Dear Associates:

The fifth annual meeting of the Associates on June 9 was attended by a hundred members and guests who received a progress report by the University Librarian on the continued growth, accomplishments, and valuable contributions of the Associates. He reported that the Board of Trustees recently approved the initiation of a new fund for the acquisition of books on business and finance and a special fund for fine arts books.

The guest speaker at the annual meeting, Dr. David M. Abshire, '59 Ph.D., Chairman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, presented an excellent analysis of current international political and economic problems and discussed prospects for the future in various areas of the world.

At the Board of Trustees meeting on June 9, the number of Trustees was increased to thirty-five, with the election of the following new Trustees:

- Richard A. Bennett, Jr., '76 JD
- Robert M. Edmund, '70 BSBA
- Patricia G. England
- Michael J. Leshy, '61 AB
- Maybelle D. Marckwardt, '67 MS
- Richard J. McCooey, '52 BS
- Malcolm C. McCormack, '49 BSFS, '51 MSFS
- John Moscato, '73 AB
- James P. Reed, '53 BS
- Eric McA. Smith, '67 AB, '72 JD

Fourteen original Trustees were re-elected for another term. John W. Snyder was re-elected Chairman and John S. Mayfield was elected Vice Chairman.

CARL A.S. COAN COLLECTION IN HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS - The professional papers of the late Carl A.S. Coan have been given to the library by his widow, Mrs. Flora Coan, to establish the Carl A.S. Coan Collection in Housing and Urban Affairs. Mr. Coan had a distinguished career as an economist and public official concerned with housing, mortgage finance and urban development. He was staff director of the Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs of the United States Senate for many years. He also was an economist, housing analyst and statistician with the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency and the Bureau of the Census. The Coan Collection will be expanded with additional relevant papers of individuals and organizations concerned with housing and urban affairs, and plans are underway for the establishment of an endowment fund for the purchase of appropriate material to increase the Collection.

GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS - A PORTRAIT - The Lauinger Library is the proud owner of a portrait of the English Jesuit poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, donated by Joseph and Betty Taney of Potomac, Maryland. Entitled "Inscape" the painting measures 36" x 48", and is the work of artist Joan Caryl of Washington, D.C. It hangs in the front lounge area on the library's fifth floor.
AMBASSADOR GEORGE C. MCGHEE PAPERS - The library recently received an initial portion of the papers of the Honorable George C. McGhee, former United States Ambassador to West Germany. These papers will make available to researchers basic information on Ambassador McGhee's service with the Advisory Council on Japan-U.S. Economic Relations, the Federal City Council, the Urban Coalition, and other organizations. Of particular interest are extensive files documenting Ambassador McGhee's work during World War II with the Combined Raw Materials Board. A preliminary finding aid for the papers has been prepared so that they are already available to scholars desiring to use them.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS - Georgetown has acquired from Neil MacNeil his collection of approximately seven thousand books and documents on the United States Congress. MacNeil, a Washington correspondent and a scholar on the history and operation of Congress, spent many years assembling this outstanding collection of material on Congress from 1787 to the present. The collection contains much rare early material on the origin, formation, and development of Congressional practices and procedures and the committee system. In the collection are hundreds of volumes on the functioning, roles, and powers of Congress, and the relationships of Congress with the Press, lobbyists, and the White House. It includes the Annals of Congress, 1789-1824, the Register of Debates, 1824-1837, and the Congressional Globe, 1833-1873. There is a considerable amount of rare and unique material not available elsewhere. With this collection the Georgetown University Library may become a major research center for students, scholars, and writers interested in the United States Congress.

OHIO HISTORY - A fine set of eighty-seven volumes of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly (now Ohio History) has been given to Georgetown by Miss Isabel Blair in memory of her father, Dr. William Edward Blair, of Lebanon, Ohio. Miss Blair also gave several important books on Ohio history, including the original Howe's Historical Collections of Ohio, published in 1847; the enlarged edition of Howe's published in 1900; Historical Atlases of Warren County, published in 1875 and 1903; and Speeches of Thomas Corwin, published in 1859. In addition to Ohio history, Miss Blair gave a rare theological volume published in 1597, an edition of the speeches of Charles Phillips published in Cincinnati in 1818, and other early volumes.

ROOSEVELT FAMILY BOOKS - The library has received from Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt two important collections of books. The first comprises more than 100 volumes by Hilaire Belloc; many of the items are first editions in dust jackets, and more than three-fourths of them bear interesting presentation inscriptions from the author. The second group comprises items from the library of Mr. Roosevelt's father, mainly on travel and sport in India, Burma, and Chinese Turkestan; also included among this group are four volumes from the library of Mr. Roosevelt's grandfather, President Theodore Roosevelt.
THE COLLECTIONS OF ERIC F. MENKE - During the summer the library accessioned the second, and final, portion of the library of Eric F. Menke, of Washington, D.C. Together with what Mr. Menke donated last year, the library is the richer by nearly 3,000 printed books and pamphlets and more than 2,000 maps, plans, prints, photographs, drawings, and paintings.

Though the bare numbers are, by themselves, impressive, they do not tell the whole story. In an age when "encyclopedic" collecting is despaired of, Mr. Menke formed a continuous and overlapping series of collections in which printed books, maps and graphics, photographs, and artifacts complement and enrich one another by their association. The printed books cover the widest possible range of subjects: a first edition of Kant sits cheek by jowl with Joseph Harned's Wild Flowers of the Alleghanies, Fuchs' Illustrierte Sittengeschichte, and the fragile children's books of Walter Crane. The humanist's concern for all aspects of life is there, as it is in the graphics: Escher and Rembrandt are there, but so are the local artists of Washington and Frankfurt.

In one sense those two cities are the key to the collections. Mr. Menke's career as an architect, landscape architect, and planning consultant bore fruit in superb collections devoted to Frankfurt, the city of his birth, and Washington, the city he adopted and in which he has lived and worked for almost 50 years. His early attraction to Goethe, buttressed by an association with Dr. William Speck, led him to the assembly of an equally rich collection devoted to the life and work of Germany's greatest author, also a Frankfurt native. But in Washington grew and were nurtured appreciation and collections of Walt Whitman and Thomas Paine. General collections of materials on the Rhine and the cities of its middle valley are supported by Americana, particularly items recalling the German experience in this country. And allied to the urban architect and planner's natural collection of city plans there came to be a rich collection of maps, both again emphasizing the areas surrounding Frankfurt and Washington.

Yet most important is the spirit that shaped these collections. Their formation was the exercise of a cultivated, humane, civilized taste, a curiosity for the past, and a concern for the future. The eye of the artist, rather than the list of the bibliographer, was always the decisive tool. The Menke collection would not be, as booksellers are fond of asserting for their wares, "hard to duplicate" - it would be impossible, and Georgetown is by so great an extent Eric Menke's debtor.
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CATALOG - The United States Historical Documents Institute has given to Georgetown a microfilm copy of the Library of Congress shelflist. This unique catalog of 6.5 million cards in LC classification order will be a valuable research resource for our students and faculty. The founder and president of U.S. Historical Documents Institute, William W. Buchanan, is a Georgetown alumnus ('49 BSFS) and a Library Associates Trustee. He also is founder and president of Carrollton Press, and a major publisher of bibliographical indexes and catalogs, government documents, and other reference and research material in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Europe.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE REPORTS - More than a thousand Library of Congress LRS/CRS Major Studies and Issue Briefs (1916-1979) have been presented to the library by an alumnus and Library Associates Trustee, John Moscato ('73 AB), founder and president of University Publications of America. These reports were prepared by LRS/CRS to provide analytical and factual information for use by members of Congress and Congressional Committees in the development and consideration of legislation on a wide range of topics during the past sixty years. University Publications of America microfilmed these reports so that students, faculty, and researchers will have direct access to this important information.

BUSINESS BOOKS - Georgetown has received from Mrs. Claire Zamore more than four hundred books on business administration from the library of the late Professor Lionel Zamore. The gift was arranged by Mindy Zamore, a student in the School of Foreign Service.

The library has initiated a special fund for acquisition of books on business administration and finance. Contributions to this fund have been received from twenty-two individuals and corporations. Additional contributions are being sought so that the library can build a quality book collection to support the study and research of more than a thousand students in the School of Business Administration.

WANTED: BOOKS, JOURNALS, MANUSCRIPTS - The library is interested in acquiring collections of books, journals, manuscripts, archives, diplomatic papers, and research material on every subject relevant to Georgetown's curriculum. Potential donors of collections are invited to call or write the University Librarian for information about donation arrangements. Gifts to the library can be appraised for income tax deduction.

Associates who are Georgetown Alumni may designate their annual Alumni Fund contribution for the Library Associates. In the space on the Alumni gift form for "other designation" you may write "Library Associates" and your contribution will be credited to the Associates account.

John W. Snyder
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