

# Chronicle

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## Friends Annual Dinner Meeting

The Twelfth Annual Friends of the Library Dinner Meeting will be November 19, 1985, and the speaker will be McGeorge Bundy.

Mr. Bundy is presently Professor of History at New York University. He received his education at Yale University, graduating in 1940. Serving on the Council of Foreign Relations for several years, he moved to Harvard University at a visiting lecturer in 1949, becoming Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in 1953. He served at Harvard until 1961, when he became Special Assistant to President Kennedy for National Security. He served in the same capacity for President Johnson until 1966. In 1966, Mr. Bundy became President of the Ford Foundation, where he served until 1979, when he went to New York University. *On Active Service* (1948), *Pattern of Responsibility* (1952), and *The Strength of Government* (1968) are among his works and he is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Bundy indicates that he will speak on "Soviet-American Summits in the Perspective of History," a topic to which he will bring a unique and broad perspective.

The Dinner Meeting will be held at the University Club of Nashville, with a reception beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30. A brief business meeting will feature the president's report, as well as reports by several of the committees of the Friends. Dinner will cost \$25 per person and attendees must be members of the Friends. This issue of *Chronicle* provides a current list of membership. Invitations to members of the Friends have already been mailed. Those interested in joining the Friends or in attending the Dinner meeting should call Library Administration at 322-7100.



*McGeorge Bundy, Professor of History at New York University, will speak to the Friends of the Library Annual Dinner Meeting, November 19.*



*Malcolm Getz, Associate Provost  
for Information Services and  
Technology and Director of the Jean  
and Alexander Heard Library.*

## From the Director

On July 1, 1985, I became Vanderbilt's first Associate Provost for Information Services and Technology. I am responsible for libraries and academic computing. Let me describe some of the choices the University will face in the next few years to develop creative linkages between libraries and computing services, a way of indicating why these tasks have come together in an Associate Provost's position.

Grolier has announced distribution of the *Academic American Encyclopedia* in electronic form, with a dictionary and *Facts on File* to follow soon. These materials will be distributed quarterly on magnetic tape to be mounted on local computing equipment. These are the first electronic, general purpose, full text documents being presented for mounting on-line on local equipment that have come to my attention. With suitable data communication systems, these basic reference works can be available electronically in every dormitory room and faculty office. In the past, such electronic information resources have been available by dial up service with charges ranging from \$25 to \$100 per hour. Generally, a single computer served the whole nation. At such rates, the services were used sparingly.

Now that publishers are offering such electronic documents in a format and price that make local mounting possible, it is feasible for the University to provide local access with a low cost of incremental use. If so, undergraduates and other members of the University community may come to use these electronic materials.

The University must decide how to respond to these opportunities. How many students and faculty will find microcomputers helpful tools in the intellectual enterprise? If enough do, then electronic documents may find a place on campus. Will these electronic documents offer enough advantages—ubiquity, ease of use, frequency of update—to overcome the disadvantages—limited graphics, the image quality of a screen, the lack of the typesetter's artistry?

For certain generic reference tools like dictionaries and encyclopedias, electronic sources would seem to have a place. How quickly will suitable electronic materials become available at reasonable cost? The cost of local electronic storage is expected to continue to fall and the number of publishers offering electronic documents should grow so that competition brings down costs.

How will the Library and the Computer Center respond to these challenges? The Library is concerned with the content of materials, seeking to anticipate the intellectual demands of faculty and students. The Computer Center is concerned with new ways of making information available to users. These functions are complementary. Already the Computer Center houses the Library's computer, manages the operation, supports the Library's software, and help plan electronic facilities for the Library. The Library acquires machine readable data files and stores them (off-line) in the Computer Center for user access. Librarians train people in the University to search remote on line databases. As our ACORN system opens for service, the Library will provide a new computer based service that symbolizes the interaction of libraries and computing. One of my responsibilities is to nurture these developments in ways most beneficial to the University.

## The Goldberg Library

Landscape settings have been included in works of art from as long ago as Egyptian tomb decorations and Roman villa murals. Not until the eighteenth century in England, however, did Nature as a primary subject matter in art attain ascendancy. Painters of genius and diversity of style such as J. M. W. Turner, John Constable, Thomas Gainsborough, John Sell Cotman, John Crome, and Richard Parkes Bonington specialized in landscape scenes and carried this theme above its former ancillary role.

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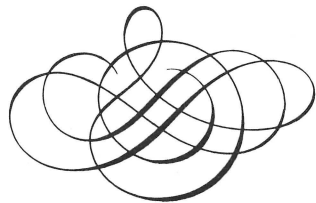
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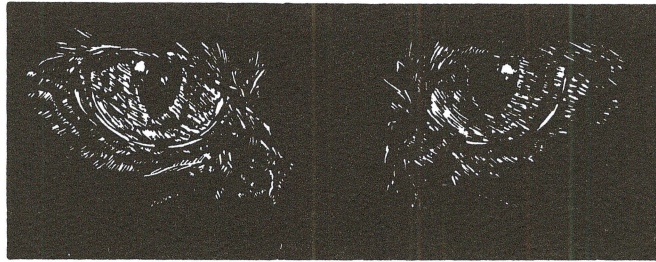
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The English manner in landscape painting has continued to exert very powerful visual, aesthetic, and intellectual appeal. So it happened that Dr. Norman J. Goldberg, a practicing physician in midtown Manhattan, came under the spell of this appeal.

After graduating from Vanderbilt Medical School in 1930, Dr. Norman Goldberg established his practice in New York. It was by a fluke, perhaps, that one day his eye was caught by a painting being displayed at one of the finest art auction houses. The particular painting which started Dr. Goldberg onto his life-long involvement in eighteenth century English landscape art was John Crome's *An Old Watermill*. He succeeded in acquiring this painting. The opportunity to study the work visually stimulated his need to know more about the artist's life and artistic milieu. This curiosity resulted in a thorough self-education in art history, the acquisition of an art library numbering over 1,500 volumes, the patient and careful selection of other works of art, and finally, the publication in 1978 of his definitive two-volume monograph on John Crome.

Dr. Goldberg remained a staunchly loyal alumnus of Vanderbilt throughout his life, and it was fully consistent with his desires that his wife, Rosalea J. Goldberg, donated his art library to Vanderbilt shortly after his death in the summer of 1982. This acquisition has made the Heard Library richer in this particular area to the point that perhaps only the Mellon Center at Yale can rival Vanderbilt's bibliographic holdings.

In order to properly store and allow use of the Goldberg Collection, a special resource within the Arts Library known as the Goldberg Research library has been created in the past year. Of special note are the portfolios of complete etchings and engravings by Crome and his associate, John Sell Cotman. With additional support, this Research Library may be built even further beyond its existing strength to provide Vanderbilt with a distinctively fine intellectual and aesthetic resource.

## Baudelaire and Pia

The Jean and Alexander Heard Library is fortunate to hold two remarkably strong collections in French literature. The W. T. Bandy Center for Baudelaire Studies, founded in 1968, contains works by and about Charles Baudelaire. This collection is the gift of Professor Emeritus William Bundy. The Pascal Pia Collection, some 12,000 volumes, is the library of the noted French literary critic.

A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, awarded in April, 1982, has supported the cataloging of every book and serial in the Baudelaire Center, as well as the development of a unique database of the bibliographic information about articles in the Center. A Department of Education Title II-C grant has allowed for the cataloging of the great majority of the books in the Pascal Pia library. Between these two collections, the Heard Library is a central and critical resource for the study of French literature.

On October 17, these two collections were officially declared open by Malcolm Getz, Director of Libraries. On this occasion, the Friends of the Library presented a most unique honorary volume of Edgar Allan Poe's *The Black Cat* to the Baudelaire Center. The edition, published by Cheloniidae Press, was designed by Alan James Robinson and Arthur Larson, illustrated with eleven wood engravings by Robinson. The full leather edition was limited to fifteen copies and is exceptionally bound and executed, with an inset of cast paper from a bas relief sculpture of the cat by Robinson. Because of the connection of Baudelaire and Poe, this is a fitting tribute to this collection.

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## Library Staff

The Jean and Alexander Heard Library benefits from the well-qualified staff who fill positions as Library Assistants. Recent profiles of these staff show that over 70% have at least four years of college, even though minimum requirements for these jobs in the past have not emphasized college education. In addition, almost 60% of these staff members have foreign language facility. Foreign language skills are important requirements for many of the upper level Library Assistant positions which may have responsibility for acquisitions, copy cataloging, and processing of materials in languages other than English.

During 1984/85, the Library participated in the Classification and Compensation Study conducted by the University. This effort provided an opportunity for examination of many of the responsibilities involved, the compensation levels, and the qualifications required for persons to perform these jobs. Important gains were made particularly in the Library Assistant positions. Recommendations for increases in pay grades for most of these jobs were implemented in September.

We are pleased that the University has rec-

ognized the important roles played in our libraries by our classified employees. We are confident that these changes, along with the commitment and energy evident among the staff, will help move the Library's programs toward excellence.

## Library Access

The Library has started making available a Day Use Card to provide library access to persons not affiliated with Vanderbilt whose research needs are intermittent. When the Library's service policy changed in June, 1984, reading and borrowing privileges could be purchased by outside users at a minimum of one month's duration. Several purchasers noted that they use the library only occasionally, and needed a longer term "library pass." The new card allows for four visits to the library in a year, and costs \$12. The user can enter any of the library's divisions on a given day, and have unlimited return entrances to that division or to other divisions during that day. This can be done four times under one card; an unlimited number of cards may be purchased. In addition, several of the divisions sell this card, making it possible for a user to gain access to the Heard Library at any time.

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