Georgetown Joins Research Libraries Group

At its meeting in October 1991, the Board of Governors of the Research Libraries Group (RLG) voted to accept Georgetown University as a member of the organization. The membership is an institutional one, although the focus of activities and programs is in the area of the libraries.

RLG was formed in 1973 by the directors of the Harvard, Columbia and Yale University Libraries and the director of the New York Public Library. The original intention was to provide a cooperative forum for very large research libraries, to allow them as a group to provide services to their users that they could not provide individually. In the late 1970s, the organization changed and grew, opening its membership to institutions with research library collections. The current membership consists of 40 general research libraries and an additional 70 libraries with special, focused research collections.

RLG's programs include resource sharing (primarily interlibrary loan and photocopying), cooperative collection management, cooperative preservation programs and the development and maintenance of large data bases. The primary data base is the Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN), which contains the catalog records of the member institutions and therefore forms the supporting tool for the resource sharing and collection management programs.

In addition, special data bases include, among others, the Eighteenth Century Short Title Catalog, the Vatican catalog, the United Nations catalog, a data base of medieval and early modern demographic and business data and the Modern Language Association ongoing research file.

Specially focused programs of RLG include a law library program, an art library program, a music library program and a program for cooperative development of archival and manuscript material.

We expect the initial impact on the Georgetown community to be: the ability to borrow books and request photocopies from large research libraries that have until now been inaccessible to us; participation in the law program by the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library; and use of the archives and manuscripts control system by Special Collections.

We are pleased to be a part of this significant cooperative effort to make research information available to the nation's students and scholars.

New Officers

Bernard J. Picchi (SFS'71), a trustee of the Library Associates since 1982, became Chairman of the Georgetown University Library Advisory Council at the conclusion of its meeting on October 5, 1991. Mr. Picchi served as Vice Chairman since April 1989.

Cornelius J. Moynihan, Jr. (C'61) succeeds to the position of Past Chairman. A new Vice Chairman will be elected in 1991.

The Executive Committee of the Council will consist of the chairman and past chairman of the Council together with the chairs of the standing committees and the university librarian.
Cartoons New and Old

The library has been actively involved in the collection and preservation of original editorial cartoons for nearly 20 years. What began as a very modest collection indeed, a group of a few dozen examples donated by cartoonists attending a symposium at Georgetown in 1976, has grown over time into a group of large collections which are strong enough not only to do what was initially intended in beginning to collect cartoons -- to support the study of American political science -- but also to sustain serious research in editorial cartooning as an art in its own right.

Over the past few months three gifts have enriched the library's collections by nearly 150 additional examples.

Diana Hopkins Halsted, the daughter of Harry L. Hopkins, donated 21 cartoons acquired by her father during his distinguished career as a cabinet member and adviser to Franklin D. Roosevelt. The cartoons include examples by a number of famous artists, many of whom won Pulitzer Prizes for their work, including "Ding" Darling, Ed Duffy, and Rube Goldberg. A special feature of the group is that they all include Hopkins himself, providing a visual review of cartoonists' -- and the American public's -- attitudes towards many programs of the New Deal.

A second group of 28 cartoons is the recent gift of noted Atlanta editorial cartoonist Gene Basset. A dozen Watergate-related cartoons by Pulitzer Prize winner Ed Valtman are a principal feature of the gift, as are some early works by H. M. Talburt, including a 1928 cartoon showing Al Smith nailing the GOP elephant to the ground and a 1933 kiss-off to prohibition. Basset's gift also includes the first examples at Georgetown of the work of two of the most famous of British editorial cartoonists, "Mac" (Stan MacMurtry) and "Trog" (Wally Fawkes), whose work has enlivened Punch and the London Daily Mail for years.

Much more recent examples make up the 98 cartoons added to the major collection of his work at Georgetown by Eric Smith, Georgian alumnus, long-time Library Associate, and cartoonist for the Annapolis Capital-Gazette. One of these cartoons, "Gov. Schaefer Responds to His Critics," which was not at all popular with the governor, enjoyed great success with Marylanders who saw this fall's grand reopening exhibit in Special Collections.
Within the Vatican

Two extraordinary manuscript collections relating to the Vatican have recently been donated:

Martin S. Quigley
Martin S. Quigley (C39), a longtime donor to the library, has presented the research papers used in the writing of his dramatic memoir, Peace without Hiroshima (Madison Books, 1991). As an O.S.S. officer Quigley was instructed by General William "Wild Bill" Donovan to explore the possibility of peace negotiations with the Japanese via the Vatican during the final months of World War II. With the help of then Monsignor Egidio Vagnozzi, an experienced Vatican diplomat, Quigley made a seemingly promising contact with Ken Harada, the Japanese Ambassador to the Holy See. The peace attempt failed, and in 1972, not long before his death, Ambassador Harada revealed the reasons to Quigley:

To reply to your inquiry as to why there was no response from the Japanese Government to my two messages from the Vatican, I should like to point out that Tokyo was already determined then to seek peace through the intermediary of Moscow, and it was considered to be a most difficult matter to persuade the Japanese army to agree to terminate the war. It must have been, therefore, quite impossible to change the decided policy of the Tokyo government. As you know, the Japanese army was most firmly determined to fight to the very end and was strongly opposed to acceptance of "unconditional surrender" until the very last minute.

This letter is only one of many on the subject. The collection also includes correspondence from Earl Brennan and R. Carter Nicholas, veteran O.S.S. members; Egidio Cardinal Vagnozzi and Bishop Benedict Tomizawa, the latter a member of the Japanese Mission to the Holy See during the war; and numerous letters (1943-1945) written by Quigley to his family while he was on missions in Ireland, Britain and Italy. The Quigley archive is an important addition to the library's growing collection of books and papers on intelligence matters as well as to its Vatican-related holdings.

August Velletri
August Velletri, a former Foreign Service officer, has donated a select group of papers which give a rare view of the Vatican's inner workings. From 1955 to 1960 Velletri was the political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Rome. There he became a close friend of Eugene Cardinale (1917-1983), considered one of the most accomplished of Vatican diplomats, who introduced him into Vatican life. Archbishop Cardinale had grown up in Boston's North End and was to become the Vatican's chief of protocol, apostolic delegate to Great Britain and papal nuncio to Belgium.

In a series of letters Cardinale candidly describes the attitudes within the Vatican as it approached the convening of the Second Vatican Council. He particularly comments on Vatican-American relations, and in a letter of August 1963 writes of President John F. Kennedy's recent visit:

Yes, the presidential visit turned out to be a veritable success and I trust that it will be productive of good on both sides. The President was very kind to me personally: he told me he knew all about me and the help I was giving over the years and was very grateful for all I had done. He also left me an autographed picture of himself, which I deeply appreciated. I also met some of the members of the suite, in particular Pierre Salinger, Ambassador Duke and Sorenson. On the whole I think they were favorably impressed. They are looking forward to a "state visit" next year! I was sorry to read in some press reports that the President was stiff in front of the Holy Father. Quite to the contrary, he was humble and attentive. It was quite understandable that he needed not worry about ring-kissing and genuflecting. But of course newsmen have to say something . . .

Besides the Cardinale correspondence the Velletri papers also include considerable research material on the history of the Italian Christian Democratic Party.

Chronicle of Higher Education: Valued Donor

For many years the Chronicle of Higher Education has been a faithful donor, consistently sending new-imprint books valuable for our collection. Throughout the past decade Lauinger Library has been the recipient of scholarly works crossing various disciplines. The library staff look forward to each gift and assign high priority to processing these newly published volumes.
Highlights of the Trustees' Fall Meeting

The first semiannual meeting of the Library Associates Board of Trustees was held at Lauinger Library on October 5, 1991, with 25 members in attendance.

A large section of the allotted meeting time was set aside for individual meetings of the four newly formed committees. It was a time for organizing and planning future action.

The Committee on Information Technology, chaired by Herbert Gstalder (C'65), developed its own mission statement, then set itself the task of commenting on a set of principles proposed to underlie the library's automation plan.

The Committee on Special Collections, chaired by Homer Hervey (C'58 and G'67), recommended that the library try to acquire a collection of manuscripts which is expected to become available in the near future.

The Business Advisory Committee, chaired by William Benjes (C'60), brainstormed on ideas for raising additional funds for the library, since costs are growing faster than the operating budget funded by tuition.

The Membership and Nominating Committee, chaired by Richard McMahon (C'49), considered the structure of the Board of Trustees and made some recommendations to the Board which resulted in the following changes:

1. The name, "Library Associates Board of Trustees," is now changed to "Georgetown University Library Advisory Council." The new name reflects the function of the group to advise the library itself as well as the Library Associates.

2. The terms of all present members of the Council were extended until the spring 1992 meeting, at which time a structure for nominations, length of terms, and rotation will be proposed.

3. A fee structure for Library Associates which ties benefits to levels of membership was adopted: A Georgetown student at $10 and a regular member at $35 will receive invitations to all events and the newsletter. A contributing member at $50 will receive all of these plus book borrowing privileges, as will sponsors at $250, benefactors at $500, and patrons at $1,000.

All committees got off to an energetic start. The Business Advisory Committee and the Membership and Nominating Committee have scheduled interim meetings before the Council's spring meeting, which this year will be held on May 8-9.

Hopkins Redux

One of the glories of the library's historical collections is the archives of Harry Hopkins, adviser to Franklin D. Roosevelt, architect of the New Deal, and former Secretary of Commerce. A fourth installment to the collection has recently been made through the generosity of June Hopkins of Los Angeles. This addition sheds important light on his personal life and consists of correspondence between Hopkins and his sons, David and Stephen, and his first wife, Ethel Gross Hopkins. A significant family event of the period was the death of Stephen Hopkins in action in the Pacific in early February 1944. The last letter from Harry to Stephen, returned undelivered, is found in the papers. Other correspondents include General Henry H. Arnold, Field Marshal John Dill, Admiral Harold R. "Betty" Stark, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Carl Sandburg. There is also a typed manuscript eulogy by John Steinbeck which was read by Burgess Meredith at Harry Hopkins' memorial service.
Associates Hold Fall Programs

A Musical Treat
An audience that was enthusiastic and felt very much included in the program gathered in the auditorium of the Intercultural Center at Georgetown on the afternoon of Sunday, September 29, 1991. The occasion was a tribute to Felix Griffon Robinson (1898-1967), Maryland historian, musician, liturgist and founder of the Mountain Choir Festival. (The gift of Felix Robinson's papers to Lauinger Library was narrated in the February 1991 edition of this newsletter.)

Ariel Robinson of Derwood, Maryland, (son of Felix) told the story of his father's life and what it was like to grow up in a home where music and appreciation of nature were as familiar as breathing, and where Eleanor Roosevelt occasionally popped in to see how a favorite project was doing. Volkmar Wentzel, famed National Geographic photographer who knew Felix Robinson in his years in the Allegheny tableland region, gave an appreciation of him.

Muriel Robinson Franc, daughter of Felix, added her appreciation of her father, whose love of music she inherited, and then directed an a cappella choir from Carnegie, Pennsylvania in beautiful renditions of hymns including one composed by her father. The choir included children and grandchildren of Felix Robinson, together with their in-laws, friends and church choir members. The spontaneity and joy on the occasion were a fitting tribute to the man whose life was being celebrated.

The Federal City
The second program sponsored by the Associates in fall 1991 marked the opening of an exhibition, "British Travelers to the Federal City 1791-1891," books from the collection of Willis Van Devanter, collector and appraiser. On Sunday afternoon, November 17, Associates gathered in the library to hear Howard Gillette, Professor of American Civilization at George Washington University, speak on the nineteenth century foundations for modern Washington. His clear presentation helped to explain some of the features which characterize our nation's capital today.

Riggs Library Revisited
The calendar year was topped with a holiday reception on December 10 in Riggs Library in the south tower of Healy Hall. Riggs, the site of the main campus library from 1891 until the Lauinger Library was opened in 1970, has become a favorite gathering place for special University occasions since its complete restoration in 1982. One of a few remaining cast iron libraries in the United States, it continues to house a large portion of Lauinger's bound periodical collection.

Over 100 Associates gathered in Riggs to exchange holiday greetings and enjoy baroque music by a trio consisting of cello, flute and oboe from the Georgetown Symphony Orchestra.
Searching for that special book

Special Collections Reopens

To mark its reopening after lengthy, if not terribly extensive, renovation and its first 21 years of existence an exhibit entitled "Special Collections Comes of Age: An Exhibit of Selected Acquisitions of the First 21 Years" was mounted in the Gunlocke Room. By happy chance, the mounting of the exhibit coincided with the first-ever visit of members of the Baltimore Bibliophiles to Georgetown, and it was also available to members of the Library Advisory Council (ex-Board of Trustees) at their fall meeting.

The exhibit featured rare books and manuscripts from all of the major fields in which the library has developed important collections over the years, including political science, foreign affairs, English and American literature, philosophy and religion, graphic arts, and the Society of Jesus. It gave us a further chance to acknowledge the generosity of many donors; not only of those who are still living, but also of two for whom the library holds especially dear memory, Eric F. Menke and Lynd Ward.

Interested Associates may receive a 16-page descriptive handlist published on the occasion of the exhibit by calling 202-687-7444 or writing to Special Collections.

October Book Sale

The big event, the Lauinger Library book sale, was held October 8th and 9th on Healy lawn, fortunately in beautiful weather. All books were sold, netting a total of well over $5,000. Many members of the staff and student assistants helped by selling books, pushing book carts and carrying boxes to and fro.

The spirit of cooperation among buyers and sellers was quite exuberant. According to later feedback Georgetown students, faculty and staff felt they had acquired some great books at terrific bargains.

Staff Departures and Additions

This has been an active year of recruitment as well as resignations. We are pleased to introduce to you some new faces who are welcome additions to the staff, and to acknowledge with regret the departure of some people upon whom the library has relied in the past.

Gail Flatness, who has been head of the Reference Department for sixteen years, has resigned to be with her family. Her contributions to the library over the years have been significant, and she will be missed. We wish her all the best.

Diane Hunter, reference librarian and coordinator of bibliographic instruction, amazed us by having a baby and accepting a new job, almost simultaneously. She has become head of the reference department at Ball State University in Indiana.

This fall, the Government Documents Department welcomed Michael Davis, who came to us from Boston University. He is the assistant government documents librarian.

Yuan Yao has just joined us as principal cataloger. He was formerly in the cataloging department at Bowdoin University Library.

At the time of writing we are eagerly awaiting the arrival in early 1992 of Christine Johnston as head of the Circulation Department, and Mark Jacobs as Assistant University Librarian for Access and Public Services. Christine was formerly the head of the chemistry library at the University of Texas-Austin, and Mark comes to us from Temple University, where he is head of the reference department.

We hope that you will also have an opportunity to meet and work with these fine new staff.
Jean Bodin: Theorist of Royal Absolutism

Thanks to the generosity of Eugene E. Oakes, the library's collection of classic works in the traditional field of political economy was enhanced by a number of good additions, including seventeenth and eighteenth century first or early editions of important titles by Child, Condillac, Forbonnais, and Locke. The finest single item, however, was a copy of the first edition of Jean Bodin's *Les six livres de la republique* (Paris, 1576), a notably rare book that exerted great influence upon political and legal theorists in England and on the Continent until well into the eighteenth century.

Bodin's work, which advanced systematically and very forcefully the concept of the absolute sovereignty of the French king, was in part a logical response to the civil unrest which followed upon the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre of 1572. It went through half a dozen editions in five years, praised by the Catholic and royalist parties and damned by the Huguenots, whose legal scholars favored a more limited style of monarchy. Throughout the seventeenth century it remained a staple text in Germany and England as well as in France. The English translation published in 1606 was, before this gift, the oldest text of Bodin's work available at Georgetown.

Circa World War I

Photographs from diplomat C.Y.H. Engert's papers illustrate life in the U.S. during the war years. Clockwise, from top: 1. The first woman traffic policeman in the U.S., Mrs. Leola N. King, on duty at her post in Washington, D.C. (Her husband was an officer in the Medical Corps in the U.S. Army overseas.) 2. A woman artist painting a poster high above a New York City street, a member of the National League for Women's Service of the U.S., thousands of women ready to do any war work asked of them. 3. President Woodrow Wilson seated on the porch of the White House in earnest conversation with two men who have come all the way across the country to tell him of conditions in Texas.
Thank you

We are very grateful to those friends of our library who have given books, manuscripts and other library materials during the last six months of 1991. Included are:

- American Council of Learned Societies
  - Books on learning and teaching
- American Enterprise Institute
  - Books and journals on political science
- American Political Science Association
  - Books on political science
- Celia Anderson
  - Books in Arabic
- Kenneth J. Atchity
  - Literary correspondence and manuscripts
- Paul F. Betz
  - Books in literature
  - Anthony Bischoff, S.J.
  - Fine print of Gerard Manley Hopkins
  - Isabel Blair
  - Inscribed first editions of works by Ernst Zermelo and others
- Russell J. Bowen
  - Additional books for the Bowen Collection
- Henry Briefs
  - Papers of Goetz Briefs and books on economics
  - Phyllisann Hibben Courtis
  - Letters by Paxton Hibben
  - Frank Kurt Cylke
  - Rare books
  - Royden B. Davis, S.J.
  - Videocassettes and poetry posters
  - John J. DeGioia
  - Recent imprints
  - Paul F. DuVivier
  - World War II leaflets
  - Robert M. Edmund
  - Video magnifier set and rare books
  - Roderick M. Engert
  - Books and additional papers of diplomat C.V.H. Engert
  - Laurie L. England
  - Fine printing ephemera
  - Patricia G. England
  - Henry Morris medallion and rare books
  - Victor C. Ferkiss
  - Books on government and politics
  - Sydney J. Freedberg
  - Books in various fields
  - E. Michael Gerli
  - Books in literature and criticism
  - G.U. Alumni Ass'n of Puerto Rico
  - Books on Puerto Rico
  - John C. Hirsh
  - Books, pamphlets and broadsheets
  - Robert Hopkins
  - Videotape: "Harry Hopkins at FDR's side"
  - Mari Horne
  - Recent imprints
  - Michael C. Hudson
  - Journals on foreign affairs and foreign policy
  - Institute for the Study of Diplomacy
  - Foreign Affairs in Pakistan '81-87
  - Daniel James
  - Out-of-print works on Latin America and other books and government documents
  - Jesuit community
  - Asian studies
  - Laura R. Joost
  - Papers of Nicholas Joost and letterbook of Mrs. Aaron Burr
  - Kenton Kilmer
  - Additional papers of Joyce Kilmer
  - Evron Kirkpatrick
  - Books and journals on politics and government
  - Marymount University
  - Books in German on politics
  - Phyllis Michaux
  - Books about Americans abroad
  - Craig Neal
  - Art books and others
  - Eugene E. Oakes
  - Additional books on economics and public finance
  - Joseph F. O'Connor
  - Books in the classics
  - Marian Ord
  - Ord family correspondence
  - Joseph Pettit
  - Cassettes in literature
  - Pro Helvetia
  - Books in literature
  - Theron Rinehart
  - A copy of The Works of Sir William Temple (1720)
  - Leon Robbins
  - Palermina manuscript
  - John G. Roche
  - Videocassettes on Genesis
  - Genevieve Brunet Smith
  - Books on French culture
  - Peter J. Tanous
  - Rare Books
  - Willis Van Devanter
  - Copy of Ezra Pound's Blast

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