

From the Librarian

By Joseph W. Constance, Jr.

A SPECIAL APPEAL TO OUR FRIENDS


For many years the Friends of the Library organization has been one of our strongest pillars of support, helping Geisel Library to build our collection to nearly 250,000 volumes. The Friends have also helped us with special initiatives, such as the acquisition of several significant titles commemorating the day we proudly reached our 200,000th volume. These volumes pertained to the life and works of the College's patron saint, Anselm of Canterbury. These volumes became the cornerstone of our special collection for Institute for Saint Anselm Studies.



Over the past two issues we have shared with you our progress related to the integration of wireless technology and the use of notebook computers for library instruction. Presently, the Library has ten notebook computers that are used extensively by Freshman English students being introduced to Library resources. Having these computers has helped us make these sessions far more interactive in nature, something extremely important to a generation that has come of age using a computer for just about everything. The unfortunate difficulty is that we do not have enough laptops to cover the average class size, which runs about 17 students. If this program is to be truly successful, we will need to acquire an additional 10 notebook computers so that each student has his or her own machine to use when they attend a Library session.

Once again Mr. John Barry, Class of 1940 and one of the founders of the Friends, has been the first to come to our aid by donating \$2,500 toward the purchase of the additional ten notebooks. Though John, by his own admission, has little time for the cyber world, he has recognized the importance of this program to our students. His gift has provided us with a wonderful start and, as I have done so many times over the years, I must express my tremendous gratitude to John and his wife, Peg, for keeping Saint Anselm College so close to their hearts.

The total cost of acquiring the additional ten notebook computers for the Library will be \$10,000. After John's gift, that leaves us with \$7,500 to raise before our fall classes in September. If you are able to assist us in this effort, your generosity will be greatly appreciated by the entire Saint Anselm College community. Though most folks would rather give money to a library for books, the acquisition of this equipment is vital to ensuring that we continue to provide the best possible Library instruction to our students. It will help us to teach them how to use the Library properly and locate the sources that are most appropriate to their chosen field of study.

Thank you again for your continued support the of Geisel Library. As always, please feel free to call me if you have any questions or suggestions for the Friends of the Library. 



Betsy's Books

By Elizabeth Holmes, Collections/User Services Librarian

I've written in the past about the amazing Geisel Library Annual Booksale (mark your calendars – this year it is on October 21-23). For the past two years we have successfully set up a “specials” table, where we have sold rare or important books for a bit more than our standard rate of \$1.00 for hardcover, \$.50 for paperback. Now in 2005 we are embarking on yet another endeavor: Online Book Sales. From year-to-year we accumulate a significant number of books that, while not appropriate for our collection, could be a treasured find to a scholar/collector. Online sales will be another avenue to “share the wealth” (and make a few dollars for library purchases, to boot!)



As the Collections Librarian, I have had tremendous luck locating older, out-of print items for the library via the Internet. We have added many important titles for the Anselm Collection in this fashion, and have just recently picked up some classic Ethics texts to support Reference Librarian Sam Urtz's work with the Philosophy Department. In the past, librarians had to scour printed lists, write to dealers, dig through a multitude of dusty used-book shops on the weekend, and pray (a lot) in the hopes of finding needed titles. Online booksellers have been a huge boon to my collection capabilities.

We are fortunate to have on staff Carey Anderson, who in addition to her duties as evening/weekend supervisor at Geisel Library (and flying for American Airlines) operates an online bookstore specializing in children's literature. Carey will be assisting Kathy Carignan, Sue Cataldo, and myself in getting “GeiselBooks” up and running. She'll be training us on describing a book's condition (“fair” may mean wonderful when describing the weather, but it's just one step above “poor” in used-book parlance), as well as the intricacies of inventory management, shipping, pricing, etc. Whew— we'll be working on a steep learning curve in the next couple of months.

It has been an interesting process to identify the online book sales company that will be best for us to work with. There are lots of possibilities and competition: E-Bay, Half.com, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Abe, Alibris, Books-A-Million... the list goes on and on. It looks like we'll be working with Alibris, (<http://www.alibris.com/>) in part because they do not require a high volume of sales, plus our listings will also be included on Amazon.com, Borders.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

We are all looking forward to getting this new venture off the ground. I'll keep you posted with our progress in the coming months! U

The Restoration of the Enola Gay Featured Topic of St. Bede Day Dinner

By Joseph W. Constance, Jr.

Sixty years ago this summer, a B-29 bomber dropped a single bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima, the first time of only two times a nuclear weapon has been used in wartime. The bomb, code named “Little Boy” carried an explosive force equal to 13 kilotons of TNT by far the largest single explosive device in history. Detonated at 8:16 a.m. on the morning of August 6, 1945, the blast and subsequent radiation killed and seriously injured some 160,000 people, a full half of Hiroshima's population. Some 90,000 buildings were also destroyed, accompanied by 70,000 water main breaks. Fifty-five of the cities hospitals were also destroyed and 180 of Hiroshima's 200 doctors perished along with them. A few days later a second bomb, named “Fat Man” was dropped on the city of Nagasaki ending World War II.

The B-29 that dropped “Little Boy” was named the Enola Gay, after the mother of the plane's pilot, Col. Paul Tibbits. It was the most advanced bomber of its time, the apogee of propeller driven aircraft, which were soon to be displaced by jet turbines. After the war the Enola Gay, like many artifacts of World War II, fell into disrepair. It was eventually rescued for restoration and preservation by the Smithsonian Museum of Washington, D.C.



Enola Gay landing after bombing of Hiroshima.
Photo courtesy of Smithsonian Institution.

On April 14 at our St. Bede Day Dinner we are proud to announce that Mr. Bernard Poppert, Project Manager for the restoration of the Enola Gay, will be our featured speaker. He is a leading expert on aviation history,

and will present a detailed briefing on his team's efforts to preserve this important piece of history. It promises to be a most interesting evening and we hope many of you can attend. Invitations will be mailed out in March. If you are able to attend, please reply as soon as possible as seating in the President's Dining Room is limited to 40 guests. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

For more information on the restoration of the Enola Gay, see <http://www.nasm.si.edu/museum/garber/enola/enola.htm>

Quotes...

There is at least one defense against the atomic bomb. That defense lies in our mastering this science of human relationships all over the world. It is the defense of tolerance and of understanding, of intelligence and thoughtfulness."

President Harry S. Truman, May 11, 1946

Friends of the Geisel Library Winter Meeting

A Voyage Into Near Space with Bill Lee

By Joseph W. Constance, Jr.

On Wednesday, January 19, former Boston Red Sox lefthander Bill Lee appeared at the Geisel Library, the featured speaker for the Friends of the Library Winter meeting. During his major league career, Lee earned the name of "The Spaceman" for his often offbeat and provocative comments directed at the baseball establishment. Lee won seventeen games for three consecutive years and appeared in two games in the 1975 World Series between the Red Sox and Cincinnati.



Bill Lee Demonstrates Batting Stances at Friends Winter Meeting

As expected, Lee kept the audience laughing the entire evening with stories and remarks that could never have been rehearsed. While demonstrating different batting and pitching stances, he also explained the differences between hamsters and gerbils, and why former Red Sox manager Don Zimmer was truly a gerbil and not a hamster. In the course of remarking on a Red Sox-Yankees brawl in 2003, he complimented former Sox ace Pedro Martinez for "being able to grab a bowling ball (Zimmer again) by the ears" and claimed middle infielders made the poorest managers because they were basically spiteful people, (guess who, again) unlike pitchers who were fundamentally benevolent and sane. He also instructed younger members of the audience in the art of pitchers' self-defense, a good thing to know if batters ever charged the mound.

Lee, a resident of Craftsbury, Vermont, also believed television and not steroids was the greatest threat to baseball, admitting that various trainers had injected him with all kinds of substances so that he could compete through injuries. Lee prophesied that his grandson would someday be a great major league pitcher. He also labeled former Twins star Tony Oliva as the best hitter he had ever faced. Lee spoke to the audience about his life after the major leagues, which included stints in the Senior League in Florida, hundreds of benefit games, instructional events of all kinds, and radio and TV appearances that are still a big part of his life. Lee is the author of *The Little Red Sox Book* (2003) where quotes such as, "Remember that the earth is a hanging curveball and God is doing what he wants with it"

abound. He has a new work coming out in February which promises to be every bit as irrational and quotable.

Lee provided a great evening of entertainment for the Friends, visiting and signing autographs for the audience long after finishing his performance on our mound. We hope someday the mothership will bring him back to us for even more entertainment.

Quotable Quotes from the "Spaceman"

Immortality...

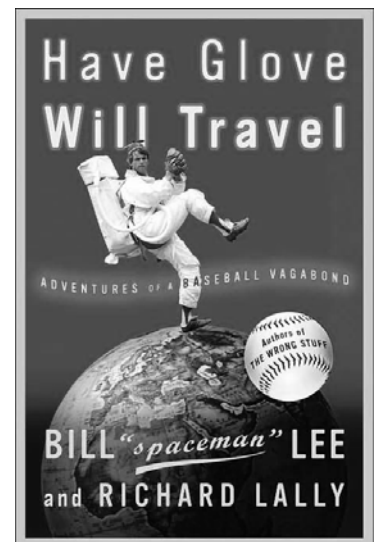
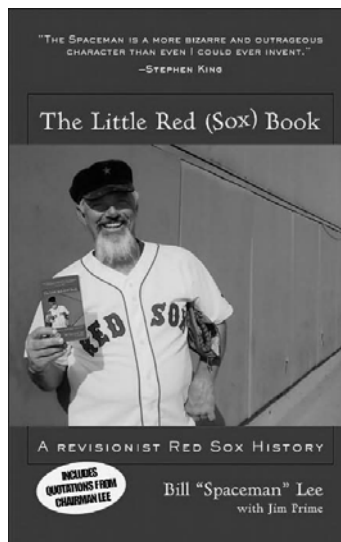
"I'm mad at Hank (Aaron) for deciding to play one more season. I threw him his last home run and thought I'd be remembered forever. Now, I'll have to throw him another."

Baseball Reverence...

"You should enter a ballpark the way you enter a church."

Southpaw Science...

"You have two hemispheres in your brain - a left and a right side. The left side controls the right side of your body and right controls the left half. It's a fact. Therefore, left-handers are the only people in their right minds."



Government Documents at the Geisel Library

By Beth Bloomquist, Head Cataloger, Technical Services

Geisel Library has been a depository for U.S. Government Documents since 1963, serving the 1st Congressional District of New Hampshire. As a member of the Federal Depository Library Program, Geisel Library receives free publications produced by the Federal Government and makes them available to the college community and the public.

The Federal Depository Library Program began with the Act of 1813, which ensured that one copy of the House, and Senate Journals and other congressional documents were given to certain universities and other libraries. The program has grown in number of libraries and amount of documents published, but the principles underlying the program have remained the same: to ensure that the public is well informed of the policies and activities of its government; to ensure that the public has a right to the information contained within the government documents and to ensure wide availability of the publications.



Geisel Library is a “selective” depository in that the library chooses which categories of federal publications to receive. The Library receives about 15% of all documents published by the U.S. government, including congressional hearings and committee prints, White House publications, court rulings, and executive departmental reports.

The government materials received include CIA country maps, USGS topographic maps, census materials, economic statistics, databases on CD-ROMs, and electronic materials available on the World Wide Web. There are historical studies by the U.S. Army, educational policies and reports, geological and environmental reports. As the bulk of government documents grew, the GPO began issuing many reports in microfiche, and Geisel Library has several file cabinets of this type of material.

Increasingly, the GPO is making the publications available online through the World Wide Web, which will mean that Geisel Library may not actually house the materials, but as a depository library, will continue to be responsible for providing guidance and assistance to all who want to access these electronic US government materials.

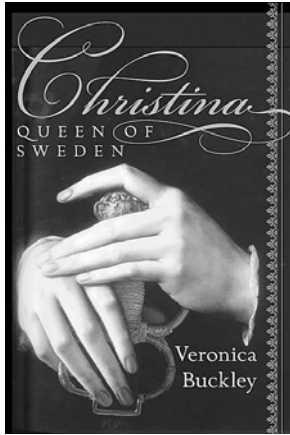
The library staff has begun an accelerated effort to catalog all of the US government documents, to make them accessible through the library’s online catalog. All of the printed and electronic publications are cataloged, as are most of the reports on microfiche. When the Federal Government documents are cataloged, the library’s cataloging staff will work on the State of New Hampshire documents. The majority of the US government documents are shelved in a special area on the lower level of Geisel Library, but some are classed by subject matter and can be found in Reference and the General Collection. k

Library Facts <i>End of Year Totals</i> 2003-2004			
<i>Library Usage</i>		<i>Interlibrary Loan</i>	
Patrons	116,623	Request to SAC	
Collection Use by Patrons	30,935	Books Filled	1,493
		Articles Filled	1,851
		Total Filled Request to SAC	3,344
<i>Collections</i>			
Total Titles in Library	174,464	Request by SAC	
Total Volumes in Library	227,995	Books Filled	1,167
Total Audio-Visual Collection	4,653	Articles Filled	3,060
		Total Filled Request by SAC	4,227
Total Maps in Library	1,027	<i>Library Instruction</i>	
Books Repaired (in house)	466	Classes	96
		Students	2,235

Book Review

Reviewed by Martha Dickerson, Head of Circulation

Buckley, Veronica. *Christina, Queen of Sweden: The Restless Life of a European Eccentric*. Published by Fourth Estate/HarperCollins, 2004, 370 pp.



Queen Christina of Sweden hit Europe like a tornado. She was eccentric, even by odd standards of 17th century European royalty. The Queen of the Goths, Vandals and Swedes was born on a bitter cold evening in 1626, and mistakenly declared a boy. Her father, King Gustav Adolf, was desperate for an heir. Six years later, her father died, and Christina was proclaimed queen.

Christina's mother refused to allow the King to be buried for 19 months, and even then, retained his heart, which was encased and hung over the bed where she and her daughter slept. Her mother's peculiar nature provided a foreshadowing of Christina's future behavior.

The young queen dabbled in everything from music to astrology, history, and art. She compelled Descartes to attend her at court, sending a Swedish militia to collect him from France. She was disappointed upon meeting him, stating that he didn't *look* like a great man, even though he had his hair curled for the occasion. She insisted that Descartes participate in a ballet, and perversely demanded that he tutor her in philosophy at 5 a.m. In her bone-chilling castle, he caught pneumonia and died.

It was said that Christina was sexually ambiguous, and she led a life replete with scandal. She often cut her hair short and strapped on a sword. Twice, while visiting Hamburg, she returned from her frolics so late that the city gates had to be opened for her.

The Queen refused to marry, and eventually abdicated the throne to her cousin Karl Gustav, after destroying the Swedish economy with her extravagance. She converted to Catholicism and spent her last years in Rome, stirring plots and conspiracies. The Pope considered her excommunication, but eventually decided against it.

Buckley does a superb job of portraying a complex character that bored easily and always longed for more adventure. The cold land of Sweden has certainly produced a colorful character. ✂

What Books Are Owned the Most?

By Judy Romein, Head of Reference

What book is most widely owned by libraries? If you guessed *The Census*, you'd be right. The Bible is second. There is a new list of the 1,000 most owned books by libraries worldwide. To review the entire list logon to OCLC at <http://www.oclc.org/research/top1000/complete.htm>.

The list, compiled by the OCLC Online Computer Library Center, of which the Geisel Library is a member, contains many titles on the list. It includes a few recently published works as well as those that have been around for a long time. How far down the list can you get before you run into things you have not read? I got to #161, *Pictures at an Exhibition*, by Modest Mussorgsky

You can also find out which libraries in your vicinity own items in the list. Clicking the "Find in a Library" icon just below each item takes you to a page where you can enter your ZIP code. A finder service retrieves a list of nearby libraries that have the item in their catalogs. In many cases, a hot link is provided that will take you to the selected library's catalog page or in some cases directly to the library's bibliographic record for the item. ✂

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