It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I sit down to write this column. On the job as university librarian for just three weeks, I have begun to learn the intricacies of the Georgetown University library system, the great resources available on campus in the form of faculty, students, and staff, and the loyal and strong support of the Library Associates.

Libraries everywhere are in a stage of transition; academic libraries are facing changes wrought by the increasing intensity of the "Information Age," and at the same time are challenged by budgetary stringencies that stem from the difficulties being encountered by their parent institutions. The library of the future is likely to focus almost as much on access to remotely located information as on the building of locally held stores of information.

The Lauinger Library, while not an exception to this phenomenon, has in its favor a very strong collection of research materials, built by a caring staff and faculty with the intense involvement of its Associates. It is this care and involvement that will be ever more important as the library copes with the question of providing access to information in all forms and in remote locations to its users.

The 1980s was the last decade of the truly traditional library. As we approach the twenty-t

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Trustees Honor Retiring University Librarian

On May 5, 1990 the Library Associates Board of Trustees held its sixteenth annual meeting in Room 156 of Lauinger Library. At that time three new members were elected to the Board: Rev. Robert B. Lawton, S.J., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Georgetown; Edward (Ted) McMullen, Georgetown class of 1991; and Joseph E. Jeffs, who was retiring on June 30 after 36 years of service, 30 of them as chief librarian.

Reporting on the library's major drive to increase its endowment, Mr. Jeffs said that funds together with pledges received since the beginning of the campaign amounted to $800,000. The goal of the drive is $2 million.

Board Chairman Neil Moynihan announced that various board members had joined together to establish a discrete book endowment fund to honor Mr. Jeffs on the occasion of his retirement. His tenure marked the transition of the library from a pleasant, if hopelessly overcrowded and inaccessible, relic holding around 200,000 volumes to a basic university collection of over 1,250,000 volumes housed in a modern building which is a central feature of student life on the Georgetown campus. In the 20 years since the opening of Lauinger Library, growth of the collections has been dramatic under Jeffs' leadership, aided in no small measure by the Library Associates.

The chair then presented the librarian with checks totaling $15,000 to be deposited in the Joseph and Jeannine Jeffs Book Endowment Fund, income from which will be used to purchase rare books and manuscripts in the field of twentieth century English literature. Donors to this fund include Maurice Adelman, Jr., Daniel Altobello, Jack Babcock, George Barringer, William Blatty, Timothy Childs, Salvatore Co-
The Lisa Sergio Papers

As a bequest Lisa Sergio (1905-1989), the pioneer radio news broadcaster and author, left Lauinger Library her extensive collection of books and papers. Miss Sergio, a longtime Georgetown resident and frequent patron of the library, for many years had broadcast a Sunday morning prayer program on Washington's WMAL. Previous to that, from 1939 to 1946, she was one of the few women news commentators in New York with her own program, broadcasting seven times a week on WQXR.

Lisa Sergio, pioneer news broadcaster, reading about the invasion of Sicily in the summer of 1943.

More and Better American History

The library has recently received as a gift from David Yuengling (FS '40) a collection of more than 2,300 books, journals and government documents reflecting the donor's interest in American colonial history, American military history, the history of New England and of the Southwest. The collection is rich in nineteenth and early twentieth century publications which will help fill serious gaps in Lauinger's holdings in these fields.

Among the considerable number of rarities in the collection are two worthy of special notice. The first edition of R. W. Surby's Grierson Raids, and Hatch's Sixty-four Days March, with Biographical Sketches, also the Life and Adventures of Chickasaw, the Scout (Chicago, 1865), is an established classic in the literature of the Civil War. The Proceedings of a Convention of Delegates... Convened at Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, December 15th, 1814 (Hartford, 1815) is the first published account of the now not-so-well-known but nonetheless important "Hartford Convention," at which representatives of five New England states proposed to take certain matters of governance away from Washington into their own hands. The Yuengling copy of The Proceedings is accompanied by a rare broadside speech by John Cotton Smith proposing the Hartford resolves to his state legislature.

Garibaldi (1969), A Measure Filled (1972) and Jesus and Woman (1975), as well as a complete file of her news broadcasts and lectures. Correspondents include Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Aldous Huxley, Coretta Scott King, Guglielmo Marconi, Victoria Ocampo, Eleanor Roosevelt, Dorothy Thompson and Hendrick Willem Van Loon, among others.

More than 2,000 volumes on European and American history, literature, religion and culture constitute the book portion of the bequest. Many of the books once belonged to Sergio's close friend, the Vermont author Ann Batchelder. Among the numerous rarities is a copy of the influential second edition of Thomas Poggnall Dibdin's Bibliomania (1811), which prompted the interest in England for rare books and early editions leading to the famous Roxburghe sale of 1812. Other valuable items include a presentation copy to Ralph Steiner of Margaret Bourke White's Eyes on Russia (1931), later given by Steiner to Ann Batchelder; an inscribed first edition of Rex Stout's If Death Ever Slept (1951); and a first edition of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Strength to Love (1963) presented to Miss Sergio by Dr. King.
Georgetown’s Catholic Heritage

One of Georgetown’s distinctive rare book collections is its Parsons Collection, in which are brought together most of the library’s holdings of Catholic books (and books written by Catholic authors) printed in the United States prior to 1831. Through the generosity of Associates’ trustee Maurice Adelman, the library has had the unusual pleasure of adding to its Catholic books one previously not recorded as existing in any American library: an edition of the catechism bearing the approbation of John Carroll published in Baltimore in 1809.

Early American Catholic books are scarce because the number of Catholics in the new United States was very small, and books like catechisms are among the scarcest because they were very often read to pieces by the people—often children—who used them. Georgetown was fortunate in having early on the collections and interest of three men who worked hard at both identifying and accumulating early American Catholic books.

Fr. Joseph Finotti was both a collector and bibliographer. He began bringing together early American Catholic books in the 1850s, and he was even then aware of how scarce they were; the copy of the 1817 Catholic directory which he bought for the outrageous price of $3.50 in 1853 has never again turned up in the market. In 1872 Finotti published his Bibliotheca Catholica Americana, the first attempt at a listing of books in the field, based largely on his own collection and on that of his close friend, John Gilmary Shea.

Shea had made a major contribution to Finotti’s bibliographical work by publishing in the 1850s a tentative listing of Catholic editions of the Bible published in the United States. When Finotti died in 1876, Shea served as his executor. He arranged for the auction of the bulk of Finotti’s large library, but he held out the early American Catholic books, adding them to his own collection. When Shea’s books were purchased by Georgetown early in the 1890s these seminal collections were among the first acquisitions made for the then-new Riggs Library.

As Georgetown’s librarian in the 1930s, Fr. Wilfred Parsons used the Shea-Finotti books as a springboard in the preparation of his new bibliography, Early Catholic Americana (1937), still the standard reference work in the field. But Parsons also made a concerted effort to develop Georgetown’s holdings in this area; from alumni and friends he secured gifts of a number of items not previously held, and he made a few relevant purchases.

Taking the Lauinger and Woodstock Library holdings together, Georgetown probably houses examples of a bit more than 70 percent of all early American Catholic books, more than any other single institution with the possible exception of the American Antiquarian Society. Since 1970 the number of relevant items added to Georgetown’s book collection has probably totaled less than a dozen. It is in this context that the significance of the 1809 Catechism can best be judged: an inherently fragile, paper-bound volume of modest dimensions, its rear flyleaf adorned with the 1813 inscription of its youthful owner—but the only copy known to have survived the 181 years since it was printed.

The Roland N. Harman Library

Library Associate Roland Nelson Harman, whose wit and wisdom charmed Georgetown English majors for several generations, died in April of 1989. A Georgetown graduate of 1933, Harman returned to the Hilltop to teach in 1950 following service as a Lt. Commander in the Navy during the Second World War and subsequent duties with the Occupation Forces in Japan. He was chairman of the English Department from 1952 to 1959, and presided over not only the expansion of the department, but also the introduction of American literature into the curriculum. In addition, he played a major role in creating the College Honors Program before retiring in 1976.

Harman had earned his Ph.D. in English at Yale University in 1938, and perhaps the friendships formed there with such inspired book collectors as Chauncey Brewster Tinker and Donald Gallup led to the formation of his own remarkable library. The Harman collection has recently been presented by his sister, Mrs. James S. Ruby of Washington, D.C., to whom we are much indebted.

This donation, consisting of some 3,300 volumes, reflects Harman’s myriad interests, with books ranging from detective fiction to cookery, and from nineteenth century British literature to twentieth century psychology. The scholarly strength of the collection lies in extensive holdings of such authors as Sir Walter Scott, Henry James, William Blake, Ellen Glasgow and John Keats, among others. Included among the rare books is a copy of the first edition of Virginia Woolf’s Orlando signed by the author; and English first editions, in the original dust jackets, of two detective classics by Robert Van Gulik: The Chinese Gold Murders: A Chinese Detective Story and The Chinese Lake Murders: Three Cases Solved by Judge Dee.
Mrs. Bruce Crane Fisher of Richmond, Virginia has added an important group of files to the papers of her distinguished father, Richard Crane (1882-1938), who was appointed by Woodrow Wilson as the first American ambassador to Czechoslovakia.

Besides a certain amount of materials regarding the Bruce family and the affairs of Berry Hill Plantation in Halifax County, Virginia, there is a fascinating group of some 30 letters and telegrams about Russia from the traveler and diplomat Charles Crane, Richard’s father. In June 1917 the elder Crane was visiting Russia and writes:

The country is in full revolution . . . although the peasants are seizing the land, they are cultivating it and there will probably be a full crop. At present, however, there is a food crisis, a railroad crisis, a financial crisis, a ministerial crisis, a military crisis and an industrial crisis. Money is losing its value, there is a buyer’s panic and everything offered for sale, even the oldest and most useless books are rapidly gobbled up. Strikes are everywhere and common necessities are getting scarce.

Other correspondents include Thomas S. Masaryk, Samuel N. Harper and Richard Gottheil.

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The Richard Crane Papers

Several new book endowment funds have been established by individual members of the Associates’ Board this year in response to the major fund drive. They are:

The P. C. Lauinger Memorial Book Endowment Fund, established by his son, Philip C. Lauinger, Jr. (P.C.’s death was recorded in Newsletter 23, August 1988.)

The Breier-Scheetz Manuscript Endowment Fund, established by Frederick B. Scheetz and Nicholas B. Scheetz, for the purchase of manuscript materials by nineteenth and twentieth century British and American Catholic literary figures.

The Louis and Laura Moscato Book Endowment Fund, established by their son, John Moscato.

The Peter J. Tanous Book Endowment Fund, established by Mr. Tanous.

The Georgetown Chimes Book Endowment Fund, established by David J. Walsh.

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first century, we do so with the knowledge that we must simultaneously keep and care for the traditional print collections, while ensuring access to new information in new formats. Extending these parallel paths will require more space, and definitely more resources, than maintaining the print collection alone, but it is the only way to support the research and educational enterprise of the future.

We are embarked on a new journey, which will be successful with the strong support of the Library Associates. I very much look forward to working with you!

Susan K. Martin
The Harry Hopkins Papers – Part Three

Articles in Newsletters 18 and 23 have described the remarkable Harry L. Hopkins archives at Georgetown, both the original gift and a subsequent addition of family related correspondence. We are pleased to now report a third major installment of Hopkins papers, generously donated by Robert Hopkins of Washington, D.C.

This most recent addition consists of personal and professional correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, and related printed ephemera. There is considerable material on the controversial 1940 Democratic National Convention in Chicago (at which FDR was nominated to run for a third term); on Hopkins' tenure as Secretary of Commerce; and on the death in 1944 of his youngest son, Stephen Hopkins, while fighting in the Pacific. Although the collection includes letters from such notables as Max Beaverbrook, James A. Farley, Felix Frankfurter, George C. Marshall and Robert Sherwood, perhaps of greatest interest are the numerous letters between Hopkins and his son Robert during the war years.

Isthmian Serendipity

Georgetown is becoming very well known as a major repository for research materials dealing with the Panama Canal. Recently our reputation brought us the offer of a small collection of photos, pamphlets, printed ephemera and well-organized annotated newspaper clippings concerning events in the Canal Zone from about 1921 to 1945. What was nonessential to the Chicago Public Library turns out to be quite welcome at Georgetown. The set of 14 albums and scrapbooks put together by Archie Wright French, who worked in Panama for more than 30 years beginning in 1905, makes a relatively minor but interesting addition to our strength.

French's efforts are a virtual model of what an intelligent amateur historian with a sense of humor can do for scholars of the future. An excellent photographer, French preserved a fine set of photographs of an Indian celebration and games; he also pasted into his portfolios, besides clippings and an excellent array of printed materials for tourists, such items as a paper cup autographed by Admiral Richard Byrd and other members of his 1928 Antarctic expedition, lottery tickets, and his own uncashed pay voucher for the whopping sum of $0.01!
In Memoriam
We note with sadness the recent deaths of the following Library Associates:
Sheva and Marver Bernstein
Alphonse De Rosso
Miles P. DaVal
Nicholas Farbizio, Jr.
Mrs. A. S. Gardiner
Roland N. Harman
Edward A. Miller
Archibald B. Roosevelt

A Variety of Programs and a Catalog

The spring semester 1990 opened with an exhibit in the Gunlocke Room prepared by Margaret D. Stetz, Assistant Professor of English at Georgetown, and Mark Samuels Lasner, noted Washington bibliographer, entitled "England in the 1890s: Literary Publishing at the Bodley Head." On January 28, a group of Associates greatly enjoyed a lecture of the same title by Dr. Stetz.

An exhibition catalog has been prepared by Stetz and Lasner and published by the Georgetown University Press. In the 1890s the Bodley Head publishing firm was the matrix of new, daring and controversial literature and art. This publication describes in detail more than 120 manuscripts, graphics, unpublished letters and books. The 16 illustrations include art works, book designs, portraits and caricatures, many never before reproduced. The edition is limited to 600 copies. *England in the 1890s: Literary Publishing at the Bodley Head* is available at $21.00 per copy, inclusive of postage and packing, from: Joshua Heller Rare Books, Inc., P.O. Box 39114, Washington, DC 20016.

Haynes Johnson
Associates were part of a large audience on March 21 to hear Haynes Johnson of The Washington Post deliver the first annual Lawrence C. Merthan Lecture in American Political Movements, "Borrowed Time: America in the '90s and Beyond." This annual lecture has evolved from the twentieth anniversary commemoration in 1988 of Eugene McCarthy's presidential campaign, organized by the library and Abigail McCarthy. With a fund established by Mrs. Merthan, the annual lecture will in the future be held under the auspices of the University's Government Department.

Intelligence Symposium
On April 10 Associates joined the International Studies Association's Intelligence Studies Section in presenting a program entitled "The Academic Contribution to Improving the Understanding and Performance of Intelligence." The distinguished panel consisted of Christopher Andrew, U.K.; Lt. Gen. William Odom, U.S.; and David Stafford, Canada. A selection from the large Russell Bowen collection on intelligence was on exhibit in the Gunlocke room at the time, and Colonel Bowen was present to delight the audience with remarks about his collection.

Teilhard Conference
May 1, which happens to be the birth anniversary of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., was chosen as the date of a conference on his thought entitled "Sharing in the Great Work." Cosponsored by the Associates, the Teilhard Center and the Woodstock Theological Center, the conference featured papers by Harold J. Morowitz, Robinson Professor of Biology and Natural Philosophy at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and Karl Schmitz-Moorman, Professor of Philosophy and Theology from Bochum University in West Germany. The conference lasted from 2:30 until after 10:00 p.m. In the evening Madame Simone Beaulieu, friend and correspondent of Teilhard, shared personal remembrances of the Jesuit paleontologist and philosopher. The two featured speakers were joined by two members of Georgetown's Theology Department, Rev. Thomas M. King, S.J., and Prof. John F. Haught, in a panel discussion on the influence of Teilhard in their lives. The conference concluded with a Mass on the World including readings from Teilhard.

As this newsletter goes to press, there is word that Père Pierre Leroy, S.J., colleague and friend of Teilhard for many years, has given 80 letters written to him by Teilhard for the Teilhard Center here in the Georgetown University Library. Earlier this year Père Leroy contributed a collection of 51 items consisting of published works either by or about Teilhard.

Marver Bernstein Estate
The Library Associates and the Georgetown community mourn the loss of two respected friends. Georgetown University Professor of Philosophy and Government Marver Bernstein and his wife Sheva were killed last March in a tragic hotel fire in Cairo. The library has received from his estate a generous gift of 2,700 volumes and 1,000 unbound journals and government documents. The books represent a scholarly library of works on Israel and the Middle East, political science, government, economics, urban studies, history and biography, many of them now out of print. The Middle East collection contains most of the significant scholarly works in the field published in the English language during the past thirty years.


JUST AS A GOOD AIRLINE PILOT should always be looking for places to land, so should a lawyer be looking for situations where large amounts of money were about to change hands. "In every big transaction," said Leech, "there is a magic moment during which a man has surrendered a treasure, and during which the man who is due to receive it has not yet done so. An alert lawyer will make that moment his own, possessing the treasure for a magic microsecond, taking a little of it, passing it on. If the man who is to receive the treasure is unused to wealth, has an inferiority complex and shapeless feelings of guilt, as most people do, the lawyer can often take as much as half the bundle, and still receive the recipient's blubbering thanks."

More Fine Prints

The library's collection of American fine prints of the twentieth century was recently enriched by two gifts. Associates Trustee Patricia G. England donated a group of nine separate prints, broadsides and press announcements created by noted wood engraver and illustrator Barry Moser, including a fine self-portrait.

David Allen added six more examples to the 39 fine prints he has given since 1988. The latest gift, including works by Isaac Sanger, Jacques Hnizdovsky and Richard Florsheim, as well as three by Washington artist David Zimmerman, enhances a group of images which date from 1924 to the 1970s. The Florsheim print extends to seven the number of color lithographs by this printmaker in the Georgetown collections.

Top left: Print by Barry Moser with passage from Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.'s God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater. Top right: "Lake Willeoughby, Vermont" by Isaac Sanger. Bottom: "Andy" by David Zimmerman.
A Note of Gratitude

University Librarian Susan K. Martin and staff wish to express deep gratitude to the donors of gifts-in-kind over the past six months, including the following:

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Literary typescripts and related papers

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Old Petersburg and letters and postcards by Hector Bolitho

John Bailey  
Books and journals on government

Mrs. John E. Benoit  
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A scholarly collection on economics

Rev. Colin Campbell, S.J.  
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Mrs. Archibald B. Roosevelt  
Collection of Washington printed ephemera and inscriptions

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Four early seventeenth century engravings by William Swanenburg and an eighteenth century oil portrait of Pope (Saint) Gregory I

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