, the noted diplomat and Lyon’s father-in-law, Joseph C. Grew, then Acting Secretary of State, gives an early assessment of President Truman in a letter dated May 2nd, 1945:

If I could talk to you about the new president you would hear nothing but the most favorable reaction. I have seen a good deal of him lately and I think he is going to measure up splendidly to the tremendous job which faces him. He is a man of few words but he seems to know the score all along the line and he generally has a perfectly clear conception of the right thing to do and how to do it . . . When I saw him today I had fourteen problems to take up with him and got through them in less than fifteen minutes with a clear directive on every one of them.

The Lyon archive is a remarkable addition to the growing diplomatic collections housed in the Special Collections Division. Transcripts of interviews with Ambassador and Mrs. Lyon, done by the library’s Foreign Affairs Oral History Program in 1987 and 1988, are also available in the division.

Literary Dreams

The library recently received as a most welcome donation the papers of alumnus Kenneth John Atchity (C’65), a professor, writer, and producer whose artistic and educational career spans almost three full decades. Most recently the motivating force and producer behind Shades of Love, an extended series of videotape romances, Dr. Atchity is also well known in literary circles for his A Writer’s Time (1985), a perceptive work on the craft of the writer, and his editorial work on Contemporary Quarterly and as co-founder and editor of Dreamworks: An Interdisciplinary Quarterly. The latter has included numerous contributions by a lengthy list of well-known writers.

The collection, extending to about 30 linear feet of material, includes, besides videotapes, scripts, and promotional materials for the romance series, letters and manuscripts by many distinguished writers, all of which will prove to be of value to future literary scholars. While the list of names represented by a single letter or two is very long indeed, more substantial groups of material from the following suggest the very wide range of Atchity’s experience and the impact he has had as professor, editor, and creative artist: Norman Cousins, John Gardner, Ralph Ginzburg, Ursula K. LeGuin, Denise Levertov, William S. Merwin, Camille Paglia, John Rechy, and Hubert Selby, Jr. Cataloging of the collection is nearing completion, and it should be open (with the exception of a very few restricted files) to researchers before year’s end.
New Funds Established

Nikki Lee Earll Memorial Book Endowment Fund, by the family, friends and colleagues of Nikki Earll (B'83), for general acquisitions.

G. Harvey Summ Book Endowment Fund, by Dr. Harvey Summ for the acquisition of library materials on Brazil.

Mori Cotrell Acuff Endowment Fund, by Mori Acuff (F'71), for the acquisition of library materials devoted to contemporary Catholic challenges.

Donald J. McDonough, Sr. Memorial Endowment Fund, by Donald J. McDonough, Jr. (C'67) and Francis J. McDonough (C'72), to support the enhancement, expansion, maintenance of and access to information resources in the field of American Studies.

Patrick T. Bakman Memorial Book Fund, by parents, friends and relatives of Patrick Bakman (BS'66), for purchase of books on opera and the theater.

Committees Spur Work of Council

On the afternoon of May 8 and morning of May 9, the Library Advisory Council held its first full meeting under its new format and name. This body was formerly known as the Board of Trustees of the Library Associates; the new name gives expression to a new reality, namely, that the body has an advisory function to the library itself as well as a governing function in regard to the Library Associates.

The Council began on Friday afternoon, May 8, by meeting as working committees. The Information Technology Committee met jointly with an internal library committee to review the draft of that committee's automation plan for the library, and offered praise as well as new suggestions. The Special Collections Committee supported the acquisition of a valuable collection, and recommended that the university librarian should decide on the use of funds in the Library Associates account to facilitate the acquisition of highly desirable materials when they are available. The Business Advisory Committee will propose a business plan which the library can use in marketing services to embassies, think tanks, and trade organizations, as well as continuing to focus on direct fund raising. The Membership and Nominating Committee submitted a revision of the bylaws for the Council's approval. As accepted, these bylaws state that each Council member is eligible for two successive terms of three years each, and after a hiatus of at least one year may be reelected. An exception to the hiatus requirement was made for all charter members of the Council.

Later on Friday afternoon Council members assembled to hear one of their number, Rev. Robert Lawton, S.J., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, describe his vision for the future of the college and its impact on the library. That vision includes a significant expansion of the Fine Arts Department which, if realized, will call for expanded library holdings in that field. Father Lawton is cognizant of library needs, and includes them in every proposal for an endowed chair emanating from the college.

Six new members were elected to the Council on Saturday morning. They are: Mori Cotrell Acuff (F'71), president of Consolidated Bus Leasing, Inc. in northern Virginia; Peter W. Blommer (C'85), general manager, Blommer Chocolate Company's San Francisco plant; Richard De Gennaro, Roy E. Larsen Librarian of Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.; Frederic J. Fuller, Jr. (C'39), retired banker and lawyer living in New York; H. Joanne Harrar, University Librarian at the University of Maryland, College Park; and Francis J. McDonough (C'72), vice president, Goldman Sachs and Co., New York.

John Forsgren Supports New Reference Center

John Forsgren (C'67), member of the Library Advisory Council and chief financial officer of EuroDisney, has generously given the Lauinger Library a gift of $100,000 to support the renovation and modernization of the library's reference and circulation areas.

Addressing the need for a space that better welcomes and assists library users, the Forsgren Reference Center will incorporate added space for the Blommer Information Center, which provides electronic access to data bases in CD-ROM format, as well as more computer terminals for access to the catalog and external information resources. The card catalog, which is 95 percent converted to electronic form, will be moved from the reference area, and more effective and comfortable space will be made available for users and staff alike.

The library and the university are truly grateful to Mr. Forsgren for his support in making it possible for us to renovate these important departments, which sometimes serve up to 8000 people a day. Upon its completion, the Forsgren Reference Center will be appreciated by students and faculty for years to come.
When a Modern-day Library Loses Power . . .

It was a librarian's worst nightmare. At about 2 o'clock in the morning of Sunday, April 26, just before exams, the transformer in the lower level of the library ceased to function, causing the library to be without electricity for 53 hours.

How did we cope? On Sunday, the first day of the outage, the library was completely closed with the exception of the Pierce Reading Room, which remained open during the daylight hours. During the day, various library and university administrators and staff worked to define a way of opening the library, at least on a partial basis, for the following day.

On Monday, while the replacement transformer was being driven to Washington from Kentucky, the entire library staff reported in. Those people whose work areas were near natural light were asked to do whatever work they had that did not involve computers. Three floors of the library were open to users; the other three floors were considered too dark for public access. Library staff were on hand at the security officer's desk to answer questions, and to escort people who needed to go to their carrels or to find books on those floors that were closed.

The community reaction was, in general, very supportive. Word spread quickly; by 11 a.m. on Sunday, students were telephoning to ask if we were "still" closed. Amusing calls came in: several people asked if they could get into the library just to use the online catalog, or a CD-ROM data base, or a photocopier; they went away a bit embarrassed as they were reminded that those tools require electrical power to operate. The University's Facilities Department was tremendously helpful, with electricians working almost around the clock to provide the library with temporary assistance and then the replacement transformer. Faculty reported that a fair number of students claimed that they could not turn in their papers because of the "library problem" (most faculty did not accept this as a fair excuse!).

While we don't wish to have another similar occurrence, the loss of power reminded us both how dependent we are on electricity to convey information, and also how the university community pulls together in the face of this kind of event.

Richard Ross Joins Lauinger Staff

I am pleased to announce that in July 1992, Dr. Richard S. Ross joined the staff of the Lauinger Library as Assistant University Librarian for Collection Management and Organization. In this capacity, Dr. Ross is responsible for coordinating collection development, administering the technical services departments (acquisitions, serials and cataloging), and managing our preservation efforts.

Dr. Ross comes to us from the University of New Hampshire, where he has been Assistant University Librarian and Head of Collection Development since 1989. Prior to that, he was at the University of Lowell (MA) libraries, as head of collection development and then also head of technical services. He has also held positions at the Northeastern University Library.

He received his bachelor's and a master's degree from Northeastern University; his Master's in Library Science from Simmons College; and his Ph.D. in German history from Boston College. He has taught at several New England universities, and has published articles in the area of Balkan studies.

We wish Dr. Ross and his family a warm welcome to the Washington area.

Susan K. Martin

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years old and counting. Yet another group in the library is identifying specifications for a new system, and we hope that this process will move rapidly toward the implementation of a replacement system by next summer.

Economic matters continue to be an issue. The story of book and journal prices is no longer a new one, and the university has been particularly generous with the book budget, providing an increase of 6 percent for the FY1993 budget. The average increase in the cost of journals, however, is expected to be about 12 percent; as a result, we anticipate another round of journal cancellations during the year.

On the plus side, library supporters have been particularly generous, as you can read elsewhere in this issue. Several new book funds have been established this year, and special gifts have been made for specific programmatic improvements within the library.

Despite the problems facing higher education these days, Georgetown is in a fortunate position, and we in the library are challenged and stimulated constantly with the positive growth of the institution, and defining ways in which we can best serve the information need of our university community.

Susan K. Martin

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In Memoriam
We note with sadness the recent deaths of the following Library Associates:
Kryan M. McGrath, Killington, VT
Ames W. Williams, Alexandria, VA

February 18, 1992
The library received two notable gifts recently: large book collections from the estates of Professor Marver H. Bernstein and Professor Charles R. Levine. The collections included several thousand volumes in the fields of public policy/administration, public management and public service. At the time of his death Bernstein was a university professor at Georgetown, and formerly dean of the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton and president of Brandeis University. Levine was a Distinguished Professor of Government and Public Administration at American University, and had served as deputy staff director of the Volcker Commission.

To commemorate these gifts, Georgetown’s Graduate Public Policy Program joined the library in inviting Constance Berry Newman, director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, to speak on public service reform in the U.S. government, particularly as it relates to the recommendations of the Volcker Commission. Newman’s talk was entitled “Civil Service Rebuilding and Preparing for the Twenty-First Century.”

April 14, 1992
A large crowd was highly entertained by the presentations of two noted biographers — Norman Sherry and Anthony Cave Brown.

The Associates took advantage of the presence on campus of Sherry as the Royden B. Davis, S.J., Professor to set up a program on “Biography and Its Problems.” Sherry has published biographical studies of Jane Austen, Charlotte Brontë and Emily Brontë, as well as highly acclaimed works on Joseph Conrad. Currently he is writing the second volume of his The Life of Graham Greene. Anthony Cave Brown, who lives in rural Virginia, is well known for his best-selling Bodyguard of Lies and his biographies of Sir Stewart Menzies and General William J. Donovan. He is now at work on a biography of explorer H. St. John Philby and his son H. A. R. “Kim” Philby.

The two speakers were a study in contrasts, employing quite different approaches to their work. The audience engaged both biographers in animated discussion following their presentations.

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ing in California, campaigns against native American Indians, and Reconstruction are only a few of the subjects covered. A letter of particular interest to the university is that of April 19, 1846 when Edward O. C. Ord discusses his younger brothers attending college here:

I think that Georgetown College is one of the most expensive institutions in the United States, is too far south, and the schooling is in my opinion too much on the Classic style for our utilitarian and go ahead Americans. A boy at Georgetown is bound for 3 or 4 years to Latin, Greek, etc. which, unless he is destined for Law, Medicine, or Divinity is about as useful to him as so much Sanscrit. To teach a young man to be an engineer, surveyor, draughtsman, tolerable mathematician, chemist or good English scholar and composer is of far more use than all the obsolete ideas that dead men have ever expressed in languages which ought to have been buried with them.

In another letter of May 23, 1864 General Ord writes to his brother Placidus about political realities:

My enemies have made much use of the fact that my wife is a secessionist and related to their officers — she could not resist the temptation of associating with those of similar ideas — and all I could say only made

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The first page of the original manuscript of St.-John Perse's Pluies.

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her the more persistent — so that I concluded if I was to be banded about subordinate places on account of my connection with secessionists I had better resign at once for my usefulness was marred if not destroyed by my unfortunate connection. I have had this fact of my wife's family politics thrown in my teeth by generals' wives ... and there is no doubt of it that unless a man is peculiarly constituted, his wife's influence is of great importance to him in his political relations. Should your wife still have her secessionist views, you had better at once quit the service and go into private business, for her politics will become known more rapidly than if she had the small pox . . .

The papers of the Ord Family are fully catalogued and are available to researchers.

Perse, the Biddles and Others

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Randolph Biddle of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, have made another generous donation: more than two hundred literary and political first editions, many inscribed by their authors to former Attorney General Francis Biddle and his wife, poet Katherine Garrison Chapin. There are presentation copies from Conrad Aiken, "Hap" Arnold, Norman Birkett, Stuart Chase, Max Eastman, A. P. Herbert, Frieda Lawrence, A. Edward Newton, Genevieve Taggard, and Edmund Wilson, among numerous others.

One highspot is a special copy of René Char's Le Soleil des Eaux (1949), illustrated by Georges Braque and signed by both Braque and Char, including a separate suite of Braque etchings. Another is a presentation copy of The Selected Writings of Dylan Thomas (1946) into which is laid an autograph letter by Thomas:

I'm awfully sorry I never wrote to you after Washington, and have no excuse except that I did have a very frantic and flying — oh, how I loathe that endless air! — two months and more after leaving you and ranted hoarsely all over the place, in California, Florida and Canada . . .

Francis and Katherine Biddle were also close friends of the Nobel Prize winning French poet, St.-John Perse (Alexis Leger), who lived in exile in Washington during the Second World War. The Biddle gift contains a magnificent Perse collection: first editions, presentation copies, the first typed manuscript of Perse's Exil, and the original autograph manuscript of Pluies in nineteen folio pages. The latter was dedicated to the Biddies and first published in 1944.

Literature and Culture

Mr. John J. Smith has sent the library over one hundred volumes of books, mostly by Irish and English authors. Irish culture is represented in such works as Virginia Creed's All About Ireland, Stephen Gwynn's The Charm of Ireland and Conor Cruise O'Brien Introduces Ireland. Altogether a very nice gift!

Dr. Edwin Harrison Cady has continued to donate valuable literary works enhancing our American literature and criticism collection. Already the recipient of thousands of volumes from his library, we are still benefiting from his generosity. The gifts reflect Dr. Cady's lifelong pursuit of scholarship in this field and through his donations he is encouraging continued expertise at Georgetown.
A Note of Appreciation

We want to thank all the library’s friends who have given books, manuscripts and other library materials during late 1991 and the first five months of 1992. Included are:

Maurice Adelman
  * First edition of A Memorial of Ancient British Piety: or, A British Martyrology, attributed to Bishop Challoner; London, 1761

Anne Frank Associates
  * Diary of Anne Frank

Robert W. Ayers
  * Bacon first edition

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Bakman
  * Patrick Bakman’s papers on the theater

Michael Berenbaum
  * Holocaust Eyewitness Project on videocassettes

Helen King Boyer
  * Twelve fine prints

Brazilian-American Cultural Institute
  * Books on literature and literary criticism

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  * Books on economics

Chronicle of Higher Education
  * New imprints in various fields

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  * Books in various fields

Frank Dahlhaus
  * Slides and Time cover for Dahlhaus collection

Paula Dobriansky
  * Books and journals in government and international affairs

Georgette Dorn
  * Books and pamphlets in Latin American studies

Charles K. Ebinger
  * Books and journals on government energy policy

Robert M. Edmund
  * One 1789 U.S. silver gorget

Laurie England
  * Fine printing ephemera

Patricia England
  * Rare books, fine prints and broadsides

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Anthony Hecht
  * 4-volume set: Shakespeare’s Werke

Homer V. Hervey
  * Video Yesteryear

John C. Hirsh
  * Rare books in literature

Joseph E. Jeoffs
  * 32 Graham Greene letters

Peter Krogh
  * New imprints on government policy

James E. LaFollette
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Charles J. Magee
  * Books in various fields

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  * Railroad bonds with engraved illustrations

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  * First edition of Richard Steele’s The Crisis, London, 1714

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Paul Weber
  * Additions to C. S. Forester Collection

Don Wesely
  * Forty prints by John DePol and related files

Stephen J. Williams
  * Collection in literature and history

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