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From the Chair

This summer RBMS will sponsor two programs during which we will examine some fundamental assumptions about our responsibilities as special collections librarians. The theme of the thirty-ninth RBMS Preconference is "Getting Ready for the Nineteenth Century: Strategies and Solutions for Rare Book and Special Collections Librarians." As the twenty-first century begins, we will gain a new perspective on the nineteenth, and on the enormous mass of printed, archival, and graphic materials that survives from that era. In many cases these items entered library collections as part of the contemporary acquisitions process and have not received the intense scrutiny accorded to materials acquired retrospectively. The textual and graphic record of the last century presents us with issues regarding retention, preservation, and access that demand solutions dramatically different in both nature and scale from those we have developed for the early materials that form the heart of the traditional rare book and manuscript collection.

Given the ubiquitousness of nineteenth-century materials in the academic and research libraries of North America, the Preconference planners feel that this year's theme will appeal to a broad cross-section of our membership. The Washington, D.C. setting is another attraction. This will be the first-ever RBMS Preconference in the capital, and our colleagues there have prepared special behind-the-scenes tours and presentations designed to complement the rest of the program and show off the city's great wealth of research collections. Able and generous leadership has been provided by our official hosts at the George Washington University. The Preconference is scheduled to take place June 23-26, 1998. More details and a copy of the registration form can be found at the RBMS website: <http://www.princeton.edu/~ferguson/rbms.html>

By a remarkable coincidence, ALA is holding its annual conference in the same city, immediately following the Preconference. On the afternoon of June 28, RBMS, in co-sponsorship with the English and American Literature Section and the Electronic Text

Centers Discussion Group of ACRL, will present "Re-Imag(in)ing the Text: The Literary Text in the Electronic Age." The three speakers will be Jerome McGann of the University of Virginia, John Price-Wilkins of the University of Michigan, and Marianne Gaunt of Rutgers University. They will address our traditional notions about the transmission of texts and explore their applicability to the next generation of primary materials, along with the implications for the practice of special collections librarianship.

I hope to see many of you at the Preconference and at the annual conference program, and I invite your questions and comments on both events.

—Laura Stalker

1999 RBMS Preconference

In 1999 RBMS will stage its first international Preconference in ten years in Montreal, Canada. "Border Crossings: Exploring New Territories for Special Collections" will be the theme. Speakers and other participants will discuss recent departures from traditional special collections librarianship or convergences between special collections librarianship and other modes of librarianship, such as digital librarianship.

Le Centre Sheraton, in downtown Montreal, will be the Preconference hotel and the venue for Preconference meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesday meetings will take place on the McGill University campus, as will the opening reception. The Canadian Center for Architecture will be the site for the closing reception on Wednesday evening. In addition to rooms at the Sheraton, a block of dormitory rooms on the McGill University campus will be reserved for Preconference attendees.

The 1999 Preconference in Montreal will begin at 6:00 p.m., Monday, 21 June with the traditional opening reception; it will close shortly after noon on Thursday, 24 June, providing attendees needing to travel to the ALA conference in New Orleans with ample time to do so. Preconference hotel rates, however, will be extended,

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RBMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Washington, D.C. June 27-29, 1998

SATURDAY, June 27

- 8:30-11:00a Exhibition Catalogue Awards
1999 Preconference Program Planning
- 8:30a-12:30p Bibliographic Standards I
- 9:30-11:00a Guidelines for Borrowing & Lending
Special Collections Materials for
Exhibition (Ad Hoc)
- Membership
Outreach Initiatives (Ad Hoc)
RBML Editorial Board
- 11:30a-12:30p Nominating (Closed)
2000 Preconference Program Planning
RBML Award
- 2:00-4:00p Budget & Development
Education & Professional Development
Manuscripts & Other Formats Disc.
Publications
Seminars
- 8:00-10:00p Security

SUNDAY, June 28

- 8:30-11:00a Bibliographic Standards II
Conference Development
Curators & Conservators Disc.
Public Services Disc.
- 11:30a-12:30p 1999 Conference Program Planning
MARC for Special Collections Disc.
- 2:00-4:00p RBMS/EALS Program, "Re-Imag(in)ing
the Text: The Literary Text in the
Electronic Age"
- 4:00-5:30p Information Exchange
RBMS Business Meeting and Awards

MONDAY, June 29

- 8:30a-12:30p Executive

⊕ *This is the schedule
RBMS has requested from ALA.
Be sure to check the final conference schedule
for changes.*

Call For Seminar Proposals

The Seminars Committee invites you to propose a seminar for the 1999 RBMS Preconference in Montreal, Quebec. The deadline for submissions is 1 June 1998. Proposals will be reviewed for approval at the committee's meeting during the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. This is your opportunity to address important professional issues, bring special projects or areas of endeavor to the attention of your colleagues, or provide a forum for experts to discuss significant technical topics in depth.

For information about what to include in a proposal, please see the electronic form available at <http://www.princeton.edu/~ferguson/preform0.html>. Additional information about seminars is also available at the RBMS website, <http://www.princeton.edu/~ferguson/rbms.html#Seminars>. If you are unable to access this information via the web, you may also contact Mary Lacy, Chair of the Seminars Committee, by e-mail at mlac@loc.gov or by phone (202-707-8799)

or fax (202-707-6336). It is not necessary that you be a member of the Seminars Committee to make a proposal.

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thereby allowing persons to arrive early or depart late in order to experience some of the many cultural features Montreal offers.

At this time, it is anticipated that as many as four workshops will be offered between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, 21 June. A full-day workshop will be devoted to digitizing special collections materials and will take place on the McGill University campus. Shorter workshops, two of which will take place at the Canadian Center for Architecture, will be concerned with exhibition installation, discerning and describing graphical processes, and cataloguing of rare serials. The cost for each workshop is minimal, ranging from \$15.00 per person for the graphical processes workshop to \$35.00 per person for the all day digitization workshop. Registration for each of the four workshops will be restricted to 15-20 persons.

RBMS Annual Report

June 1997

Susan M. Allen, Chair, 1996-1997

Membership

RBMS had a total of 1,829 members in January 1997. This figure was up 1% from January one year ago. Of the total, 1,641 were personal memberships while 188 were institutional/organizational memberships.

Program Highlights

RBMS programs supported the ACRL Strategic Plan in the following ways.

Goal 1: Provide development opportunities for academic and research librarians and other library personnel that enhance their ability to deliver superior services and resources.

1996-1997 RBMS activities which supported this goal—

ACRL National Conference panels: "Setting the Agenda for Special Collections in the 21st Century" and "How Special Collections Contribute to Undergraduate Learning." Attendance at each panel was more than eighty attendees.

A 1997 Preconference, Claremont, CA: "Rereading the Past: New Methodologies and Approaches to the History of the Book." More than 220 registered for the Preconference.

1997 Annual ALA Conference Program: "Production of the Text and Publishing: The View of Fine Press Publishers in the San Francisco Bay Area." More than 300 attended.

Ongoing discussion of professional issues in the section discussion groups.

Section support of the ACRL journal *Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarianship*.

Revision of two RBMS guidelines.

Development of the RBMS web site.

Conference "Buddy System" pairs new members with experienced ones.

Intern positions on committees.

Compiling a directory of courses in rare book librarianship.

Maintaining six thesauri prepared by the Bibliographic Standards Committee.

Goal 2: Collaborate with other professional organizations and associations of higher education in order to promote mutual interests.

1996-1997 RBMS activities which supported this goal—

Publicized RBMS Preconference to SHARP, APHA, ABAA, etc.

Established a liaison with SHARP.

Bibliographic Standards Committee maintains formal liaisons with MARBI, SAA, OCLC, RLG, etc.

Participation in ALA/SAA Joint Committee on Library/Archival Relations.

1997 Conference program sponsored jointly with EALS.

Goal 3: Maintain at the national level a prominent role in planning and decision making for influencing information policy.

1996-1997 RBMS activities which supported this goal—

The section's standards and guidelines are national models.

Individual members provided expertise at the national level on issues such as access, copyright, preservation, digitization, and security.

Goal 4: Ensure that ACRL's operating environment provides efficiency in its use of resources and effectiveness in the delivery of services to its members and constituent units.

1996-1997 RBMS activities which supported this goal—

Developed a web site for dissemination of agendas, minutes, rosters, and section manual.

At ALA Midwinter, the RBMS Executive Committee passed a motion to request that the ACRL Board change ACRL's fiscal policy regarding ACRL units which generate revenue in excess of expenses from unit activities, so that this excess revenue will be shared between the ACRL operating budget and the unit.

Committee News

Bibliographic Standards

The Bibliographic Standards Committee has held a public hearing on two documents: the proposed PCC Core Standard for Rare Books and the committee's Guide to Rare Book Records in Online Systems. The PCC Core document, created for use by participants in the Program for Cooperative Cataloging, will be finalized at the 1998 ALA annual conference and should become an official document soon thereafter. The Systems Guide contains a set of questions relating to online records for special collection materials that can be posed to vendors by librarians investigating the purchase of new systems.

The committee is currently commissioning a number of new documents to fill gaps in its Resources for the Rare Materials Cataloger web page. We are reviewing the rare book cataloging rules, DCRB, and the list of relator terms promulgated by the committee ten years ago (see *C&RL News*, October, 1987, pp. 553-557, with additions in November, 1987, p. 645). This may result in recommendations for changes in these documents.

We are also reviewing a set of rules for codex manuscripts cataloging, now under development. We continue our ongoing work of keeping the six RBMS thesauri up-to-date. Finally, we will be sponsoring a seminar on the descriptive cataloging of nineteenth-century materials at the upcoming RBMS Preconference in Washington, D.C. Further information on all of these activities can be found on the Bibliographic Standards Committee home page: <http://www.lib.byu.edu/~catalog/people/rlm/bsc/home.htm>

Conference Development

Conference Development and the Executive Committee both endorsed a proposal, submitted by an impressive group of Special Collections colleagues representing seven Chicago libraries, to host the RBMS 2000 Preconference. Program activities will be centered at the Newberry Library and the Chicago Historical Society, and it is likely that the conference hotel will be in the lively near north neighborhood rather than downtown. Dormitory housing also will be available. Chicago is the site of the ALA Annual Conference in 2000, and so those continuing on to ALA from RBMS will have a very short commute. Alice

Schreyer of the University of Chicago coordinated the host group's proposal and John Cullars of the University of Illinois presented it to RBMS. Additional details, including exact Preconference dates, will be forthcoming as planning progresses.

Education and Professional Development

After putting the finishing touches on the Library School Directory that has occupied so much of the committee's time in the past, we will be turning our attention to how we might improve the directory: linking to other schools, associations, and organizations that share some of the same interests as RBMS.

Plans for future projects include defining and identifying internships, practicums, and fellowships for those who may be looking for careers in rare books and manuscripts. We also hope to identify possible sources of funding for this type of educational support.

Another project with which the committee would like to help is designing and presenting a possible workshop or seminar for the Preconference in 2000. Already we have had several good ideas proposed, but are looking for more. There has been much verbal support for advanced education for our seasoned professionals, and the committee is hopeful that more visitors will attend the annual meeting in order to participate in our discussions.

Exhibition Catalogue Awards

At its Midwinter meeting, the Exhibition Catalogue Awards Committee judged thirty-nine catalogues and voted awards to three superlative catalogues: "The Bible and the Reformation: The Reformation of The Bible" by Jaroslav Pelikan, David Price and Valerie R. Hotchkiss, for an exhibition originated at The Bridwell Library; "Kehillat Ha-Kodesh: Creating the Sacred Community: The Roles of the Rabbi, Cantor, Mohel and Shoet in Jewish Communal Life" by Sharon Liberman-Mintz and Elka Deitsch, for an exhibition at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; and, "For Love of Ruth: A Celebration of English and American Literature from the Ruth Goodhue Chastaney Memorial Gift" by Robert Hershoff, for an exhibition at the University of Arizona.

The Committee also discussed its participation in the upcoming RBMS Preconference, shaped a proposal for an ACRL Initiative Grant, and considered seminars for the RBMS Preconference in 1999.

Manuscripts and Other Formats Discussion Group

Thirty-five individuals attended the meeting at the midwinter conference, making this one of the Discussion Group's largest meetings to date. The primary discussion topic, "Data Conversion Issues," encompassed a broad range of topics from encoding documents in SGML and converting typewritten documents to machine-readable format all the way to digitizing actual primary source material. Two representatives from the Research Libraries Group (RLG) gave reports on several data conversion-related projects in which RLG is currently involved. RLG continues to play a major leadership role in this area and several attendees from non-RLG institutions complained about OCLC's lack of initiative and apparent lack of interest in data conversion. Of particular interest to Discussion Group members were reports of RLG's efforts to develop standards for digitization and its continuing work on digitization of finding aids.

A commercial vendor, Tom O'Brien with Apex Data Services, Inc., was invited to the meeting because of his considerable experience with data conversion, of which he gave an interesting account. In addition, he provided a useful overview of the primary issues one needs to consider when planning a data conversion project. Other topics which were discussed included outsourcing vs. in-house projects, working with vendors, and accounts of individual experiences of member institutions with data conversion. It was the consensus of the participating Discussion Group members that the encoding of finding aids into SGML in order to make them more accessible to scholars is the top conversion priority of curators.

Membership

The Membership Committee is forging ahead on tabulating the results of the membership survey that appeared in last spring's *RBMS Newsletter*. Preliminary results will be available at the annual meeting this summer. The companion survey to targeted special collections librarians and archivists who are not already members of RBMS will be mailed this spring, with preliminary results available at Midwinter 1999. The Committee is exploring effective ways of disseminating widely the survey's results.

The conference buddy program, coordinated by the Membership Committee, continues to be popular. At

the Midwinter meeting, four pairs of new and experienced members participated in the program. New members were introduced to other section members and had a chance to discuss conference planning and opportunities for section involvement with their buddies.

Public Services Discussion Group

The Public Services Discussion Group has been discussing two topics: 1) promotion of our collections through printed publications and other outreach initiatives; and, 2) instruction with rare books and manuscripts.

Our discussion on outreach initiatives gave the group the opportunity to share ideas relating to the efforts made at our various institutions to raise researcher and donor awareness of our collections and programs. Many of us brought examples of fund raising or collection brochures to pass around and discuss. We learned a good deal about a surprisingly wide variety of promotional and outreach programs — everything from lectures and readings, web sites, instruction for alumni and donors, "behind-the-scenes" tours, and music CDs. We shared creative strategies for funding these programs and brochures with little or non-existent budgets. Funding solutions included student internships, volunteer programs, sharing expenses with other academic departments, and tying events to visiting conferences. We also noted the evolving role of Friends groups and their pros and cons, and discussed the relationship between special collections libraries and university development offices.

Although we had devoted a large part of one of last year's meetings to instruction, the topic continues to be of great interest to group members. We all agreed that we are doing more and different kinds of *teaching* with our collections than ever before and that there is every indication this trend will continue. We discussed working with faculty to devise assignments aimed at exposing students to primary research materials and methods and the challenges of managing difficult faculty who treat materials roughly or who want special access or reading room privileges.

As has happened in the past, discussion veered off into a variety of areas reflective of the issues we share in common that are of most immediate and pressing concern. Topics to which we continually circle back include the difficulty of administering copyright, permission and reproduction fee structures, our changing constituencies, and the growing pressures that many of us feel to institute research fees on certain types of labor intensive requests.

Publications

Sid Berger's term as *RBML* editor ends in June 1999, and the process of selecting a new editor is well underway so that the new editor(s) can have a substantial overlap period with Sid. There are several candidates. Plans are to mount all but the last three years of *RBML* on the RBMS website by using surplus funds from *RBML*'s operation (Sid has done very well in terms of attracting advertising) to fund the markup of these issues. This plan was approved by the ACRL Publications Committee and will go forward.

The publication *Your Old Books* remains in print and available from ALA Graphics. This very inexpensive and useful publication has garnered accolades from all who have used it. Many librarians keep supplies on hand to give to patrons who have questions about books in their possession. The text is available, as well, on the RBMS home page.

The *RBMS Newsletter* is now available on the RBMS home page. The only issue currently there is Fall, 1997, but it is hoped that all back issues will be available eventually. For various reasons, the electronic version does not precisely match the printed version. The Spring 1998 issue will be available there later this spring.

The RBMS home page continues to grow, both in content and in useful links. It was recently revised and now has a new logo and somewhat different organization. The 1998 Preconference brochure text is available there, for example.

The RBMS electronic discussion list now has just under 500 subscribers, a figure that has remained fairly constant for the past year or so. The list remains a useful forum for posting minutes, agendas, and announcements of concern to RBMS members.

Security

The Committee continues to compile its "Incidents of Theft" report, which is being maintained by Heather Lloyd and is current through December 1997. The report reveals that Cornell has been losing geology books and that James Joyce books are being stolen in the northeast. The "Incidents" report is about two years behind on the RBMS web site. Paper copies are available from the Chair, however (ewilkie@ix.netcom.com).

The LSO listserv continues under Susan Allen's guidance, although the committee plans to make an increased effort to recruit members for the list. She posts an incident every few weeks. There are currently

a little over 100 subscribers (there had been 180 at one time).

The Committee is also sponsoring, in conjunction with the RBMS Public Services Discussion Group, a workshop on "Reading Room Security and Beyond" at the 1998 RBMS Preconference.

The Committee is heavily involved in the revision of the ACRL/RBMS "Guidelines for Security of Rare Book, Manuscript, and Other Special Collections." When the Committee has finished its preliminary revision, the text will be mounted on the RBMS web site. The Committee will also hold a hearing on the revision at the upcoming RBMS Preconference. The first draft of the latest revision was done by a subcommittee headed by Nancy Romero; other members were Virginia Bartow, Ron Lieberman, and Scott Denlinger.

Survey: Retrospective Conversion of Rare Materials

The RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee is conducting an in-depth survey concerning retrospective conversion (RECON) projects involving rare materials. The main purpose of the survey is to gather information that will allow the Committee to suggest minimal standards and procedures for future RECON projects. The survey results and suggestions will be published. In addition, the Committee plans to create an Internet resource center, linked to the Bibliographic Standards Committee home page, that can be consulted by colleagues embarking on RECON projects.

The RECON survey questionnaire is available on the web: <http://www.lib.byu.edu/~catalog/people/rlm/bsc/survey98.htm>. Interested parties may also receive a copy via email by contacting Robert Maxwell (robert_maxwell@byu.edu), or via fax or regular mail by contacting Sandra Sider (☎212-685-0008, x370; fax: 212-685-4740). All survey forms should be completed by the end of May to allow the results to be reported at the Bibliographic Standards Committee meeting at the ALA conference this June. The Committee appreciates your willingness to report and hopes the results of the survey will be useful to the entire rare book community.

ACRL 9th National Conference Deadline

June 15 is the deadline for submitting proposals for papers and panel presentations for ACRL's 9th National Conference in Detroit, April 8-11, 1999. Details are available on ACRL's web site: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/prendex.html>

*The Thirty-ninth RBMS Preconference***“Getting Ready for the Nineteenth Century:
Strategies and Solutions for Rare Book and Special Collections Librarians”****June 23-26, 1998 Washington, D.C.***Entrance to the Washington Court Hotel*

The 1998 Preconference will explore strategies and solutions for the acquisition, cataloging, preservation, and research use of published and unpublished materials from the 19th century. These materials, often not considered within the current purview of rare book repositories, archives, and special collections, present a significant and growing intellectual, financial, physical, and administrative challenge to librarians, archivists, and scholars. The program includes plenary presentations, seminar sessions, papers and workshops that address technical services, collection development, preservation, public service, and administrative issues central to the work of rare book and special collections librarians and information professionals.

Plenary session speakers will be John Y. Cole, Center for the Book at the Library of Congress; Nancy E. Gwinn, Smithsonian Institution Libraries; Abby Smith, Council on Library and Information Resources; Paul Conway, Yale University Library; Sandria Freitag, American Historical Association; James Green, Library Company of Philadelphia; and James Neal, the Johns Hopkins University Library. They will address key issues relating to the development, research use, and preservation of nineteenth-century collections.

Two day-long workshops will be held on Tuesday, June 23, at the Library of Congress. Workshops require preregistration and the payment of a fee and are open only to those registered for the entire Preconference.

Registrations will be accepted, using the RBMS registration form, until all slots are filled.

“**Reading Room Security and Beyond**,” a workshop sponsored by the RBMS Security Committee and the Public Services Discussion Group, directed by Everett Wilkie and Katherine Reagan, will address running a secure and safe reading room and issues related to aftermaths of theft involving the legal system. Morning sessions provide advice on video monitoring systems and surveillance methods. A tour of the new Library of Congress Rare Book Reading Room will let participants explore the relationship between design and security issues. Afternoon sessions use the Gilbert Bland case to educate participants about what happens when an institution is faced with an apprehended thief. One institution's decision to prosecute is examined, as is another's decision not to prosecute. FBI identification methods in the case will also be discussed.

A second workshop, “**Learning to Look: Making a Case for Preservation**,” will be led by Susan Allen, a noted expert on nineteenth-century American publishers' bindings and teacher at the University of Virginia Rare Book School. The workshop includes both lecture and practicum components. The practicum will give participants experience in the identification of materials which fall into the medium-rare area between special collections and general collections. Registrants will receive a workbook of readings on retention of items in original format, sample policy statements, and examples of nineteenth-century publishers' bindings arranged by decade.

Registration forms have been mailed to RBMS members and are also available on the RBMS website. Written cancellations will be honored until 5 June 1998, and are subject to a \$50 cancellation fee. Late registration will be accepted on a space-available basis after 15 May 1998, at an additional cost of \$50 per person. Registration is limited to the first 250 applicants. The registration fee of \$175 for ACRL and PARS/ALCTS members or \$210 for others must be included with the registration form.

For housing information and a detailed schedule of all events, visit the RBMS website: <http://www.princeton.edu/~ferguson/rbms.html>

Transitions

Beverly Bagan has retired as the executive director of the Virginia Center for the Book. **Julia Blakely** has joined the staff of the Folger Shakespeare Library to work on a three-year grant-funded project dedicated to the cataloging and electronic conversion of its collection of books printed in Britain or in the English language from 1501-1700. The Newberry Library, Chicago, recently appointed **Jane Carpenter** rare book and manuscript cataloger. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania has named **Patricia Kosco Cossard** as reference librarian/collections specialist. After 38 years of service, **James Davis** has retired from the UCLA Library; he was rare books librarian in the Special Collections Department since 1983. **Mark G. Dimunation** assumed the responsibilities of Chief of the Rare Book and Special Collections Division at the Library of Congress. **Rhonda Frevert** has joined the staff of the Newberry Library, Chicago, as reference librarian. **R. Ellen Greenblatt** is the new coordinator of cataloging service and special collections at the Auraria Library, Denver, CO. **Consuelo "Connie" Garza Griffith**, 92, died recently. Ms. Griffith created the manuscripts department at Tulane University's Howard-Tilton Memorial Library. **Deborah H. Hocutt** has been named the new executive director of the Virginia Center for the Book. **Thomas A. Horrocks** is the new Associate Director of Special Collections and Curator of Rare Books in the Francis A. Countaway Library of Medicine, Harvard University. **Thomas Michael Kelly** has been named the Assistant Special Collections Librarian at New York University's Fales Library/Special Collections. **Alan Leopold** was recently named director of Collection Services in the Newberry Library, Chicago, IL. **Linda Long** is now manuscripts librarian at the University of Oregon's Knight Library. North Carolina State University Libraries has appointed **Linda McCormick** assistant curator of special collections. The Smithsonian Institution Libraries appointed **Leslie Overstreet** as the Curator of Rare Books in

Natural History. **E. Dever Powell** has been appointed to the staff of the Folger Shakespeare Library to work on a three-year grant-funded project dedicated to the cataloging and electronic conversion of its collection of books printed in Britain or in the English language from 1501-1700. **Daniel Slive** has joined the staff of the Special Collections Department at UCLA as rare books librarian. Special collections librarian and associate professor of library science at Texas A & M University/College Station, **Steven E. Smith**, was recently presented the 1997 Distinguished Achievement Award in Librarianship. **William Stoneman** has been named librarian of the Houghton Library at Harvard University. **Connie Todd** is the new curator of Special Collections at the Southwest Texas State University's Albert B. Alkek Library in San Marcos. **Nanci Young** has been appointed college archivist at Smith College.

Department of Corrections: In the last issue of the *Newsletter*, Michele Cloonan's name was misspelled Michael Cloonan. The editors regret the error.

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