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Message from the Dean

One result of the events our country and the world have faced this fall is that the Dominican community—students, faculty, alumni and friends—have come to value more dearly our freedom, our education and our community. The graduate program in library and information science, in particular, represents an opportunity to serve society by providing information and inspiration through libraries and other channels, both private and public.

The tradition and values of a Dominican library and information science education were highlighted recently by a generous gift from Follett Library Resources who endowed a chair in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science. This gift will enable the school to continue to build an educational program that ranks among the best in the nation. In addition, I am pleased that GSLIS alumni have doubled their support to the Dominican University Annual Fund, and the

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Pillars of the Profession Announce Endowed Chair

In the field of information science, Dominican University and the Follett Library are Illinois institutions. The two teamed up this fall to announce that the Follett Library and School Group will endow a chair in library and information science at Dominican University.

Starting in the fall of 2002, a distinguished scholar will hold the chair for a one to three year term. Dean Prudence Dalrymple and faculty have already begun a national search for qualified candidates. According to Dean Dalrymple, the person chosen for the Follett Chair will be involved in teaching, conducting research, and presenting faculty seminars and public lectures in an effort to enhance the profile of GSLIS and the prestige of Dominican University.

"It is an honor to receive the Follett Chair in Library and Information Science," says Dean Dalrymple. "With only four such chairs in North America, this distinction certainly places our university in a leadership position." ■

Preventing Brain Drain: GSLIS and Alumni Take Aim

As a generation of baby boomer librarians begins to retire, publicly funded libraries are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit talented people to the field. Across the country, positions at school and public libraries are attracting fewer and fewer candidates, and of the 190,000 librarians in the nation, roughly 40 percent could retire in the next ten years, according to a *Chicago Tribune* article (September 17, 2001). GSLIS administration and alumni have joined a national campaign to try to stem this disconcerting tide.

"We're facing a shortage," says GSLIS Assistant Dean Elisa Topper. "We need to get the word out and play up what we do. It's not the same career it was years ago."

The duties and responsibilities of librarians have changed, but the perception of them has lagged behind. A stereotype persists that librarians are old-fashioned and that their careers consist of simply reshelving books. Besides this nagging image problem, other factors have contributed to the shortage, some cultural and others economic. As society changes, more women turn away from traditional professions in favor of higher-paying jobs, and they are seeking out opportunities where none previously existed. Likewise, corporations have begun to experience increasing research needs and have pulled away information science degree holders who otherwise might have become librarians.

The American Library Association, with its new campaign, is trying to dust off the dated image and overcome the prevailing economic forces. The campaign, which in its literature touts librarians as the "ultimate search engines," recently received a publicity boost when the *New York Times* highlighted the changing face of librarians. Hipper, more technologically savvy,

but with an eye still on service, the image of the new librarian is intended to strike a chord with young adults and others who are considering a career change. These days, you might run into a librarian with tattoos or dreadlocks who likes to surf the waves as much as the Web. Indeed, this campaign hopes to recruit people from all walks of life. Whatever their appearances or interests, today's librarians do not fit easily into the old stereotype.

GSLIS graduate Troy Swanson '00, for example, is not your typical librarian. A male in his 20s with a knack for designing and maintaining Web sites, Swanson recognizes that it's time to "rejuvenate" the profession and bring in fresh faces who value information and service as much as his predecessors did.

"It's not just cataloguing books anymore, and it's much more dynamic than in the past," says Swanson, whose computer and research skills are essential for his duties at Moraine Valley Community College.

As the duties of public librarians become more demanding, Dominican's GSLIS curriculum has been changing to meet those needs. Dean Prudence Dalrymple has molded the program's course offerings to meet the evolving nature of the profession, providing students with more hands-on instruction and emphasizing the technological aspects of the job. Dalrymple hopes that alumni will continue to spread the word about the shortage.

"People who are satisfied with their careers are often the best-suited to recruit new people to the profession," says Dalrymple. "Alumni who reach out to mentor potential staff members or people they meet in informal settings can talk about the benefits of the career and some of the new and exciting things happening in the field." ■

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number of participants has more than tripled. All new and increased gifts to the Annual Fund received by this year will be matched two for one through the Parmer Challenge, a gift from Carolyn '52 and John Parmer. I hope you will consider joining your fellow alumni with your pledge.

In times such as these, it is especially gratifying to know that the value and quality of a Dominican MLIS degree are so widely recognized and respected.

With best wishes for a new year of peace and community,



Prudence Dalrymple, Dean Graduate School of Library and Information Science



Scholarship Winners Follow Sr. Reparata's Example



Dean Prudence Dalrymple with the 2001 recipients of the Sr. Reparata Murray Scholarship. From left to right are Sabrena Wetzel, Felicia Smith and Debora Taylor.

Continuing its tradition of promoting and honoring diversity, Dominican University has announced this year's winners of the Sr. Reparata Murray Scholarship. The recipients are Sabrena Wetzel, Debora Taylor and Felicia Smith.

The scholarship, sponsored by Marilu Fines MLS '37, awards current GSLIS female African-American students up to \$5,000 in recognition of their academic excellence, leadership and commitment to the librarian profession. The scholarship honors Sr. Reparata, the first librarian of Rosary College and a key figure in organizing the library science department in 1928 and paving the way for its accreditation by the American Library Association.

Sabrena Wetzel, who describes the scholarship as "a blessing," plans to become a children's librarian after completing her degree. The scholarship has helped her defray the costs of putting her children and herself through school.

"It gives me the push to go forward," says Wetzel, who before coming to Oak Park moved around the country with her husband while he served in the military. "I have a son in college, and it was becoming impossible to continue my education. I was really thinking about stopping until he finishes, but this scholarship pays for two spring classes and a summer class."

For Debora Taylor, an attorney, and Felicia Smith, an information specialist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, the scholarship also helps ease the challenge of juggling a career, family and continuing education.

"This award allows me to focus my energy on school instead of trying to find ways to pay for it," says Smith, who acknowledges the role Sr. Reparata played in helping the cause of both the library profession and African-American women.

"Whatever path I choose, I intend to follow Sr. Reparata's example and give back to other people in need," she says. ■

CONGRATULATIONS...

**2001 Spectrum
Scholarship Recipients**
Portia Johnson
Carmen Markham
Nicholas Saunders
Felicia Smith

**2001-2002
Illinois Training Grant
Recipients**
Kristi Jo Howe
Jennifer L. Phillips-Bacher
Toni L. Tucker

Lazerow Lecture

Professor Wayne Wiegand, of the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and Blaise Cronin, dean and professor of information science at Indiana University at Bloomington, will deliver the Lazerow Lecture as a *disputatio* on Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. The *disputatio*, or debate, is a Dominican tradition and has been selected as one of the key events in our Centennial celebration.

GSLIS Announces New Faculty Member

Dominican University is pleased to announce the appointment of Ruth Palmquist as visiting associate professor teaching full-time in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Palmquist brings more than 20 years of professional library and university teaching experience to Dominican. She teaches introduction to library and information science classes, as well as database management. Before coming to Dominican, Palmquist served as library director of Bellevue University, NE, where she built their collection from 14,000 to more than 100,000 volumes.

Palmquist also taught at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and the University of Texas. Her teaching and research focus has been on research methods for user studies, particularly cognitive approaches for representing the user's problem in an online information system. Palmquist earned her PhD from Syracuse University, her MLIS degree from the University of Iowa and her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. ■

Alumni News

Sybilla A. Cook '68 had her latest book, *Battle of the Books and More: Reading Activities for Middle School Students*, published by Highsmith Press in April; it was co-authored with **Frances Corcoran '70** and Beverley Fannesbeck.

May Anstee '86 received the TBS, Inc. Technical Services Award as an individual who has made a substantial contribution in the area of library technical services; she was recognized at the Illinois Library Association Annual Conference in Peoria, IL.

Sylvia Murphy Williams '93 was elected president of the Illinois Library Association.

Carol Stukey '93 became head of acquisitions at the Center for Research Libraries.

Mary Wilke '94 was made head of access i-Initiatives and coordinator for special projects at the Center for Research Libraries.

Judy Akalaitis '97 was featured in an article on corporate librarianship that appeared in the Spokane, WA *Spokesman-Review* on June 10, 2001.

Daniel S. Weinberg '00 is cataloger at the Gary, IN Public Library.

Camille Bowman '01 is program assistant in the American Library Association's Washington office.

Betsy Budney '01 is school media specialist at Harte Elementary School in Region 5 of the Chicago Public School system.

Marie Kiernan '01 is reference librarian at the Algonquin Area Public Library.

Lala Mitchell Rodgers '01 is a librarian I in the Chicago Public Library Fellows program.

Jone Vaznelis '01 is library media specialist at Maine East High School in Park Ridge, IL.

Student News

Deborah Ginsberg and professor **Bill Crowley** co-presented a paper titled "Intracultural Reciprocity, Information Ethics and the Survival of Librarianship in the 21st Century" at the Ethics of Electronic Information in the 21st Century (EEI21) Symposium held in Memphis, TN in October. It will be published in 2002 as part of the conference proceedings.

Christine B. Lemke is youth services librarian at the Winfield Public Library, KS.

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Karen Brown, associate professor, moderated a panel presentation, "Leading Library Cooperation in the 21st Century," at the American Library Association Annual Conference in June. She is also an advisory committee member of the Illinois State Library's LSTA (Library Services and Technology Association) grants innovation and planning initiative.

Ann Carlson, professor, contributed biographical entries on Shel Silverstein and Tomie dePaola to the *World Book Encyclopedia*, 2002 edition. She also supplied entries on Clara Ingram Judson and Bertha Parker for a new work titled *Women Building Chicago 1770-1990: A Biographical Dictionary*, published in 2001 by Indiana University Press. In addition, she presented a workshop, "Parents, Young Children and Books," for parents and caregivers in May at the Chandler Public Library in Chandler, AZ.

Bill Crowley, associate professor, published an article titled "Tacit Knowledge, Tacit Ignorance and the Future of Academic Librarianship" in the November issue of *College and Research Libraries*. The article grew out of a presentation to the workshop for academic librarians sponsored by Dominican's Center for Knowledge Management in March. His chapter "'Taught at the University on a Higher Plane than Elsewhere': The Graduate Education of Readers' Advisors" was published by Libraries Unlimited in November as part of *The Readers' Advisor's Companion*, a new work edited by Kenneth D. Shearer and Robert Burgin.

Crowley also co-authored an article with associate professor **T. Kanti Srikantaiah** titled "Global Knowledge Management and National Cultural Development: An International Perspective and Planning Checklist," which was published in the March issue of the *Indian Journal of Library and Information Science*.

Prudence Dalrymple, dean and associate professor, published "A Quarter Century of User-Centered Study: The Impact of Zweizig and Dervin on LIS Research" in the spring issue of *Library and Information Research*. She was also a special guest of the doctoral students at the School of Library and Information Studies at University of Wisconsin at Madison for a day of consultation regarding careers in LIS education. In addition, she recently presented "Using Knowledge Management to Improve Patient Care" at the annual conference of the Special Libraries Association in June and was invited to present a similar talk at the Loyola University Medical Center in October. She was a special guest of the Chicago chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries in

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Minneapolis in July and represented the Association for Library and Information Science Education at the International Federation of Library Associations meeting in Boston in August.

Barbara Herrin, associate professor, presented a workshop titled "The Tool of the Information Age—The Brain" for the Michigan Health Sciences Library Association in Mt. Pleasant, MI in early October. She recently attended the ISLMA (Illinois School Library Media Association) conference held in October.

Gertrude Koh, professor, served as the NCAPAL (National Conference on Asian Pacific American Librarians) program facilitator for "Access and Retrieval of Asian American Resources." The first conference of this type, NCAPAL was held as a preconference to the ALA annual meeting in San Francisco. She was also the speaker at the LACONI technical services meeting at the Barrington Public Library District in September, where she presented a full-day session about online cataloging tools for librarians. She continues to serve on various task forces of CC:DA (Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access), including the Task Force on ONIX International, whose interim report can be found at www.ala.org.

Johan Koren, assistant professor, presented a paper titled "The Reference Professional in the Global Portal:

Porter, Pathfinder or Pedagogue?" at the Nordic Conference on Information and Documentation in Reykjavik, Iceland last summer. He also spoke this fall at the Library School at Oslo University College in Norway and the Royal School of Library and Information Science in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Kate Marek, assistant professor, presented a collection development workshop in October to a group of more than 40 school librarians. The workshop was sponsored jointly by Elgin Community College and the North Suburban Library System.

Ruth Palmquist, visiting associate professor, served as a co-moderator for the Special Interest Group for Information Seeking and Use Research Symposium at the ASIST (American Society for Information Science and Technology) annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in November. This workshop explored innovative and effective research methods aimed at better understanding information-seeking behaviors.

T. Kanti Srikantaiah, associate professor and director of the Center for Knowledge Management, also participated in the ASIST annual meeting. He was involved in the planning session for the Special Interest Group for Knowledge Management. He has been invited to present a paper at the E-Gov Conference on Knowledge Management to be held in April 2002 in Washington,

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News (please detail family or career news, awards, promotions, etc.)

Adjunct Faculty News

William Baker co-edited with William M. Clarke *The Letters of Wilkie Collins* (Macmillan, 1999), which was named an Outstanding Academic Title by *Choice* last year. His *Twentieth-Century Bibliography and Textual Criticism: An Annotated Bibliography*, compiled with Kenneth Womack, was published by Greenwood in 2000. They also produced three volumes in the *Gale Dictionary of Literary Biography* series: "Nineteenth-Century British Book-Collectors and Bibliographers" (vol. 184, 1997), "Twentieth-Century British Book Collectors and Bibliographers" (vol. 201, 1999), and "Pre-Nineteenth-Century British Book Collectors and Bibliographers" (vol. 213, 1999). His *Wilkie Collins's Library: A Reconstruction* is forthcoming from Greenwood. He also edits *The Year's Work in English Studies* from Oxford University Press.

Anders Dahlgren was appointed as a member to the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) Section on Library Buildings and attended IFLA's August meeting in Boston.

Uri Toch was chosen to be a reviewer for *Reference Books Bulletin*, which is published as part of *Booklist*. Toch's "Core Collection: Urban Studies," a bibliographic pathfinder, appeared in the October 15 issue of *Booklist*. Toch also had a letter to the editor published in *Library Journal* (September 15, 2001) that concerned library science education and mentioned the Dominican GSLIS program.

In Memoriam

Clare De Mooy '64 died September 14 in Berrien Center, MI.

Mary Piper '74 died May 28 in Harvey, IL of complications of Alzheimer's disease; she retired in 1983 from Quaker Oats Company, where she had been the first female head librarian.



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