Dear Associates:

ASSOCIATES ANNUAL MEETING - May 20, 1978. The 1978 annual meeting of Associates is planned for Saturday, May 20. The Associates Board of Trustees will meet during the afternoon and the general membership meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Pierce Reading Room of the Joseph Mark Lauinger Memorial Library. The agenda will include a report on Associates progress during the past year. The guest speaker, Gene Basset, editorial cartoonist of Scripps-Howard Newspapers, will give an illustrated historical presentation on the American political cartoon. Mr. Basset has given to the library several examples of his cartoons and important material he used for reference and research. A reception for Associates will follow.

All Associates are invited to attend this meeting and guests are welcome.

ALFRED E. SMITH EXHIBIT - On view in the Howard W. Gunlocke Room is an exhibit of books, manuscripts, photographs, and memorabilia from the life and political career of Alfred E. Smith, Governor of New York and candidate for President in 1928. Many of the items shown are recent gifts from Mr. Smith's daughter, Mrs. John Adams (Emily Smith) Warner, and Walter J. Smith, Jr., the governor's grandson. At the exhibit opening on April 16th, Walter Smith gave a talk entitled "Let's Look at the Record - a Grandson's Reflections on Alfred E. Smith." A motion picture on the Governor's political career and a slide presentation on facets of his life were shown.

THEODORE MAYNARD LIBRARY AND PAPERS - The library recently received as a gift from the estate of Kathleen Maynard the papers of her husband, the Catholic poet, critic, and biographer Theodore Maynard, who taught in the English Department at Georgetown from 1928 to 1933. His papers include the manuscripts of most of his writings and his correspondence with a wide range of literary figures, including Van Wyck Brooks, Vachel Lindsay, Amy Lowell, and Padriac and Mary Colum. The collection also has letters from William Butler Yeats and Aldous Huxley, and manuscript reminiscences by Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, the daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne. The library also acquired Dr. Maynard's books, amounting to about 1,700 volumes, principally in English and American literature and including many inscribed volumes presented to Maynard by Edwin Arlington Robinson, Van Wyck Brooks, Vachel Lindsay, and others. The Maynard collection of books, manuscripts and letters is a most important addition to Georgetown's library resources.
MARYLAND PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS ARCHIVES - The Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus archives have been placed on deposit in the Lauinger Library Special Collections Division. The archives contain rare and important materials relating to the history of the Jesuits in Maryland from 1640. Among the more important items in the collection are the records of the Jesuit manors; records of Maryland Catholic families (e.g. Sewall, Fenwick, Carroll); and papers of important individual Jesuits such as Rev. John McElroy, founder of Boston College, Rev. Stephen L. Dubuisson, and Rev. José Antonio Lopez, president of Georgetown and correspondent with the Mexican emperor Iturbide.

The archives are being placed in special containers, and an inventory is being made. Researchers desiring to consult these archives should contact Rev. Henry Bertels, S.J., Woodstock Library, Georgetown University.

AMERICA AND THE HOLY LAND - Dr. Jules Davids, Professor in the School of Foreign Service, has given to the library the seventy-two volume set, America and the Holy Land: Image and Reality, published in 1977 by Arno Press. The library's resources on the Middle East are greatly enhanced by this important collection which provides an overview of the history of the Holy Land from an American perspective. Many of the volumes in this collection are reprints of books published in the Nineteenth Century. There are writings on archaeology and anthropology and personal narratives of travel and geography. Recent observations on Israel are included in original writings and colloquium papers prepared for this series.

Dr. Davids served as a member of the editorial board coordinating this project for Arno Press. He has written many articles and books on international relations and diplomacy, and was the compiler of the 21-volume set of American diplomatic and public papers on the United States and China.

JOHN W. SNYDER GIFT OF BICENTENNIAL MEDALS - The Honorable John W. Snyder has given to the library a set of two hundred silver medals produced by the Franklin Mint in commemoration of the American Revolution Bicentennial. Each medal depicts an important event in American history, and the set is accompanied by a book which describes the significance of each event. The medals are arranged in chronological order in trays which slide into a mahogany case. This set of medals will be highly useful in illustrating many of the library's special exhibits in future years.

JOHN S. MAYFIELD GIFTS - Mr. and Mrs. John S. Mayfield of Bethesda, Md., recently gave to the library a collection of the papers of David Wright, Auburn, N.Y., lawyer and politician, including a quantity of correspondence from friends in the United States Congress during the Civil War. The Mayfields also gave papers of Lillian Gilkes, Connecticut writer, including correspondence from the noted singer and actress Geraldine Farrar; photographs and other items relating to Enrico Caruso; and correspondence and ephemera relating to the 1948 Presidential campaign of Henry A. Wallace. Another recent Mayfield gift of ten volumes from the library of the late Fred C. Kelly included presentation copies of books by H. Allen Smith, Van Wyck Brooks, and Charles Sale, the 1868 edition of Grandville's Vie privée et publique des animaux, and Eben Horsford's The Defences of Norumbega.
LAWRENCE D. EGBERT PAPERS - Mrs. Lawrence D. Egbert has given to the library the papers of her late husband who had a long and distinguished career in international law. Dr. Egbert was a member of the faculty of Occidental College, Northwestern University, American University, University of Illinois, and the University of Paris. He was an adviser at the Nuremberg Trials in 1945-46 and his papers contain material from briefing and analysis work at Nuremberg. He also served in the Department of State, and was director of research for the World Peace Through Law Center.

EDMUND SCIENTIFIC COMPANY - The library is enhanced by several scientific books, cassettes, films, and a portable Astroscan telescope given by alumnus Robert M. Edmund, '70 BSBA, president of Edmund Scientific Company, Barrington, New Jersey. The Edmund gift includes books on solar energy systems, optics, and astronomy. The films and cassettes provide important educational material on space exploration and will be useful in courses and research projects being developed at Georgetown. The Astroscan telescope is a high precision portable wide-field telescope which has versatile capability in astronomy and photography. It is located in the Audiovisual Department of the library and can be borrowed by students and faculty.

The Edmund Scientific Company is a pioneer in the design, development and production of telescopes, microscopes, precision optics, weather instruments, and other scientific equipment and educational material.

CLASS OF 1978 GIFT FUND - We are pleased to announce that the Class of 1978 has designated the library as the beneficiary of the Class Gift Fund. All members of the Class of 1978 are being invited to pledge an amount which will be given each year for the next five years, beginning in May 1979. The annual gifts are invested in an endowment fund and at the fifth reunion of the Class of 1978 the fund will be presented to the library. Each member of the Class who makes a pledge will be given membership in the Library Associates. The coordinator for the Class of 1978 Gift project is Penny Hackley, C'78. A progress report will be published in the next issue of this Newsletter.

The ultimate beneficiaries of the generosity of the Class of 1978 will be thousands of future students who will enjoy a richer library of books and journals for study and research. The Board of Trustees of the Library Associates is most grateful to the Class of 1978 for its generosity in designating the library for the Class Gift.

TALBOT COLLECTION - The Talbot Collection, named in honor of Rev. Francis X. Talbot, S.J., former editor of America, is an important collection of autographs and letters of saints and prominent Catholic clerics and laymen. Included in it are such treasures as a letter signed by St. Ignatius Loyola and a series of manuscripts concerning the last illness of Fr. Joseph Damien of Molokai. It also includes literary manuscripts such as an unpublished poem by G. K. Chesterton and letters of Cardinal Newman and Gerard Manley Hopkins; a group of letters by Rose Hawthorne Lathrop; and a letter by General Stephen Moylan who was the only Catholic on Washington's staff in the Revolution.

Miss Mary Benjamin, an outstanding autograph dealer in New York, has been giving letters and autographs to Georgetown for many years which are added to the Talbot Collection. Her most recent generous gift is a letter written in 1838 by St. Marie Euphrasie Pelletier.
GEORGETOWN TODAY - The Lauinger Library was featured in photographs on the front and back covers of the January-February issue of the bi-monthly magazine Georgetown Today. This issue has an interesting article on the Riggs Library as remembered by alumnus William G. McEvitt, C'31, G'32. Georgetown Today often has articles and news about important library collections and acquisitions. All Associates may receive Georgetown Today by calling or writing the University Librarian for placement on the free mailing list.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES - The historical records of Georgetown from the origin in 1789 to the present are collected and preserved in the University Archives section of the Special Collections Division in Lauinger Library. The archival files contain more than 750,000 official documents, letters, reports and records; and more than 20,000 photographs, prints and drawings pertaining to Georgetown. The Archives also include yearbooks, student publications, and Georgetown memorabilia. The archival records have great value for official documentation and historical research about Georgetown. Interesting items from the Archives are displayed in special exhibits in the Gunlocke Room, and archival photographs and other material are used in publications and for the preparation of illustrated talks about Georgetown which the University Archivist often presents at Alumni Association meetings.

Georgetown soon will begin planning for the bicentennial of the founding, and a special effort is being made to locate and obtain additional documentary and photographic material. Alumni and others who have Georgetown photographs, scrapbooks, letters, diaries, programs, and memorabilia are invited to contact University Archivist Jon Reynolds in the Special Collections Division of the library.

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The Board of Trustees thanks you for your devoted interest and assistance in the growth and advancement of the library. Your continuing membership in the Associates will help provide high quality books and journals which are so essential for Georgetown students today and in the future.

Sincerely,

John W. Snyder
Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Library Associates

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