SUSAN MARTIN TO STEP DOWN

Dear Friends of the Georgetown University Library,

After considerable reflection, I have decided to resign from my position as University Librarian at Georgetown, effective August 31, 2001. This was not a decision easily or rapidly reached; my ten years at Georgetown have been exciting, and I am pleased with the changes that we have been able to make in library services and spaces. However, my husband and I have decided to move to our home on Cape Cod, where we will both continue to be active in our professions, primarily teaching and consulting. I hope that the many friendships that I have made over the years will truly turn out to be lifelong.

Sincerely,

Susan K. Martin

A TRIBUTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Below are remarks by University President Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J. at the Library Associates Holiday Party, Riggs Library, Tuesday, December 5, 2000.

GREAT UNIVERSITIES HAVE GREAT LIBRARIES, AND GEORGETOWN'S library will miss a great leader in Dr. Susan K. Martin. In a letter inviting donors to support our library in the Third Century Campaign, Sue wrote, “Georgetown’s Library was and is a place that not only informs, but transforms mind, body, and spirit.” Sue Martin has carried forth this eloquently worded mission at Georgetown for the past decade.

In fulfilling her mission, Sue has earnestly put her own “mind, body, and spirit” to work for Georgetown. Her accomplishments are many:

The Reverend Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J. and University Librarian Sue Martin at the Associates Holiday Party.
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THE HOYA DIGITIZATION PROJECT

If you've ever visited The Hoya's great website—www.thehoya.com—you may have noticed that text copies of the Georgetown student newspaper are available, dating back to September 1998. The Georgetown University Archives plans to take this one giant step further and make all 80-years' worth of The Hoya available on line.

Once funding is secured, the Library can scan, digitize, and make electronically searchable on the Web all 26,000+ pages of The Hoya. Images on-line will be facsimiles of each page, including all photographs and ads. The Library is grateful to all the alumni Hoya editors who are stepping up to help us make this happen! For information on how you too can help, contact Marji Bayers at (202)687-5666 or by e-mail at bayersm@gunet.georgetown.edu.

FALL 2000 LIBRARY ASSOCIATES' EVENTS

Professor Cohen's lecture was part of Brazil 500, activities in celebration of the arrival of the Portuguese in Brazil in 1500.

A BANNER YEAR FOR LIBRARY SUPPORT

Thanks to the generosity of Georgetown alumni, parents, and friends, the Georgetown University Library set a record year of fundraising for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. “With $4.92 million in cash, pledges, and gifts-in-kind in FY 2000, the Library is now well on its way toward meeting its $30 million goal by June 2003,” says John F. Forsgren, C’67, chairman of the Library’s Campaign Steering Committee. “It is a real tribute to the commitment of all those who understand the importance of supporting the intellectual heart of this great university that we have already raised $18 million to meet the needs of Georgetown students and faculty in the areas of information technology, collection development, and book preservation.”

Highlighted below, and grouped under the funding needs which their gifts address, are those people who from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000 made single gifts or pledges ranging from $15,000 to $1 million to the Library’s Third Century Campaign.* In addition, the Library wishes to acknowledge our many other friends, not listed here, who have also given so generously to the Library during the last academic year.

EXPANDING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Jacques P. Gelardin, B’69 – The Jacques P. Gelardin New Media Center for Collaborative Learning and Research

DEVELOPING LIBRARY COLLECTIONS
General Collections to support both existing and emerging academic programs:
Anonymous – The Thomas T. Petzold Endowed Fund for Catholic Studies
Thomas J. Healey, C’64 – The Thomas J. Healey National Book Award Collection
The Estate of Maurice Adelman, L’58 – The Blessed Margaret Pole Book Endowment Fund

Special Collections to expand scholarship through the study of primary source material:
Dr. Leon Robbin, L’22
Mrs. Jane S. Hart
John B. Rackham
Mrs. Edward J. Pope
Bernard J. (F’71) and Nancy (C’71) Picchi
The Estate of Mrs. Edith Mayfield

MEETING THE LIBRARY’S GENERAL NEEDS
Peter C. King, C’42
Nancy J. O’Connor, B’78 – The McCarthy-O’Connor Endowment Fund
Sheldon and Nancy Prentice, P’01 and P’03 – The Sheldon E. and Nancy R. Prentice Fund
The Blommer Foundation – The Henry and Viola Blommer Library Fund
Mrs. Carol O’Connor Toolan, P’91 and P’96

*excludes payments on existing pledges.

If you would like more information about the Library’s Third Century Campaign or a list of specific giving opportunities, please contact Marji Bayers (202) 687-5666 or any one of the members of the Library Campaign Steering Committee, listed in the sidebar.

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LAUINGER LIBRARY
CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE

- John H. Forsgren, C’67
  New York, NY
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  Washington D.C.
- David J. Walsh, C’58
  New York, NY

Of course men should be charitable, because it is a duty and a pleasure. But even as a matter of policy, if you possess no higher incentive, you will find that the liberal man will command patronage, while the sordid, uncharitable miser will be avoided... The best kind of charity is to help those who are willing to help themselves. Promiscuous almsgiving, without inquiring into the worthiness of the applicant, is bad in every sense.

— From “The Art of Money Getting,” by P.T. Barnum (1880)
A BEQUEST FROM
RAY MAHONEY F'37

Raymond E. Mahoney F'37
dedicated his life to libraries. He worked for
decades at the State Library of Michigan and served for years as the Head of Reader Services.

In his own quiet way, he took care of the people and organizations that were most dear to him. When Mr. Mahoney died a dozen years ago, he made an outright gift through his will to Georgetown. Unknown to the University, he had also set up a trust for the benefit of his beloved wife Alice. It was not until after Alice's death this past spring that we learned that he had designated half of the trust proceeds to Georgetown for Lauinger Library.

University Librarian Sue Martin will use Mr. Mahoney's generous gift of $442,000 to support the Library's New Media Center.

For information on how to make a gift to the Lauinger Library through charitable trusts or bequests, please contact Jeff Comfort, Director of Planned Giving, at (202)687-3697.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY STATISTICS
(Lauinger and Blommer Libraries)
JULY 1, 1999 - JUNE 30, 2000

COLLECTION USE AND SERVICES

Library Visitors

- Lauinger ........................................................ 1,018,348
- Blommer ........................................................... 117,989
- Total .............................................................. 1,136,337

Reference and Information Transactions: ...... 76,345

Library and Bibliographic Instruction

- Library Presentations ........................................ 260
- Individuals present .......................................... 3,058

Collection Use

- Circulation .................................................... 234,061
- Renewals ...................................................... 107,000
- Reserves (not electronic) .................................. 87,435
- In-house Use .................................................. 298,830
- Total .............................................................. 727,126

InterLibrary Loan Activity

- Materials lent .................................................. 7,214
- Materials borrowed .......................................... 6,426
- Total .............................................................. 13,640

Collection Development Activity

Information Resources

- Total volumes held ........................................... 1,622,601
- Total serials currently received .......................... 13,960
- Total number of microform units held ............... 2,238,749
- Total number of computer files held ................. 10,725
- Total number of manuscripts/archives (linear feet) ....... 12,828
- Total number of prints/graphics ....................... 82,845
- Total number of audio-visual materials (e.g. films, videos, audio) ...... 58,955

- Number of volumes processed in FY 2000 ............ 54,837
- Number of volumes added (net) in FY 2000 ............ 35,915

- Number of hits on Library Home Page .............. 949,980
- Number of hits on Library web pages ............... 22,634,148
- Number of user sessions ................................. 1,330,530

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SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Over the course of the past two centuries and more the library has become the repository for a large number of printed books, manuscripts, and works of art that combine in various ways great rarity, great beauty, unusual associations, or simply the initial presentation of great ideas: artifacts that, while offering information or inspiration to those who use them, are in and of themselves treasures. To mark the millennium (whichever year one chooses), 57 of these works were chosen for a special exhibit, “Treasures of Lauinger Library,” which opened with a private reception on November 14, and which will run through January.

The items range in date from about AD 770 to 1947; their places of origin from Japan to the forests of 17th century Canada to Versailles; their subject matter virtually the entire range of Georgetown’s fields of intellectual activity. Presentation copies of works by James Boswell, Benjamin Franklin, and Henry David Thoreau share space with a proof copy of the Versailles Treaty autographed by the members of the committee who actually wrote it. Fr. Andrew White’s draft of the basic prayers of the Church in our local Native American language and his fellow-Jesuit Jacques Bruyas’ hymnal and liturgical book in Mohawk are supplemented by the first published version of the Rosetta Stone. John Carroll’s proposals for “an academy” at Georgetown—and his first Georgetown fund-raising letter—are bolstered by the first printing of the Jesuit guide to education, the Ratio studiorum of 1586. On the scientific side the exhibit offers first editions of Bartisch and Jenner in medicine; Newton and Galileo in physics; and Catesby and Audubon in natural history, among others. On the artistic side, a manuscript by Franz Liszt and graphic works by Lynd Ward and M. C. Escher offer a counterpoint to literary manuscripts by Mark Twain, Graham Greene, and A. C. Swinburne. And the first edition of Erasmus' recension of the New Testament and Mathew Carey’s first American Catholic Bible rub shoulders with Elizabeth Cady Stanton’s Woman’s Bible of 1895-98. In the best Georgetown tradition the exhibit is fully “catholic” as well as “Catholic.”

Associates who live nearby, or who may be in Washington while the exhibit is physically on view, are urged to take the time to visit. For those familiar with access to the library’s website, the catalog of the exhibit is the featured item on the Special Collections exhibits page; for those who wish to go direct, the URL is <www.library.georgetown.edu/dept/speccoll/treasures/index.htm>.

THE NEWSPAPER READING ROOM BECOMES THE MILLENNIUM NEWS ROOM

Fueled by the enthusiasm and fund-raising energy of London-based alumni Anne-Marie Barcia de Leiva, (F'76), and Drake (B'84) and Cynthia Smith (B'84) Dublin, the Library is well on its way to transforming the first floor Newspaper Reading Room into the Millennium News Room (MNR). As of November, 2000, eight alumni have pledged or given $10,000 each toward the project goal of $200,000.

Funds for the MNR will allow the Library to strengthen the print and on-line international news resources available to students and faculty. The room itself will also be renovated to create a space that provides the latest electronic communications technology and preserves the comfort and familiarity of reading the news in print.

When the project is finished, the names of all who made it possible will appear in the glass wall facing the stone Library steps outside.

If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact Marji Bayers at (202)687-5666 or e-mail her at bayersm@gunet.georgetown.edu.
WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?

We'll try to make it easy! If you have books, manuscripts, prints or other items the library might be able to use, contact Marty Barringer, head of Special Collections, at (202) 687-7475, or Betty Smith, head of the Gifts unit, at (202) 687-7458. If you are considering a contribution in the form of cash, appreciated securities, or a bequest or planned gift, please call Marji Bayers, Library Director of Development at (202) 687-5666, or the Library Associates’ coordinator at (202) 687-7446. You can also give a gift to the Library on-line at Georgetown’s Third Century Campaign website: http://www.georgetown.edu/oaur/index.html.

A TRIBUTE FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued from page 1)

✓ Sue revised the library’s organizational structure to respond to changing academic environments and instituted a collection development policy;
✓ Because of her vision and planning, we look forward to the opening of the Library’s New Media Center for Collaborative Learning and Research next summer;
✓ A test of physical as well as mental endurance, she managed $5.9 million in extensive renovations, and relieved temporarily the library’s space needs by developing a new system for off-site storage;
✓ Sue’s unshakable spirit is known in the Washington area for her success in creating and coordinating a consortium of research libraries.

Likewise, her spirit of enthusiasm for Georgetown has been contagious, which you know first-hand:

✓ Sue has expanded the Library Associates to a membership exceeding 1,200;
✓ She has developed a strong Library Advisory Council;
✓ She has quadrupled annual and capital giving to the Library;
✓ And she has worked energetically and successfully toward the Library’s ambitious $30 million goal in the Third Century Campaign.

Georgetown is blessed by a leader held in high esteem by her colleagues.

Sue is chair of an American Library Association task force to investigate and make recommendations on the establishment of an independent accrediting agency for schools of library and information science.

As Provost Dorothy Brown quoted in a recent letter to the university, “a team of external reviewers assessing the strengths of Lauinger Library and the Blommer Science Library noted that the libraries ‘were characterized by an outstanding community of librarians and support staff. . . ’.” The report goes on to say that our librarians provide not only responsive but also anticipatory service to student and faculty scholars at Georgetown. Thank you, Sue, for inspiring your team to go this second mile in service to our learning community.

Sue has served Georgetown in a decade that has been a challenge for all university librarians. The explosion of information technology changes a librarian’s work daily. Sue has been a master in developing the information nerve center of this university with the finesse that helps engaging minds assimilate the information they seek.