The Bowen Gift: Spies and More Spies

For almost a decade the Russell J. Bowen Collection on Intelligence, Security, and Covert Activities has been mushrooming quietly at the south end of the Special Collections stack area. In 1983 the Scholar's Guide to Intelligence Literature: Bibliography of the Russell J. Bowen Collection was published by University Publications of America; that listing gave details on the then 5,300+ titles in the collection. The available space for shelving gave out in 1988, when the collection passed the 7,800 title mark, and the several hundred items added since still reside in the banana boxes used to transfer them to Georgetown.

Earlier this year the library received clear title to the collection, previously held at Georgetown on a deposit basis, from its creator, Col. Russell J. Bowen. And as title transferred, library messengers went out to retrieve a further 42 banana boxes full of uncataloged additions to the collection. There was little surprise on April 12, however, when Col. Bowen stopped by to deliver four more of those capacious crates himself and left saying “There’s more where these came from.” As June arrived, they were still coming.

The Bowen Collection is a prodigious one. Even excluding that unknown “more where these came from,” the collection numbers more than 10,000 titles. The only comparable collection is that maintained by the CIA at Langley, a collection founded by Col. Bowen’s longtime friend and collecting rival in the spy field, Walter Pforzheimer. In raw size, the Bowen Collection is the third largest gift received in the library’s history (surpassed only by the stock of the Park-Reifsnyder bookshop and the recent gifts of Gerard Previn Meyer and his family). In terms of comprehensiveness in its field and as a resource for scholarly activity, it stands alone.
New Officers for Associates

Cornelius J. Moynihan, Jr. of Cambridge, Massachusetts was elected chairman of the Board of the Library Associates, at the Board of Trustees' annual meeting on April 29, 1989. He is a founding member of the Library Associates. A graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1961, Mr. Moynihan is an attorney with Peabody and Brown in Boston. He succeeds Joseph S. Harvey, who resigned from the chairmanship but will continue as an active trustee.

Elected as vice chairman was Bernard J. Picchi of South Orange, New Jersey. Mr. Picchi is a 1971 graduate of the School of Foreign Service and a managing director with the investment firm of Salomon Brothers Inc. in New York City. He has been a trustee since 1982.


Elected as new members of the board for 3-year terms were Andrea Kim Feirstein (FS'79), an investment banker with Smith Barney in New York, and Hon. William Taft III, former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland.

The university librarian and the Board of Trustees express their gratitude for years of faithful service to the following members who tendered their resignations at the expiration of their terms: Mary Fockler, Hon. George McGhee, and Malcolm McCormack.

New Fund Honors Father Davis

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Maher Jr. and Family have established a generous book endowment fund to honor Rev. Royden B. Davis, S.J. upon his retirement as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A much beloved dean, professor and friend to students, Father Davis has been a Trustee of the Library Associates since 1984.

Father Davis retired on June 30, 1989, after serving 23 years as dean of Georgetown’s College. His tenure saw many changes in the college, including the admission of women students and the establishment of American Studies and Fine Arts programs. The newly established book endowment fund will be used to strengthen the Fine Arts book collection in the library, and will complement the Professorial Chair in Fine Arts that is being established by many graduates of the college to honor Father Davis for his exemplary dedication to the college and its students.

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New York Library Associates Honor Librarian

Two trustees of the Library Associates from New York, George P. Giard, Jr. (C'60) and Bernard J. Picchi (FS'71), hosted a cocktail hour and dinner at the Knickerbocker Club in New York City on May 3 to honor University Librarian Joseph E. Jeffs. Over 60 persons attended the event. Mr. Jeffs, who is completing his 35th year at Georgetown, has headed the library since 1960. During that time the library collection has tripled in size. In remarks made after dinner he took the opportunity to thank the Library Associates for their outstanding contributions to the growth of the collections, noting that it has been their support that has made possible the acquisition of so many important book and manuscript collections over the past decade.

The featured after-dinner speaker was Professor Roland Flint of the English Department who spoke warmly and affectionately about his career at Georgetown as it touched on the library, fellow faculty members and students. A number of the guests present had their own happy memories of taking courses under Dr. Flint, one of Georgetown’s most popular teachers.

Paraguayan Reductions

Readers of *Candide* will no doubt recall the visit of Voltaire’s hero and his companions to the Jesuit missions in Paraguay, where “the Fathers have everything, the people nothing: that is the masterwork of reason and justice.” Actually, the Jesuit missions, or reducciones, were very successful, and until the suppression of the Jesuits on Spanish lands in 1767, the Indians living in the reductions were moderately well off and protected from the depredations of other European settlers.

Through the generosity of President Healy, the library has recently acquired a very substantial group of manuscript materials together with four printed documents relating to the history of the Jesuit missions in Paraguay from about 1636 up until the 1767 suppression. Of particular significance is a 135-page defense of the Jesuit and Franciscan missions in Paraguay written in the first part of the 18th century by the Franciscan Fr. Miguel Vargas Muchuca. This acquisition greatly increases our strength in South American Jesuit history in the colonial period, which previously included manuscript and printed items relating not only to Paraguay, but to Peru, Chile, and Brazil as well.
1989 marks the bicentennial not only of the university, but also of the founding of a library at Georgetown College. Archbishop John Carroll was among the library’s earliest benefactors, donating 400 pounds sterling for acquisitions as well as a number of valuable books from his own personal library. This tradition of giving is an important reason for the steady development of the library’s collections over the past 200 years.

To honor Lauinger Library on the occasion of the bicentennial, Associates are presenting a remarkable array of rare books, manuscripts, prints and other research materials, some being single special items, others consisting of entire collections. All the bicentennial donations will be exhibited in the Gunlocke Room of the Special Collections Division during the months of September and October, and a commemorative brochure listing the gifts will be prepared. Should you wish to give a gift for this event, please contact the university librarian.

Described below are some of the memorable gifts already received:


**Endicott Panama Collection:** Library Associates Trustee Nicholas B. Scheetz (C’74) of Washington, D.C., and his brother Frederick B. Scheetz (C’67) of Seattle, Washington, have presented a collection of several score rare books about the Panama Canal, a field in which the library has particularly strong manuscript holdings. This collection was formed by Rear Admiral Mordecai Endicott (1844-1926), a naval engineer and a member of both the Nicaragua Canal Commission (1895) and the Panama Canal Commission (1905-1907). Included in the gift is a first edition of Lionel Wafer’s *A New Voyage and Description of the Isthmus of America* (1699).


**Lincoln, Abraham.** “Abraham Lincoln. Died April 15, 1865. Interior Dep’t, Pension Bureau. We Mourn the Loss of our President.” A mourning badge printed on silk, together with a printed gallery ticket to the Senate impeachment proceedings against President Andrew Johnson. Gift of Mrs. Margaret Bearden of Cape Coral, Florida.


**Waugh, Evelyn.** “Tragical Death of Mr. Will. Huskisson Sept MDCCCCXX”, 1924. An extremely rare lithographic print by novelist Evelyn Waugh, bearing his contemporary signature. This is the only recorded signed copy of the print. Gift of Professor John C. Hirsh of Washington, D.C.
In Memoriam

We note with sadness the recent deaths of the following Library Associates:

Hyme A. Budd
Howard S. Gies
Robert A. O'Leary
Thomas S. Rice
Edward E. Stocker
James R. Wolfe

A Literary Scholar's Collection

Edwin Harrison Cady of Duke University, an influential scholar of American literature and an authority on Stephen Crane and William Dean Howells, has donated a large collection of titles rich in nineteenth and twentieth century fiction, literary criticism and cultural history. The 4,641 volumes add to and complement existing collections in the library's rare books and general stacks, particularly the recently acquired Irving Levy collection of American first editions.

Professor Cady's gift contains a wide range of significant primary and secondary source materials related to major American authors, including Crane, Howells, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Washington Irving, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Herman Melville, Mark Twain and Walt Whitman, among others. Various inscribed and association copies are of interest, most notably several works by Reynolds Price, numbered and signed, with presentation inscriptions to the Cadys. Among the other first editions to be housed in the Special Collections Division are Ralph Waldo Emerson, English Traits (1856); Robert Frost, A Masque of Reason (1917), limited issue, #139 of 800 numbered and signed copies; James Joyce, Ulysses (1917, ninth printing); James Russell Lowell, The Biglow Papers, Edited . . . by Homer Wilbur (1848, with the bookplate of Percival Lowell); Booker T. Washington, The Story of My Life and Work (1900) and Up From Slavery (1901); and Frederick J. Work, ed., Folk Songs of the American Negro . . . (Number Two, 1907?).

Special Collections at Georgetown

By the time Associates read this issue of the Newsletter the presses will be rolling to produce a much enlarged revised edition of Special Collections at Georgetown, first published in 1985. The new edition will include information on about 300 collections not included in the first edition, many of them acquired since 1985 and reported on first in the Newsletter.

The 1989 edition will be almost twice the size of its predecessor, with 128 pages instead of 72 and (we hope) with the addition of an 8-page insert of color plates. Another feature of the new version will be a brief history of the library's collections embodying a great deal of new research in records in the University Archives and the Maryland Province Archives.

Needless to say, the Associates have done much towards the library's development of its special collections, and quite a number will find their names recorded in the list of donors. Associates who desire to have a copy of the new edition should write to Carol LeClair at the masthead address or call her at (202) 687-7446.

Bicentennial Exhibit Catalog

The library and the university bicentennial office cooperated in the publication of A Documentary History of Georgetown University: A Catalogue of the Exhibition and Guide to the Archives. The exhibit it describes is the "official" bicentennial exhibit, which was on view from April 4 through July 15. Unlike the exhibit on student life over the years at Georgetown, this exhibit concentrated on administrators, policies, buildings, and the curriculum. Beginning with the formation and educational plans of the Society of Jesus, the exhibit covered the arrival of the Jesuits in Maryland and their earliest attempts at schools in this country, as well as the history of Georgetown itself.

Planned and produced by University Archivist Jon Reynolds, the Catalogue includes a brief historical essay by Fr. Emmett Curran and overviews of the holdings of the University Archives and Jesuit-related material in the Special Collections Division as well as a description of the items displayed. Members of the Associates who would like to have a copy of A Documentary History should write to Carol LeClair at the masthead address or call her at (202) 687-7446.

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Thomas Maher is a 1970 graduate of the college and a 1974 graduate of the medical school. His wife, Yvonne (Bohatch), graduated from the college in 1972 and from the medical school in 1976. They live with their family in Pittsburgh where they are associated with Allegheny Hospital. Father Davis officiated at the Mahers' marriage and has baptized their five children.

The Maher Family gift will be recognized by a plaque in the library naming a lounge reading area in honor of Father Davis and commemorating the establishment of the Rev. Royden B. Davis Book Endowment Fund.
To Honor the Memory

The following persons have recently made contributions to the Library Associates in memory of a loved one:
- Mary Flaherty, in memory of Joseph F. Flaherty;
- John and Agnes Russell, in memory of John W. Fairfax Jr.;
- Marie-Louise Kennedy, in memory of Robert J. Kennedy Jr.;
- Thomas E. Dunigan, in memory of Bernard F. and Helen E. Dunigan;
- Joseph and Virginia Bernard, in memory of John W. Fairfax Jr.;
- Ann Doring, in memory of Edward J. Doring;
- Francis P. Keevers, in memory of John P. Keevers Jr.;
- Laverne and Jorge Rossi, in memory of John A. Russell Sr.;
- Marie T. Boyle, in memory of Robert J. Boyle.

Four Literary Collections

Four groups of literary archives have recently been presented to the Special Collections Division of Lauinger Library:

Francis and Katherine Biddle
Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Randolph Biddle of Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, continue to donate important literary and historical manuscripts to the Biddle Collection at Georgetown. Their most recent gift includes scores of fascinating letters to Dr. Biddle’s parents, Attorney General Francis Biddle and poet Katherine Garrison Chapin Biddle, from such notables as Van Wyck Brooks, Malcolm Cowley, Felix Frankfurter, Lyndon Johnson, Freida Lawrence, Archibald MacLeish, Alexis St.-Leger, Stephen Spender and William Grant Still, among others.

Nicholas Joost
Mrs. Laura Joost of Jacksonville, Florida, is another regular contributor of literary material. The latest installment of the papers of her husband, the late Dr. Nicholas Joost (C'38), includes correspondence by Wallace Fowlie, John Howard Griffin, Laura Riding Jackson, Russell Kirk, Robert Lowell, Marianne Moore, and an especially important series of more than 15 letters from Karl Shapiro.

Russell B. Shaw
Author and journalist Russell B. Shaw (C'56, G'60) of Washington, D.C., has donated the manuscripts of eight works, including that of his 1961 novel, The Dark Disciple. The subject matter of his other seven books ranges from education and Catholicism to philosophy and politics.

P.E.N.
A portion of the archives of the P.E.N. organization, an international association of writers based in London and founded in 1921, was donated by Manuscripts Librarian Nicholas B. Scheetz (C'74) of Washington, D.C., and his brother Frederick B. Scheetz (C'67) of Seattle, Washington. This material, dating between 1939 and 1967, contains letters from a variety of writers, including Cleanth Brooks, David Carver, Leonard Mosley, Arthur Miller, Herman Ould, Alec Waugh, and C.V. Wedgewood.

Special Programs Mark Bicentennial Exhibits

“First 100 Years Were the Hardest” was a title contrived to arouse curiosity. True to expectations, it drew a good crowd to the Lauinger Library on the evening of Wednesday, April 5, from both the university community and members of the Associates.

Rev. R. Emmett Curran, S.J., associate professor of history at Georgetown, sparked a lot of interest in his audience as he talked about some of the most interesting and decisive events of Georgetown’s first century. The discussion followed the lecture was enhanced by the contributions of a woman in the audience whose forebears had been connected with the history of the early Jesuits in Maryland.

Father Curran is the author of the official history of Georgetown University; the first of a projected two volumes is expected to come off the press during 1989. The lecture marked the opening of the display, "Georgetown at 200: A Documentary Exhibition." (See article, "Bicentennial Exhibit Catalog," elsewhere in this issue.)

Earlier in the academic year the first bicentennial exhibition, “Student Life at Georgetown, 1789-1989,” was mounted. On the evening of October 5, 1988 a special program was sponsored by the Library Associates to mark its opening. At that time a panel of four reminisced about student life in their respective times. On the panel were Professor Jesse Mann, C'47, Mr. Raymond O'Brien, C'49, Ms. Patricia A. Mahoney, C'74 and L'79, and Rev. Otto Hentz, S.J., theology faculty. Members of the audience shared their reminiscences with the panel and with each other, making it an evening of true nostalgia.
William Butler Yeats Remembered

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of William Butler Yeats, the Honorable Eugene McCarthy spent a memorable evening on February 23, 1989 reciting the poems of one of Ireland’s most renowned literary figures. Among the Library Associates and others present was Ireland’s ambassador to the United States, Padraic MacKernan, who shares with Senator McCarthy a deep admiration for Yeats’ poetry. In a remarkable tour de force the senator recited from memory, for over an hour, a wide range of Yeats’ poems.

A poet himself, the senator, whose 1968 presidential campaign archives are in the Georgetown University Library, has published two books of poetry among the 17 books which he has authored since 1960. His most recent book is a second volume of selections from his newspaper columns, The View from Rappahannock II, published earlier this year.