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Plants in Print

On April 27, GLS alumni met for an event at the Chicago Botanic Garden hosted by Ed Valauskas, AM'82. Ed serves as curator of rare books at the Botanic Garden's Lenhardt Library, in addition to teaching full-time at the Graduate School of Library & Information Science at Dominican University. At the event, Ed, who previously served as full-time manager of the Lenhardt Library, provided background on how the library was expanded under his direction to support the Botanic Garden's research, as well as to provide services to the general public. The collections of the Lenhardt Library hold approximately 28,000 titles, including 22,000 books, more than 300 currently received periodical titles, 670 non-current and out-of-print periodical titles, 600 videos and DVDs, 10,000 slides, 1,000 nursery catalogs, 3,000 rare books and periodicals, and the archives of the Chicago Horticultural Society.

The highlight of Ed's presentation was learning more about the library's rare book collection of materials dating from the 15th to the 19th centuries. In 2002, the Lenhardt Library had the opportunity to acquire a large collection of rare materials from the financially struggling Massachusetts Horticultural Society. In describing the negotiations to purchase this collection, Ed offered insights into the rare book trade, where the materials are frequently sought by dealers to be cut up in order to sell the botanical illustrations as individual prints. The GLS alumni then toured the library and had an opportunity to view a number of the rare books in the collection, including a recent acquisition, Temple of Flora, an exceedingly rare book from 1799 that is considered "the single most famous of all florilegia." Only a few original copies exist of this remarkable botanical work offering a collection of gorgeous hand-painted, floral portraits. (The library is holding an exhibition on Temple of Flora from May 23 through August 17.)

After the tour of the library, GLS alumni enjoyed walking around the garden on a cool spring day, when many tulips in a variety of hues were in full bloom. Surprising, several of the GLS alumni who have lived in the Chicago area for many years had never before visited the Botanic Garden, and thoroughly enjoyed seeing it for the first time.

Martha Jameson, AM'81



2008 Alumni Weekend Recap

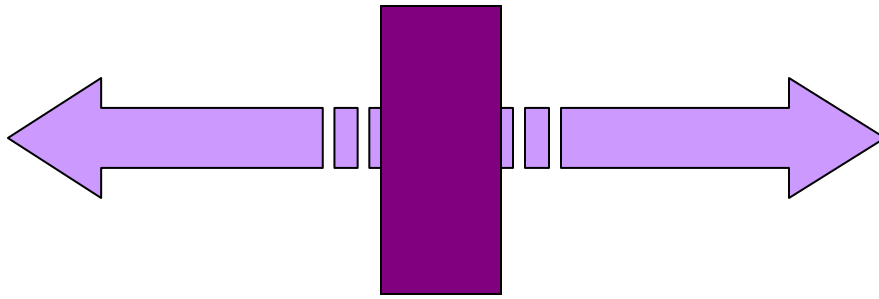
I was once again honored to carry the GLS banner in the Alumni Convocation Procession, but at least this year, I did not walk alone. I was accompanied by Library Development Officer, Joan Bentley Hoffman. The Convocation is nothing if not emotional. The experience is a source great pride, to be a part of that great tradition, but at the same time it is very humbling. And of course, for many of us GLSers, there are other conflicting emotions, too. Librarians might be interested to know that Gary Hoover, founder of Hoover's Inc. was among the recipients of outstanding alumni awards. It is also a time for honoring members of the current college graduating class for their community service, and so there is a celebration of the continuum of values that the university symbolizes.

At the picnic lunch in the Athletic Center, a table was reserved for GLS grads. I found it and dined alone--at least for a while. I was happy to finally share our table with a family of six who couldn't find another place to sit together as a group. The kids were excited to see a slide of their Dad displayed on the big screen. Representing one of the East Coast Alumni Clubs, he had presented a large check to President Zimmer the day before.

After lunch, I attended an UnCommon Core talk by columnist/alumnus David Brooks, along with about everyone else on campus for the weekend. (Brooks was another distinguished alumni honoree at the Convocation.) The hall was packed and Brooks was very entertaining. He also offered his insights about the opposing parties' leading Presidential candidates. He then opened the session up for audience questions, saying that "seeing as this is a room full of U of C grads, I know you didn't come to hear me talk, you came to hear yourselves talk," which drew an uproarious reaction.

Sunday, I returned to campus to attend the Brunch with Books event at the Klowden Family Library at Alumni House. Professor James Redfield gave a thought-provoking talk, "Contra Books: Books that Warn You Against Books." Then, we were off to the GLS Reception and panel discussion at Regenstein. At that moment, however, the heavens opened up and a downpour drenched Hyde Park. Thanks to the Alumni House staff and the Alumni Weekend planners for getting us some shuttle buses to ferry us to the library.

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Permeable Walls: The Evolving Library Environment

Graduate Library School Alumni Reception and Panel Discussion

Regenstein Library

Sunday, June 8, 2008

Panel: Sem Sutter, Assistant Director for Collections, Hum. & Social Sciences, and Elisabeth Long, Co-Director, Digital Library Development Center.

Sem spoke briefly about how pressures from students and technology are changing bibliographic control and clouding the ownership of metadata about books, data and information. It is generating some intense conversations in the library world about how much libraries allow their traditional rules and walls to relax and accept outside generated metadata and content which may not be consistent and provided some fascinating illustrations.

Elizabeth demoed two of the projects she's working on. First, she showed us briefly the new Compass catalog with the subject cloud, talked about the discussion to incorporate student-generated subject headings into search and retrieval. She then showed us a cooperative initiative spearheaded by UMichigan which can be searched within the online catalog and a rare books/arts project in which UC professors are describing works. There's variation in subject headings, quality of info issues, throughout these initiatives.

Judi Nadler also spoke about BAMBI in which UC Library is participating at the sponsorship of LC. She also talked about the Mansueto Library and its state of the art construction. We had a nice group, great questions, very pleasant conversations and networking. And thanks for the great work by Joan Hoffman and Barbara Bostick for getting us all there without getting too wet.

Debra Hammond, AM'90



September 24, 2008 -- Chicago

On this bright early autumn morning, more than 200 administrators, faculty members, GLS alums and friends of the library met on the corner of 57th Street and Ellis outside Regenstein Library to officially commence construction on the new Joe and Rika Mansueto Library.

As a large gravel truck rumbled across the construction site, University President Robert J. Zimmer said, "The Mansueto's gift will add an iconic building to campus and allow us to keep together the scholarly materials that are at the very core of intellectual life and intellectual activity at the University."

University Provost Thomas Rosenbaum and Andrew Abbott representing the faculty spoke of the cooperation, contributions and commitment of faculty and administrators to the goals of this visionary project.

But it was Library Director Judith Nadler who probably summed up the occasion best. "For us today, the word "groundbreaking" stands for far more than the literal breaking of ground. It stands for groundbreaking University of Chicago research, which requires rich resources and thrives in beautiful spaces. It stands for the groundbreaking synergy between technology and architectural design that will make the Mansueto Library unique. It stands for our faculty and Board of Director's groundbreaking wisdom in choosing to invest in a future that is difficult to predict. And it stands for the groundbreaking generosity of two alumni, Joe and Rika Mansueto, who love the University and want to share their positive Library experience with generations to come," said Ms. Nadler.

University Board Chairman James Crown introduced architect Helmut Jahn who presented Joe and Rika Mansueto with a montage of his conceptual drawings depicting the progression of the thinking about the new library that led from above-grade to below-grade construction.

Then President Zimmer, Nadler, Jahn, the Mansuetos and the other dignitaries all donned hard hats and turned over a spadeful of earth with silver-plated shovels to symbolically start the project.

GLSers Charles Blair, AM'90, Bob Clatanoff, AM '90, Janet Fox, AM '76, Debra Hammond, AM'90, Stuart Miller, AM'76, Bill Schwesig, AM'86, Beverly Sperring, AM'66, Julie Stauffer, AM'88, Sem Sutter, AM'85, Keith Waclena, AM'84, and Judith Wright, AM'71, were on hand to celebrate the groundbreaking.

Anticipated completion of the new library is scheduled for the fall of 2010. When completed, the new library is expected to house three and a half million volumes.

To read more about the new library, follow the links below:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/whatsnew/library.ar.feature.pdf>.

<http://mansueto.lib.uchicago.edu/>

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News of our Fellow Alums

William Brace, AM'55, passed away in the fall of 2008. After GLS, Bill received a Ph.D. from the School of Library and Information Science at Case Western Reserve University. He served as documents librarian at Brigham Young University (where he had earned his BA) from 1955, then moved to Chicago in 1957 to become assistant librarian at Chicago Teachers College North. In 1961, he accepted a teaching post at Florida State University, but returned again to Chicago the next year to teach at Rosary College, now Dominican University. He taught at the Graduate School of Information and Library Science at Rosary/Dominican for 37 years before retiring as professor emeritus. Bill was a life member of the American Library Association and the Illinois Library Association. He was also a member ASIS, the Association for Library and Information Science Education, and the Catholic Library Association. Says colleague Peggy Sullivan: "Bill Brace was always very proud of his UofC/GLS degree and later study, but had the sort of love-hate feeling that many of us have."

Peggy Sullivan also sent word of the death of **Elinor Yungmeyer**, BLS'45, AM'54, in November 2008 after a long illness and months of hospice care. The BLS was an old degree awarded by GLS, says Peggy, and adds that Elinor was also one of the first to receive a certificate of advanced study from GLS.

John Fawcett, AM'87, passed away in May 2008 after a long battle with cancer. John was Head of Collection Development at the Buswell Library of Wheaton College, where he had received his undergraduate degree. John is survived by his wife and two children.

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We Want to Hear from You!

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