Quigley Archives

In 1973 the library acquired the famous photo "morgue" of Quigley Publications, the publishers of such trade journals as *Fame* and *Motion Picture Daily*. This collection, consisting of some 55,000 black and white photographs, was a gift from Library Associates Trustee Martin S. Quigley (C'39) of Larchmont, New York. Mr. Quigley and his sisters, Mrs. Edouard Eller and Mrs. John J. Burlinson, have now presented the library with an equally remarkable collection: the archives of their father, Martin J. Quigley (1890-1964), founder of Quigley Publications and one of the most influential men in the early days of film.

Quigley entered the motion picture industry in 1915 with the publication of *Exhibitors Herald*. He was especially concerned with the moral and social responsibilities of the industry, and by 1930 had pushed the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors into adopting a Production Code which he had authored. During the same period Mr. Quigley helped to organize the Catholic Church's Legion of Decency, which through reviews and classifications singled out morally objectionable movies. Quigley fought hard, often behind the scenes, to forge an understanding between Catholic opinion and industry views. This collection details the dynamics that shaped the relationship of a young motion picture industry with American society, especially with the Catholic communities across the country.

The papers are rich in correspondence by some of the most distinguished movie industry personalities between the 1930s and 1950s. There are letters from Howard Hughes, Cecil B. DeMille, Stanley Kubrick, Louis B. Mayer, Eric Johnston, Barney Balaban, Will Hays, Adolph Zukor, and Darryl Zanuck, among others. There is also much correspondence from such notable figures in the Catholic hierarchy as Francis Cardinal Spellman and Archbishop John T. McNicholas.

The promotional trailer used by Harry E. Nichols, longtime salesman for Quigley Publications, c. 1930. From the Quigley Photographic Archive.
Poets and Poetry

Mrs. Edith S. Mayfield has presented to the library two important series of first editions, manuscripts, and letters by A. C. Swinburne and Robinson Jeffers, together with a probably unpublished manuscript poem, “Kaiser Karls Rechtspruch,” by the German poet Friedrich Rueckert. The Swinburne and Jeffers items add materially to the strength of the library’s holdings, since they supplement gifts of these authors’ works made by Mrs. Mayfield in recent years.

The Swinburne material includes lengthy letters from the poet to fellow writers John Ruskin and Bayard Taylor and both the original manuscript and Swinburne’s translation of a short poem by Victor Hugo, as well as seven copies of the first edition of Swinburne’s first book, *The Queen-Mother and Rosamond* (1860), two of which bear presentation inscriptions from the author. Added to Mrs. Mayfield’s previous gifts and a number of Swinburne manuscripts purchased by the library over the past few years, this most recent gift gives Georgetown an enviably strong collection of Swinburne manuscripts and correspondence.

The Jeffers material includes a series of early first editions, including *Flagons and Apples* (1912), the poet’s first book. The heart of the Jeffers collection, however, consists of two copies of his very rare *An Artist* (1928), published by Mrs. Mayfield’s husband, former Library Associates Trustee John S. Mayfield, together with an archive of correspondence and other items relating to the publication of Jeffers’ poem. Through Mrs. Mayfield’s generosity the library can now lay claim to having a very strong collection of the work of the California poet par excellence.

Special Fund Honors Father William Lynch

A special fund has been established to honor the memory of Rev. William Lynch, S.J. who taught English at Georgetown from 1956 to 1961, and was the architect of the Honors Program introduced in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1957. His death last year ended the remarkable life of a man who started a career as a reporter on the *New York Herald-Tribune*, joined the Jesuits in 1934, and went on to become a respected university teacher and one of the premier Jesuit authors of the Maryland/New York Province. Often characterized as a creative theologian, he wrote nine books and scores of scholarly and popular articles in literature, the arts, the communications and entertainment media, and theology. His book *The Image Industries* won his publisher, Sheed and Ward, the Thomas More Medal for “the most distinguished contribution to Catholic publishing in 1959.”

Father Lynch’s work in establishing the Honors Program at Georgetown provided a model for excellence in the undergraduate curriculum. It led to a marked improvement in the quality of the entire academic program.

The fund was inaugurated by Neil Moynihan (C’61), a Trustee of the Library Associates. All contributions are welcome, and are solicited especially from members of the Honors Program and other Georgetown students who took courses under Father Lynch.

Fine Prints

Mr. and Mrs. John Rackham have presented to the library a collection of approximately 100 prints providing a representative sampling of 19th century English printmaking. The collection includes examples in all the major printmaking media and subject areas, and it includes works by a number of well-known artists such as William Blake, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and William Strang. Of particular interest are: the complete set of 20 prints by John Martin published (with accompanying text) as *Illustrations to the Bible* (1839); a proof illustration from Tennyson’s *Idylls of the King*, signed by both Tennyson and the noted French artist/illustrator Gustave Doré; Sir John Everett Millais’ “Going to the Park” (1872), signed by Millais and his printer, Goulding; and Charles Cope’s well-known etching “Life School: Royal Academy” (1868). This collection supplements the Rackhams' previous gift of 76 twentieth century English prints reported in an earlier Newsletter.

Other gifts of fine prints and related material have included a group of six original drawings and four color prints by American artist and book illustrator Valenti Angelo, given by Patricia G. England; a group of prints by Francisco Goya and Robert Marx, given by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Morgan; and a group of ten contemporary American prints, chiefly lithographs and serigraphs by such artists as Donald Saff and Victor Vasarely, given by Mr. and Mrs. Murray Lebwohl.
Stephen Crane

Collectors of literary first editions, particularly collectors of the novelist Stephen Crane, know well the term “Starrett and Williams.” It refers to the authoritative Bibliography of Stephen Crane (1948) compiled by Vincent Starrett and Ames W. Williams. This work is credited with launching the flood of Crane criticism in the 1950s. Mr. Williams, a resident of Alexandria and a longtime Library Associate, recently presented to Georgetown his research archive about Crane. It includes letters from Crane scholars and collectors as well as close friends of Crane, such as David Ericson, the painter; Edwin M. Emerson, the journalist; and Henry P. Taber, the publisher. Of special interest are the letters by one of Crane’s most famous biographers, the poet John Berryman.

As one might expect, there is also considerable correspondence from Vincent Starrett, the great Chicago bookman and author of numerous works, including The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes. Starrett died in 1974 and was buried in an unmarked grave. Last year Sherlock Holmes fans from around the world gathered donations to mark his resting place with a monument. On one side is inscribed, “The Last Bookman,” on the other, “And it is always 1895.”

Mention should also be made of two very special items in the Williams gift. The first is a stunning and most likely unique piece of printed ephemera: a single sheet, printed in color, of the four weekly front covers of the boy’s pulp magazine, Work and Win, for the month of September 1900. The second, housed in its original embossed case, is one of the rare silver medals of the Seal of the Confederate States of America. In 1873 several hundred of these impressive medals were copied in gold, silver and bronze from the original seal. These electrotyped copies were then placed on sale for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Confederate soldiers.

New Book Endowment Fund Established

Through the generosity of Library Associates Trustee Maurice Adelman, Jr. (L’58), a book endowment fund has been established to purchase materials in the field of recusant history. Recusants were those Catholics who refused to attend the services of the Church of England between the reigns of Henry VIII and George II. The fund has been established to honor Blessed Margaret Pole (the last Plantagenet and mother of Cardinal Reginald Pole) who was beheaded at Henry VIII’s command at the Tower of London in 1541. Income from the fund will be used to acquire or conserve books, letters, papers, ephemera, paintings, drawings and similar material concerning individual recusants or recusant families in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and the American colonies.

The library also benefited from Mr. Adelman’s generosity by a recent gift of two rare items for its Special Collections. The first is the menu card, with a printed Latin poem by Ronald Knox, for the dinner given to celebrate Hilaire Belloc’s 60th birthday, signed on the verso by 26 guests, including Belloc, E. C. Bentley, and Duff Cooper, among others. The occasion became a legend: Chesterton presided, a tankard was passed round to all the guests, and Maurice Baring recited Knox’s Horatian ode with a glass of Burgundy balanced on his head, while some irreverent guests shot pellets of bread in a vain attempt to dislodge it. Probably not more than 50 menu cards were printed, and it is considered one of the rarest pieces in the Knox bibliography.

The second item consists of two Latin works from the 17th century, later bound into one volume: an anti-Jesuit tract occasioned by the Jesuit centenary in 1640, and an historical account of Gustavus Adolphus’ campaigns in northern Europe.

The Associates on the Road

For the first time in the history of the Library Associates a program meeting was held outside of Washington, DC. On November 4, 1987 over 80 associates and guests attended a reception to honor five alumni in the greater New York area prominent in arts, letters, and entertainment. The honorees were: John E. Guare (C’61), playwright; Jack B. Hofsiss (C’71), director; Michael J. Leahy (C’61), editor of Arts and Leisure Section, Sunday New York Times; Frank J. Prial (C’51), reporter, Sunday wine columnist for New York Times, and author; and Peter J. Tanous (C’60), novelist.

The reception was co-hosted by Library Associates Trustee John Forsgren (C’67) and Ray Colotti (SFS’65), who together were responsible for the reception and its setting. It was held in the elegant Music Room on the 49th floor of the Equitable Tower in midtown Manhattan.

Thanks are also due to Grace Fisher and the New York office of Georgetown University’s Development for their excellent planning.

Book Design and Peter Beilenson

In November the library opened an exhibit commemorating, on the 25th anniversary of his death, book designer, printer, and publisher Peter Beilenson. The beautiful and well-made little volumes distributed by his Peter Pauper Press were a fixture in the world of books for fifty years. One of Peter’s sons, Nicholas Beilenson, together with his wife, has recently reestablished the press that began in Beilenson’s basement in 1928. August Heckscher, a distinguished printer in his own right who worked with Beilenson in the early 1930s, delighted an audience of Library Associates, the Beilenson family and friends with an account of Beilenson as a printer and as a man.

The exhibit displayed 82 pieces of Beilenson’s work, all but three chosen from among the more than 400 items in the library’s extensive collection. This collection was begun at Georgetown, and has been continued, largely through the generosity of Patricia G. England, who has given more than 200 volumes over the past several years. While the collection has grown from a variety of other sources, it most recently owes considerable strength to more than 20 duplicate volumes purchased from William Spangler, who is working on a complete bibliography of Beilenson’s output, and the gift of 63 volumes by library staff member Todd Haines, another Beilenson collector who has chosen to share part of his private collection with the library.
Eye of the Storm

Few diplomatic careers have been as eventful as that of the late Cornelius Van H. Engert (1887-1984). As he once remarked, his career always put him “in the eye of a storm.” During the Balkan Wars and the early years of World War I Engert was in Constantinople; he spent the 1920s in disturbed Latin American countries; he was in Peking at the time of the Sino-Japanese War and the invasion of Manchuria; and in Addis Ababa when Mussolini’s troops invaded Ethiopia. He ended his career as the American minister to Afghanistan, the first to reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. Roderick M. Engert of Washington, D.C. have recently given the papers of this remarkable traveller and diplomat, consisting of correspondence, reports, photographs and related printed ephemera. This extensive collection is an especially important source on Afghanistan during World War II. In addition, there is considerable material on the other countries in which Engert was stationed, including Persia, Syria and Lebanon. His official reports are remarkable for their insight and clarity of observation, and are complemented by confidential reports furnished to him by experts and informants in various countries.

A group of “Zapatistas” with General Obregon’s army advancing on Mexico City after the flight of President Carranza, May 1920. From the archives of Cornelius Van H. Engert.

University Publications of America

Once again we thank Library Associates Trustee John Moscato (C’73) for his ongoing gift of titles issued by University Publications of America. His munificent fall 1987 donation brought to the library 810 reels of microfilm.

The Georgetown Connection

The papers of four Georgetown alumni and faculty members have recently been presented to Lauinger Library.

Richard M. Keenan

Richard M. Keenan (C’47) served with distinction in World War II as a combat crew member aboard a B-29 Superfortress. Later he founded the 20th Air Force Association, of which he was executive director for many years, and in 1985 published a history of that unit. Shortly before his death last year, he donated his personal library on aviation history, which also included his research papers on the history of the 20th Air Force.

Nicholas Joost

Mrs. Laura Joost of Jacksonville, Florida has presented an additional portion of the papers of her late husband, Nicholas Joost (C’38), the noted author and educator. Best known for his studies of The Dial journal, Dr. Joost was also an editor of Poetry magazine. His archive contains numerous letters by such distinguished poets as Marianne Moore and George Dillon, and from such writers as John Deedy and Wallace Fowlie.

Lev E. Dobriansky

Lev E. Dobriansky, formerly a professor of economics at Georgetown and more recently U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas, has donated his diplomatic papers. There is correspondence from a variety of individuals, including Ronald Reagan and George Schultz, discussing a range of topics, from Captive Nations Week to drug trafficking in the Caribbean. One particularly interesting letter from President Richard Nixon in 1970 concerns the attempted defection of Simas Kudirka from the Soviet Union.

Paul R. Sullivan

The late Paul R. Sullivan, a professor of English at Georgetown, is warmly remembered as one of the founding directors of the University Summer School. His papers contain a wealth of information on many facets of university history. For instance, he played an active role in the production of the Blue and Gray Radio Show, which aired on the campus station from 1946 to 1951. The Sullivan Papers include more than 60 unpublished typescripts from the show, an important source for the documentation of college radio broadcasting in the 1950s.

While much of Professor Sullivan’s career is a matter of record, little before was known of his work on the Naval Research Project. From 1954 to 1956, under his supervision, a small group of faculty members from the Georgetown English and Geography Departments were involved in a classified study of the Northern Higher Latitudes, i.e., the Arctic. It was thought that many of the problems and conditions of life in the Arctic would be similar to those encountered in space, and the object of the study was to identify the same. We are indebted to Mrs. Patricia A. Sullivan, herself a professor of English as a Foreign Language at Georgetown, for the donation of her husband’s papers.

Among the sets in this latest gift are: Minutes and Documents of the Cabinet Meetings of President Eisenhower; Papers of the NAACP; Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations; The Louis D. Brandeis Papers; The Papers of Eleanor Roosevelt; Vietnam, the Media, and Public Support for the War; and American Federation of Labor Records.
Robert F. Wagner and Leon H. Keyserling

Of the library's many manuscript collections dealing with American political affairs, none is more extensive than the archives of the famed New Dealer, Robert F. Wagner of New York. As a member of the U.S. Senate from 1927 to 1949, Wagner introduced much of the crucial legislation of that period: the National Industrial Recovery Act, the Social Security Act, the National Labor Relations Act (the Wagner Act), the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (Wagner-Steagall Housing Act) and the National Housing Act of 1938. The principal draftsman of a number of these bills, but of especially the Wagner Act, was a young lawyer and economist, Leon H. Keyserling. In 1933 he had become Wagner’s legislative aide and remained a close associate until the Senator’s retirement. Later, in the Truman administration, Keyserling would be appointed the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Recently, Mrs. Mary Dublin Keyserling of Washington, D.C. donated to the library her late husband’s archives which deal with Senator Wagner. As one would expect, there is much on the Wagner Act, including eight corrected manuscript drafts, together with drafts of changes suggested by various government officials, including those of Frances Perkins, the then Secretary of Labor. One of the most interesting components of the collection is Wagner’s correspondence to Keyserling, together with carbon copies of the latter's replies. These papers are a perfect complement to the Wagner collection at Georgetown, and in their own right document an important period of American legislative history.

Expansion of the Teilhard Collection

Following its exhibition and lecture program on “Teilhard and the Science of Man” in April, 1987 the library established a special fund for acquiring books, manuscripts, dissertations, and other material on Teilhard de Chardin. The objective is to facilitate the work of Teilhard researchers by bringing together in one place as much relevant material as possible. All contributions to the “Teilhard Book Fund” are used solely for the purchase of materials related to research on the famed Jesuit scientist. Contributors to this fund since its establishment are:

Rev. Romano Almagno, Pittsburgh, PA; William A. Canavan, Scarsdale, NY; Agatha S. Canfield, St. Thomas, USVI; Edward G. Clarke, Shorewood, WI; De Etta Cunningham, Hilo, HI; Dallas Teilhard Association (in honor of Grace Gage); Darden H. Dickson, Gig Harbor, WA; Mary T. Fugger, Dallas, TX.

Also Margaret L. Hall, Wyckoff, NJ; Juliet G. Hollister, Greenwich, CT; Frederick Huppe, Kew Gardens, NY; Robert J. Hurtubise, Laramie, WY; Noel J. Hutson, Portland, OR; Barbara Juge-Russo, Brooklyn, NY; Mary A. Kirkham, Honolulu, HI; R. Wayne Kraft, Bethlehem, PA; Wendy MacLaughlin, Kansas City, MO; Martha C. Miller, Rowayton, CT; Rev. James P. Morton, New York, NY; Dave Nona, Birmingham, MI; Marilyn E. Noz, Jackson Heights, NY.

Also Michael O’Hara, Woodbridge, VA; Jean Perrette, New York, NY; Rev. William Perri, Jemez Springs, NM; James J. Reilly, Manchester, NH; C. Antoinette Roeder, Edmonton, AB, Canada; Alfredo A. Romagosa, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Rev. Skehan, Chestnut Hill, MA; Alice B. Somers, Monterey, MA; Catherine Marie Tovey, Portland, OR; Olive Wallace, Yorktown Heights, NY; Mrs. Roger Weless, Shreveport, LA; and John R. Yungblut, Lincoln, VA.

We are grateful to all of the above donors for their interest and generosity, and invite all persons with a special interest in Teilhard studies to contribute to this fund. Pere Leroy, Teilhard's close friend, recently gave the library a fine collection of documents relating to exhibitions held in Europe to commemorate the centenary of Teilhard’s birth in 1981. Also included are touching letters from friends of Teilhard written after his death in 1955.

Gifts to Special Funds

The following contributions have been made to special restricted or endowment funds between the time of our last reporting and January 15, 1988:

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Requiescat in Pace

We received the sad news recently of the death of Georgetown’s oldest alumnus and longtime Library Associate, John W. Fairfax, Jr. of New Orleans. Mr. Fairfax, who graduated from the College in 1904, was 103 years of age at the time of his death on January 7, 1988.

He and the University Librarian enjoyed a warm and personal correspondence for many years. His long, humorous poems on the occasions of his 95th and 99th birthdays were indicative of his unflagging spirit and perennial joie de vivre.
A Note of Gratitude

During the last six months many Library Associates as well as other friends have made donations of books, journals, manuscripts, and other precious material to the library. Every gift is deeply appreciated. Following are some of the gifts received:

Dr. Terry Alford
Autograph letter by Dr. F. W. Mead

Dr. Paul F. Betz
Rare books and manuscripts in English and American Literature

Dr. Douglas Brown
Books, mostly in Russian

Ms. Helen King Boyer
Rare books from the Roycroft Press, and a set of The Musical Visitor

Brylawski, Cleary and Leeds
Performing arts journals and reference books on theater

Ambassador Arthur F. Burns estate
Books, journals and pamphlets on economics, sociology and political science

Mr. John P. Butler
Library of history and biography, with many first editions

The Chronicle of Higher Education
Books on a wide variety of subjects

Dr. Andrea Dorn
Works by the Venezuelan playwright Isaac Chocon, and other Latin American books

Capt. Miles P. DuVal, Jr.
Materials on the Panama Canal and American history

Mr. Robert M. Edmund
Books on business administration and on literature; cassette on Halley's Comet

Ms. Laurie England
Sample books, journals, prints and graphic arts materials

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Ms. Fernanda Ferreira da Costa
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Books on history and other subjects

Mr. Walter Friedenberg
Books on international relations

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Rev. Timothy S. Healy, S.J.
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Anne Hornbostel estate
Books on German and French literature, art, and music

Dr. and Mrs. Ching-Yao Hsieh
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Books and pamphlets relating to Latin America

The Jesuit Community
Papers of Rev. Edward H. Welch, S.J.

Ambassador Joseph John Jova
Inscribed photographs and awards

Dr. Evron M. Kirkpatrick
Books and journals relating to economics, history, politics, and international affairs

Mr. Mark Samuels Lasner
Books by Max Beerbohm and other rare works

Miriam K. Leahy estate
Volumes of English and American literature, and Greek and Latin classics, including a set of the Loeb Classical Library

Mr. Graham R. Lobb
Photograph of American embassy staff in Kabul

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First editions of Robert Frost, many autographed

Dr. Henry S. Shryock
Books and journals on demography

Mr. Eric Smith
Political cartoons

Mr. Mitchell Stanley
Books and documents on history, biography, literature and art

Dr. Conrad Taeuber
Books and journals on demography

Fr. John Witek, S.J.
Books in Chinese