Exhibits and Speakers

More than 200 Library Associates, Georgetown faculty, students and other distinguished guests attended the April 14 opening of our newest exhibit, “This One Mad Act”, which commemorated the 120th anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Dr. John K. Lattimer, M.D., an expert on the events surrounding the assassination, presented an informative lecture-slide program to an appreciative audience. A reception followed in the Galleria of the Intercultural Center. The exhibit reflected the Library’s growing research resources in Lincoln studies, and has drawn attention from the local and national news media. A catalogue of the exhibit will be published in the near future. Associates wishing to receive copies should write or call the University Librarian.

Many friends of the Library also attended our fall ’84 exhibition in honor of Graham Greene’s 80th birthday: “From Newman to Greene: English Catholicism and Literature”. On display were books, letters, and manuscripts of prominent English Roman Catholic authors of the last 150 years. The opening featured a lecture on Graham Greene by Professor Norman Sherry, Distinguished Professor of Literature at Trinity University, San Antonio, who is presently writing the official biography of Greene.

Associates are encouraged to attended our special programs and to visit the Library whenever they come to Georgetown. The University Librarian is pleased to meet and talk with members and the library staff is always happy to assist Associates in any way possible.

Teilhard Research Materials

Ellen and Mary Lukas, biographers of the noted Jesuit philosopher and paleontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, have increased the Library’s growing Teilhard holdings. Their gift included original family correspondence, photocopies of unpublished letters, and many photographs taken of Teilhard with friends and associates throughout his life (1881-1955). Of special interest are two original letters from Teilhard to his confidante Lucille Swan, and more than 30 letters to the Lukases from Teilhard’s brother and friends, all containing important biographical information for researchers.

Added, also, to the library’s collection with funds supplied by the Library Associates, were 18 letters from Teilhard to Walter Granger, chief paleontologist of the Central Asiatic Expedition. Written from China, they deal mostly with paleontological discoveries in that country. In the next issue of this Newsletter we will report on several other important Teilhard Collections received in recent months. The above materials were received in 1984.

Local History

In recent months the Library has received a number of gifts documenting the history of Washington, D.C., and environs:

The papers of George H. O’Connor (1874-1946) reflect the life and times of a Washington attorney and civic leader. Mr. O’Connor was also well known as a gifted amateur singer. A soloist with the Georgetown University Glee Club, he was later called the “entertainer of Presidents” when he became a popular featured singer at official and private functions during the terms of nine U.S. presidents from McKinley to Truman. The papers contain programs, some hand-illustrated, from the 1890’s to the 1940’s, including White House dinners. Correspondence includes letters from Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and other luminaries. There are also period photographs, first editions of sheet music and a set of Mr. O’Connor’s phonograph recordings. All come to us as the gift of George H. O’Connor, Jr. (BSS’40), of Washington, D.C.

Dr. F. Don Nidiffer of Charlottesville, VA, has donated a collection of 500 manuscripts dating from the 1830’s to the 1870’s which document business transactions in 19th century Washington. Among them is a large group of detailed inventories of interest to historians. Also included are land deeds, indentures and deeds of trust, many associated with well-known figures, such as the Van Ness family and Charles Francis Adams.

An interesting piece of Georgetown memorabilia comes to us from Gerald J. O’Brien (J.D. ’32). The manuscript notebook of John Patrick O’Brien is titled Georgetown Athletics Base Ball Department. 1895-96. Manager’s Diary. The notebook chronicles the early development of college baseball and illuminates the special challenges facing a Georgetown team manager in the 1890’s, when permission to play against non-Catholic teams in the north had to be obtained from the highest Jesuit superior in Rome. The young manager’s negotiation skills served him well in his later career, when he became Surrogate Corporation Counsel and then Mayor of New York City. His baseball diary is an important addition to the Georgetown Archives.

The Library has also obtained the Shoemaker Family Papers, approximately 1200 pieces related to the Shoemaker, Eld, and Brown families, who were important in the early history of Chevy Chase and Friendship Heights, MD, and of Tenleytown, District of Columbia. The collection is the gift of Library Associate Frederick B. Scheetz (AB’67) and Nicholas B. Scheetz (AB’74), Lauinger’s Manuscripts Librarian and a Library Associates Trustee.
Diplomacy and International Affairs

The Library has acquired four new collections supporting research in International Studies. The Cottrell family has donated the papers of the late Dr. Alvin J. Cottrell, former Director of Maritime Policy Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Some 800 letters, drafts and reports relate directly to the Persian Gulf and Iran during the critical period 1973-1980. Dr. Cottrell maintained correspondence with international scholars, foreign diplomats, and with American military, political and industrial leaders, including Alexander Haig, Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan.

The papers of scholar Goetz Anthony Briefs (1889-1974), given by Professor Henry W. Briefs of Georgetown's Economic Faculty, are of interdisciplinary interest. In addition to numerous manuscripts by this respected economist, the papers include correspondence from distinguished international scholars and prominent figures in the field of politics, law, business and religion. There is also a series of letters from Briefs to his wife, written in the 1930's after Briefs fled the German Nazi dictatorship to relocate in the United States. They provide eyewitness impressions of pre-World War II politics and society in Germany and America.

Records of banking and finance in the Far East are featured in the papers of John Hall Brett, donated by Frederick D. Greenley, which cover the career of the American financier and banker from the early 1910's to 1941. As a representative of the International Banking Corporation, Brett worked in China, Japan, Manchuria and Indonesia. Eventually he became the first American manager of the Siamese Royal Family's Bank of Siam. In addition to correspondence related to Brett's banking career, the papers include a variety of photographs depicting Far Eastern settings in the early part of this century.

More recent international events are reflected in the Archives of the Carlucci Commission on Security and Economic Assistance, which was created by Secretary of State George P. Schultz in February 1983, and was chaired by Deputy Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci. The Commission investigated U.S. Foreign economic and military assistance programs, presenting its final report to Secretary Schultz in November of 1983. The archives include correspondence files, papers, minutes and transcripts of meetings and hearings, briefing books, and copies of the Commission's final report, providing a full picture of the Commission's structure and proceedings.

University Publications Of America

The Library benefits significantly from the ongoing donations of John Moscato, an alumnus (AB '73) and a Library Associates Trustee. As president of University Publications of America, he provides us with numerous complimentary copies of the firm's scholarly publications in both print and microform. His newest donations include the five-volume Royal Society Library Catalogue and the latest volumes in the ambitious series British Documents on Foreign Affairs, as well as books on literature and on careers in intelligence. In addition, the holdings of our Audio-Visual Learning Resource Center have been enriched by recent gifts from him of microfilm editions of Confidential U.S. Diplomatic Post Records (Cuba and the Middle East), Part 1 of the Thomas A. Edison Papers, Diplomatic Papers of John Moore Cabot and Papers of the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy.

President Harry S. Truman

Library Associates Trustee Malcolm C. McCormack (SFS '49; MFS '51; LHD '78), who is Executive Secretary of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, has given to the library the recently published book Harry S. Truman: A Biography of His Times and Presidency, a volume of 348 pages containing more than 3000 annotated references of books, articles, dissertations and documents pertaining to the Truman era. Arranged by major subjects such as foreign relations, domestic problems and programs, it is an essential guide for anyone interested in studying any aspect of the Truman presidency. As many of our Associates are aware, the Chairman of the Library Associates, the Honorable John W. Snyder, was a close friend of President Truman and served as Secretary of the Treasury, 1945-53, during the Truman presidency. Mr. Snyder initiated and organized the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation which awards annually over one hundred scholarships to college students preparing for careers in government.

Richard J. Donohue Endowment

A new library book endowment has been initiated by Richard J. Donohue, Class of 1923. He had a long career as a printing business executive in Chicago, and has been an active member of the Library Associates for many years. In 1978 he gave to Georgetown a collection of more than forty volumes of the famous Lakeside Classics and arranged for the publisher to send additional volumes of this series so that Georgetown Library will have a complete collection of these excellent books.

Fine Printing

Library Associates Trustee Patricia G. England continues to expand our special collections of fine printing. Her latest donation comprises over 200 printed books and ephemera. Among them are Douglas Cleverdon's book on the illustration work of the noted British artist-poet David Jones and 156 titles from Peter Beilenson's Peter Pauper Press and the Press of the Blue-behindered Ape, including a number of early and very limited editions.

Rhode Island

The library has received from Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Schreyer a collection of rare official documents from Rhode Island, 1768-1789, reporting actions and events prior to and during the American Revolution. They give detailed descriptions of Rhode Island's preparation for and participation in the Revolution.

Kilmer Correspondence

Mr. Kenton Kilmer has provided us with additional correspondence of Joyce and Aline Kilmer, 84 letters dated 1916-1947. A good deal of this material concerns negotiations regarding the setting to music of "Trees" and other poems by both Joyce and Aline Kilmer. There are also letters from various American writers, including Louis Untermeyer and Theodore Maynard, family correspondence and a letter from one of Joyce Kilmer's grammar school teachers commenting on his poetry.
Historical Map Collection

Lt. Col. John A. Ey, Jr. (Retired) of Frederick, MD, has donated a collection of 43 folio maps of France and Italy. Printed during the period 1695-1744 they are by some of the best known cartographers of the period: Jaillot, de Fer, de l'Isle, Nolin, Guerard and Placide Augustin de Chausse. Each map averages 21" x 30", and most are outlined in color.

Publications Now Available At Discount

Georgetown University Library publications are offered to all Library Associates at special discounts.

The following publications may be ordered directly from the library:

McEvitt, William G., The Hilltop Remembered. (List price: $5.95; Associates price: $3.70).

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The George McGhee Library—A Catalogue of Books on Asia Minor and the Turkish Ottoman Empire. (List price: $9.95 [softbound], $14.95 [hardbound]; Associates price: $5.00 [softbound], $10.00 [hardbound]).

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The University Library has published, also, in conjunction with University Publications of America: Mark Twain, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, a facsimile edition of the original manuscript. 2 volumes, boxed. (List price: $120.00; Associates price: $99.00). This may be ordered from: University Publications of America, 44 North Market Street, Frederick, Md 21701. (Please mention that you are a Library Associate and request the special price.)

IN MEMORIAM

The University community was saddened last October to learn of the death of Dr. Kevin Madden, who had been a most popular teacher in the English Department until his retirement for health reasons a few years ago. He was a Library Associate and ardently supported the development of the library's Celtic literature collection. A very generous gift to purchase books in his memory has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Schlafly of St. Louis, MO, and his brother, Larry Madden of Minneapolis MN, donated a number of valuable books from Kevin's book collection to the library.

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Dr. Anthony Kalina (PhD '35), who had been a loyal and generous Library Associate, died Dec. 10, 1984 at the age of 81. As reported in previous issues of the Newsletter, he had been donating over several years his extensive personal book collection, and during this past year he made the initial gift of his papers dealing with the history of his native Czechoslovakia. He had made arrangements, also, to establish a book endowment fund in memory of his father.

Swinburne Manuscript

A significant Algernon Swinburne manuscript has been added to the Special Collections Division through the generosity of Mrs. John S. Mayfield of Bethesda, MD. One of the few manuscripts by Swinburne extant in completely original condition, the autograph notebook contains dramatic scenes, poems and the opening page of a prose narrative. Although two of the poems, "Hide and Seek" and "Shelley", were published in limited editions by Mr. John S. Mayfield after the manuscript came into his possession in the early 1970's, the notebook has been virtually unexamined by scholars until now.

Latin American Studies

The Brazilian-American Cultural Institute of Washington, D.C. donated over 400 books, journals, and pamphlets on Brazilian history and culture. This gift complements and supplements the Raymond S. Sayers Luso-Brazilian collection, the ongoing donations from the Georgetown Alumni club of Puerto Rico and other recent contributions to our Latin American Studies collections, particularly by Georgette M. Dorn and William Krieg.
Membership Drive

1,200 Library Associates by 1989—the year of the University’s Bicentenary. That is the goal established by the University Librarian for a four year membership drive that will begin next month. Present Associates are invited to submit the names of classmates or friends who they think might be interested in becoming members. Invitations will be mailed to them.

Collection Development

The number of excellent gifts of books and personal papers continues at a very high rate. As these materials are processed, they increase substantially the research value of our collection. In addition to the gifts acknowledged in our last Newsletter and elsewhere in this publication the following significant collections have been received:

Mr. & Mrs. George M. Barringer
   Books on various subjects
Mr. Dale Budlong
   Art Books
Dr. Francis A. Connor, Jr.
   Original Lincoln documents
Mr. Frank Kurt Cylke
   American and British books
Capt. Miles P. DuVal, Jr.
   Books on Panama Canal & American history
Mr. & Mrs. Roderick M. Engert
   Rare books
Dr. William Franklin
   Books & journals on political science
Dr. Todd Furniss
   Books on literature & other subjects
Mr. Homer Hervey
   Books by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Dr. John C. Hirsh
   Books on literature
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hoge
   Books, journals & graphics
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Jeffs
   First editions, prints & 16th century maps
Mr. Dan Burne Jones
   Lynn Ward illustrated books
Mr. Nicholas Joost
   Books on American & English literature

Mrs. Betty Key
   Eugene McCarthy Papers
Dr. Evron Kirkpatrick
   Books & journals on political science
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil L. Patrick
   Books & journals on China & Asia
Mrs. Agnes Pommer
   Books & journals, records & papers of Dr. Alfred Pommer
Hon. Sol Polansky
   Books, journals & prints
Dr. Rocco Porreco
   Books & journals on philosophy
Mr. Donald Powell
   Letters, first editions & other books
Dr. Martin Quigley
   Archive film review file of Motion Picture Herald
Mr. Theron Rinehart
   Rare books on Jonathan Swift
Mr. Frederick B. Scheetz
   Books on English literature
Mr. Nicholas B. Scheetz
   Books on English literature
Mr. Eric Smith
   Books on political cartoons
Mr. Richard Van Wagenen
   Books & journals on political science
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Weidenhammer
   Books & journals on literature & art

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