Dear Associates:

The 1979 Annual meeting of the Associates is being planned for Saturday, June 9, at 8 p.m. in the Pierce Reading Room of the Joseph Mark Lauinger Memorial Library. The speaker will be a distinguished alumnus, Dr. David M. Abshire, '59 Ph.D., Chairman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, who will discuss current international problems and survey prospects for the future. Dr. Abshire was Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, a member of the Congressional Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy, and the first chairman of the United States Board for International Broadcasting. He is a director of the Atlantic Council and a member of the Trilateral Commission. He was the founder and co-editor of Washington Quarterly, and he is the author of several books and articles on diplomacy and foreign policy.

The exhibit of James Brown Scott papers in the Gunlocke Room will be open after the meeting. All Associates are invited to attend the annual meeting, and guests are welcome.

PROGRESS REPORT - Four years ago in the first issue of the Newsletter we announced the organization of the Library Associates with an initial membership of 250 library benefactors and donors. Enrollment in the Associates has grown to more than 800 members in more than thirty states and many countries on four continents. Funds contributed by Associates enabled the initiation of endowments to provide perpetual income for acquisition of books and journals in the following categories:

- American history
- American and English literature
- Diplomacy and international relations
- Irish history and literature
- Italian history and literature
- Manuscripts and rare books
- Science and humanity

The above endowments have grown to more than $50,000 with contributions designated for specific subjects. Endowments for other topics are being considered and may be initiated with the advice and assistance of Associates.
LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS ENDOWMENT - The library is developing one of the finest collections of language and linguistic material in the world. Recent acquisitions include the library of the Center for Applied Linguistics, the extensive personal library and research files of Dr. Albert H. Marckwardt, the American Heritage Dictionary Research Archive, and a collection of Asian and African dictionaries and glossaries.

An endowment has been initiated to provide assured funds for future acquisition of important language and linguistics books and journals from throughout the world. Alumni of the School of Languages and Linguistics are being invited to assist us in the development of this endowment which has a goal of at least $50,000. Associates may designate contributions for this endowment.

DU VAL ENDOWMENT - Capt. Miles P. DuVal, Jr., USN (Ret.), '37 MSFS, Ph.D., has made a substantial additional contribution to the endowed book fund which he initiated several years ago. Known as the Miles P. DuVal, Jr. Endowed Collection on Interoccean Canal and Naval History, this fund is enabling the library to build one of the finest collections in the world on these subjects. In addition to contributing funds, Capt. DuVal has donated hundreds of books on the Panama Canal, naval history, and other subjects, and he is giving his personal papers to the library. He was instrumental in arranging for several members of the United States Congress and others involved in Panama Canal legislation to donate to the library their papers on Panama Canal matters.

ERIC F. MENKE COLLECTION - From the extensive personal collection of Eric F. Menke the library has received a gift of more than 1,300 volumes, and 600 maps, prints, photographs, and manuscripts. The gift includes an extensive collection of books by and about Goethe; many early and rare books, prints, photographs, and maps pertaining to Washington, D.C.; books and graphic materials relating to historic urban plans and planning, including the cities of Frankfurt and Wiesbaden; a complete copy of Mathias Merian's Topographia Alsatiae, 1663; the English architect Batty Langley's copy of the 1717 English edition of Dugdale with the first volume of Stevens' continuation, 1722; and a remarkable series of original photographic prints of construction work on the United States Capitol, 1861-63.

Mr. Menke was born in Germany, graduated from Yale University, and for more than forty years has been a national and international adviser on architecture and urban planning.

LAKESIDE CLASSICS - Richard J. Donohue, C '23, gave to the library sixty-seven volumes of the Lakeside Classics, a series of fine reprints of 19th century American history books, published by R.R. Donnelley Company in Chicago. Mr. Gaylord Donnelley, Chairman of the Executive Committee, R.R. Donnelley Company, has offered to give future volumes when published so that the library will have a complete set of the Lakeside Classics.
SUAREZ COLLECTION - Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stich of McLean, Virginia, gave an outstanding collection of first and early editions of works by the Jesuit theologian Francisco Suarez who was one of the founders of the concept of international law. Some of the volumes in the collection bear the library stamp of Pope Gregory XIII, who attended Suarez' initial lectures in Rome in 1580. This probably is the most complete collection of early editions of Suarez' works in any American library.

EVANS-MILLS-DIMITRY FAMILY PAPERS - From Mr. Richard X. Evans (C '31), the library received the final portion of family papers which Mr. Evans began donating in 1967. The papers contain correspondence and graphic work by the architect Robert Mills, including a fully developed scale drawing (1832) for a major bridge across the Potomac on the site of what is now the 14th Street Bridge, and various family records including an early watercolor painting of "Hackwood," the Winchester, Virginia, estate of General John Smith.

BOOTH TARKINGTON - From Mr. and Mrs. John S. Mayfield the library has received fourteen first and early editions of the works of Booth Tarkington, with personal presentation inscriptions from Tarkington to his friend and fellow author, Fred C. Kelly.

JOHN MILTON FIRST EDITIONS - From Mr. Timothy Childs of Washington, D.C., and his sister, Mrs. Peter Quinnell of Watson Bay, New South Wales, Australia, the library has received a collection of first and early editions of English literature of the 17th and 18th centuries. The gift includes a first edition of Milton's Paradise Regained and Samson Agonistes, 1671; Laurence Sterne's Tristram Shandy, 1760-67 and A Sentimental Journey, 1768; and first and early editions of Boswell, Fanny Burney, Sir John Hawkins, Goldsmith, Smollett, and Richardson.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CONSULTANTS - To assist in the development of collections in special subject areas the library is appointing selected bibliographical consultants. We are pleased to announce that the first two appointments are John S. Mayfield as Consultant on Rare Books, and John W. Snyder as Consultant in Monetary History and Numismatics. The library staff welcomes the expertise which Mr. Mayfield and Mr. Snyder bring and we look forward to working with them in the development of our special collections in their areas of interest.

THE MANUSCRIPT SOCIETY ARCHIVES - The records of The Manuscript Society, the largest and best-known group of autograph and manuscript collectors in the world, have been placed on deposit in the Special Collections Division of the library. These records document the Society's activities, publications, and membership since its formation in 1948.

ASSOCIATES VOLUNTEERS - The library offers many opportunities for Associates to assist as volunteers in activities such as bibliographic research, contacting prospective Associates, arranging exhibits, assisting with book sales, and hosting receptions. Volunteers are invited to call or visit University Librarian, Joseph E. Jeffs, (telephone 625-4095).
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