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Staff's planned gifts to benefit library

Systems librarian Jean Wright and Divinity librarian Dorothy Parks believe in planning ahead. By making planned gifts to benefit the Library, they are providing substantial, long-term support for an institution that has figured prominently in their lives as well as in their careers.

Wright has made a bequest through her will to endow the William F. and Jean Acker Wright Fund for the Jean and Alexander Heard Library. She wants the endowment, which honors her late husband, a former professor of mechanical engineering, to fund special needs as they arise, not necessarily to purchase materials for the Library.

"If the library needs a new CD-ROM drive and there is no funding for it, I want them to be able to use this money for that," Wright says. The Vanderbilt and Peabody alumna and thirty-one-year library employee adds emphatically, "the Library *needs* endowment."

Wright's planned bequest will also count toward The Campaign for Vanderbilt, which has a goal of \$50 million in new planned bequests, in addition to the \$300 million goal in outright gifts. As of September 30, 1992, commitments to the new bequests goal were \$35 million.

Dorothy Parks, associate director of the Divinity Library, is taking a different path to achieve her endowment goal. Through payroll deduction, she is contributing a certain amount to the University each month for the payment of insurance premiums. At her death the proceeds from the policy will be added to the Grace Newell Teague endowment for the Divinity Library. Teague, the late, longtime director of the Divinity Library, left her residence in trust to Vanderbilt to support the Divinity Library.



Librarians Dorothy Parks, left, and Jean Wright have made planned gifts to support the Heard Library.

Her generosity and commitment have inspired Parks "to try to make a comparable gift to honor one whose dedication and contribution to the Divinity Library cannot be measured."

Parks earned a B.D. degree from Vanderbilt in 1967 and an M.L.S. degree from Peabody in 1970. She joined the Library staff in 1967 and received her twenty-five-year chair last fall. Parks is currently working on a brochure about Teague, which will delineate many of the latter's contributions.

The Jean and Alexander Heard Library is deeply grateful to Jean Wright, Dorothy Parks, Grace Newell Teague, and the many others who have made planned gifts to the University. Their generosity and foresight ensures that the Library will be able to meet the needs of Vanderbilt scholars for generations to come.

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Library endowed acquisition funds an important Campaign goal

A priority of the Jean and Alexander Heard Library and The Campaign for Vanderbilt is the creation of endowed Library acquisition funds. Endowed funds are particularly valuable because, once established, they provide income for the Library in perpetuity. Such funds also offer a fitting opportunity to honor or memorialize a friend, relative, or special professor.

You may establish a named acquisition fund with a minimum gift of \$10,000 to any division or subject area of the Jean and Alexander Heard Library. The contribution may be made all at once or in the form of a pledge to be paid over a set number of years. Donors may also wish to add to the endowment fund from time to time, an important way to enhance the purchasing power of the fund. For more information about establishing an endowed acquisition fund, contact the Library Development Office at 615-322-7102.

The Library's endowment funds currently include:

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New electronic tools tested

As a national leader in the development of electronic library tools, the Jean and Alexander Heard Library is committed to providing Vanderbilt students and faculty the best "information products" available. Chief among them is the Acorn electronic catalog, which has proved to be both popular with Library users and effective in streamlining library operations. The Heard Library was among the first to offer electronic indexes to periodicals, making it easy for users to compile bibliographies that encompass articles in scholarly journals. The Library also offers an extensive collection of databases on compact disc, including the *Oxford English Dictionary* and electronic indexes to literature of nearly every discipline taught at Vanderbilt. Given this success, the Library plans to add new electronic services when they are cost effective and offer significant value to scholars on campus.

In this spirit, the Library recently initiated trials of two new electronic services. They are Legi-Slate, an on-line service providing a number of indexes and full-text materials related to federal legislation and government, and InfoBASE, a software product that will enable the Library to add materials to the Acorn electronic catalog more economically than it can on the IBM mainframe.

Users of Legi-Slate—which the Library acquired in July—can determine the current status of a bill before Congress, read its text, review a representative's voting record, study committee reports, peruse the *Electronic Washington Post* or *National Journal*, or conduct about thirty other types of searches.

On-line transcripts are available for selected committee hearings, news briefings, speeches, press conferences, interviews, and some television news and interview programs. Both the index and full text of the *Federal Register* are available, as is the full text of the *Congressional Record*. Access to the service is through Internet (a world-wide electronic network), which can be

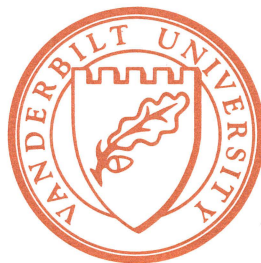
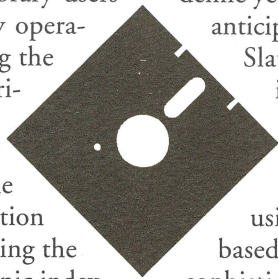
used through the University's own network, Caravan.

Currently some two dozen Vanderbilt academic departments and administrative offices are using Legi-Slate. They will assist the Library in evaluating the service at the end of the academic year. If the trial is successful, the Library anticipates renewing its subscription to Legi-Slate and obtaining similar electronic information services in other subject areas as they become available.

Last fall the Library acquired InfoBASE, a software product for using databases. The software is UNIX-based, which means it uses a faster, more sophisticated operating system that enables a large number of persons to peruse the database at high speed.

The first database to be mounted on the UNIX machine supporting InfoBASE was PsycINFO, the electronic equivalent to the American Psychological Association's Psychological Abstracts. PsycINFO provides indexes and abstracts to journal articles, technical reports, dissertations, and books from 1984 to the present. A separate file for 1967-1983 may be acquired at a later date.

Although the Central Library and the Educational Library already have PsycINFO data on compact disc, the InfoBASE software and server enable Library users to gain access to the information from any library or computer on the campus network.



Historical novelist lauds libraries at Friends' nineteenth annual dinner

Author George Garrett told a fascinated audience at the nineteenth annual Friends of the Library Dinner that libraries played an important role in the research for his Elizabethan trilogy: *The Death of the Fox*, *The Succession*, and *Entered from the Sun*. He also noted the increasingly important role of computers, which enable scholars to compare or cross reference large amounts of data.

About 140 people attended the dinner on November 4, 1992, in the Stadium Club. Outgoing president Walter Sullivan presided over the business meeting, which included a vote to modify the bylaws and the election of new officers. Sullivan's successor as president is James E. Auer, research professor of public policy and director of the Center for U.S.-Japan Studies and Cooperation at the Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies.

Marice Wolfe, director of Special Collections, announced the acquisition of the Caroline Gordon Collection in honor of Sullivan, whose field is Southern literature. The collection consists largely of letters to and from Gordon, a Southern writer connected with the Agrarian

movement, and literary figures such as Fugitive Laura Riding.

The dinner featured renaissance music performed by the Blair Collegium, which included the Blair Recorder Ensemble, directed by Lorie Ishimatsu, and the Blair Viola da Gamba Ensemble, led by June Williams. The unique table centerpieces displayed color transparencies of the covers of Garrett's Elizabethan novels. Static electricity held the illustrations to glass bricks illuminated by candles and mirrors.

'Living with Elizabethans'

Sullivan introduced Garrett, the Henry Hoyns Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Virginia. A recipient of numerous writing awards, Garrett has edited or written fourteen volumes of fiction, seventeen books of poetry, two plays, and a biography.

In his talk, "Living with Elizabethans," Garrett gave the Friends a glimpse at how library research affects the creative process. While researching Sir Walter Raleigh for *The Death of the Fox*, for example, Garrett came across a footnote regarding a Venetian glass company. The largest order it had ever received had been in 1601 for mirrors for the bathrooms of Queen Elizabeth I, who had covered all the mirrors in the public rooms into which she ventured. For his novel, Garrett invented a letter from Raleigh to his son, which commented at length on the purpose of the mirrors in the bathrooms, i.e., to provide the queen with a true reflection of her physical state versus what she might have glimpsed of her "made-up" state in the mirror of a public room. After the book's publication, Garrett received a letter from the household of Queen Elizabeth II, thanking him for providing an explanation for the large frames in the bathrooms, which had outlasted the mirrors they once held.

For *The Succession*, Garrett walked part of the Old North Road, which runs from London to Scotland, to research a messenger's ride. To



George Garrett



Holly West and Gordon Brewer enjoy the social hour preceding the Friends' annual dinner.

describe more accurately what the messenger might have seen, however, Garrett had to research the route in libraries, where accounts depicted the landmarks of the era.

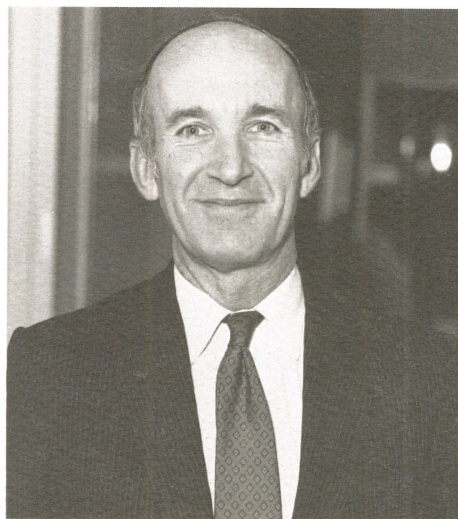
For *Entered from the Sun*, Garrett used recent library research, which revealed that women generally fared very well during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. That fact, he noted, should have been obvious, since a woman was the absolute monarch of the realm. Based on the research, which showed that women belonged to virtually every guild, Garrett was able to create the character of a woman publisher. He also found evidence of Queen Elizabeth's commitment to education, which produced a literate public and, hence, an audience for Shakespeare's plays.

Illustrating each of these points with readings from his novels, Garrett closed with a salute to scholars, and a thanks to librarians, in a passage from *Entered from the Sun*:

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James E. Auer is the new president of Friends of the Library.



Left: Ernest and Berdelle Campbell chat with Annette Eskind at the Friends' nineteenth annual dinner.

Right: Richard and Mary Cannon recently established the Cannon Allied Health Fund for the Medical Center Library.



Judith Auer, left, visits with Kazuhiko Kawamura, professor of electrical engineering and director of the Center for U.S.-Japan Technology Management, and his wife, Michiko.



Irwin Eskind and Professor Emerita Sara Sell enjoy a laugh together.



F O O T N O T E S

Friends' dinner...

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I have been happy for a time, living among the Elizabethans. Happier, I do believe, than I could have been living only in our own century. Our bitter, shining century. I like to think that since I am no more than a visitor to theirs . . . I am even entitled to prefer their time to ours. If I care to. Entitled to imagine, if I feel like it, that by and large and in many ways, they were more interesting than we are.

Of course—and it is a tremendous fact—I never had to live there all the time. That might have changed my tune. I am not, never have been, and never will be a proper scholar of those times. Nevertheless, how greatly I admired them, one and all, the scholars, living and dead, who have so carefully performed their duty and service of hard labor, against huge and discouraging odds, often in the face of no little indifference and even less reward from and respect of others, to preserve our past, to keep that lost past time available for us, accessible to us.

I hope that I shall always be able, for as long as I may live, to go back to the Elizabethans for delight and instruction. I hope that I will not cease to visit that age and my old friends and enemies who live there.

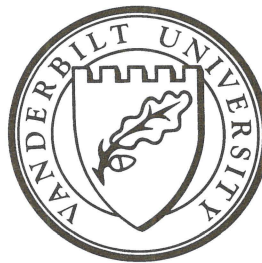


Anna Durham, left, and Eugenia Moore enjoy the fellowship of the Friends' dinner.

Mott elected to national board

William R. Mott, director of development for the Jean and Alexander Heard Library, was recently elected to a two-year term on the Friends of the Library, USA (FOLUSA), board of directors. FOLUSA is a national organization that works to develop and support Friends of Library groups throughout the country. A division of the American Library Association, FOLUSA has more than 2,000 members. There are currently more than 3,000 Friends of the Library organizations with close to 750,000 members actively working to support their libraries.

"I am honored to have been elected to this national board," Mott says. "There are very few board members from academic libraries, and part of my role is to represent academic Friends groups."



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