

Harvard's Widener Library has received a \$17 million gift from Katherine B. Loker. The bulk of the gift will support the campaign for the Harvard libraries and make possible critical renovations of Widener Library. Loker, who gave \$10 million to make possible the Katherine Bogdanovich Loker Commons, a popular gathering spot, is the widow of alumnus, Donald P. Loker (1925). Loker has said of her philanthropy at Harvard and other institutions (notably her alma mater, the University of Southern California), "I would rather give to support education than almost anything else."

Southwest Missouri State University Libraries has received a \$58,620 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to arrange, describe, and catalog 18 selected collections from the Ozarks Labor Union Archives. The 18-month project will also improve access to the collections by creating and marking up finding aids into the SGML/HTML format for use on the Web. The collections, totaling 430 linear feet, were selected for their regional and statewide significance, comprehensiveness, physical condition, and contents regarding working class history, women's history, and underdocumented trades.

Portland State University's Branford Price Millar Library has received funding for the last year of a three-year Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant totaling \$32,000. The purpose of the grant is to expand access to the library's Arabic vernacular resources. The grant funds retrospective conversion efforts and sharing of selected print material with the public Multnomah County Library System.

The Henry Madden Library at California State University, Fresno, received \$100,000 from Basketball Coach Jerry Tarkanian and his wife, Lois. The couple established the Jerry and Lois Tarkanian Book Fund with their donation. Coach

Tarkanian also announced a fundraising partnership between the Fresno State Basketball program and the library called "Baskets for Books," which will ensure that the book fund is replenished every year.

The John B. Cade Library at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, received a grant for \$78,700 from the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund Grant to enhance electronic research and provide more electronic educational support for the students, faculty, and staff.

Smith College received an \$800,000 gift from the estate of scholarly antiquarian bookseller William Salloch to be used to support the rare book program in the Neilson Library. Smith College was chosen from a field of eligible institution not only because of its long-term commercial relationship with Salloch, but primarily because of its active use of rare books and manuscripts in the undergraduate curriculum. Salloch fled Germany in the late 1930s and operated a successful rare book business in Westchester County until his death in 1990. He was known in the trade and among librarians as a bookseller of deep erudition and a specialist of incunabula and 16th-century printed books.

Warren Wilson College has received a \$2 million gift that increases the four-year Centennial Campaign total to \$25,619,144. Rob Pew of Fletcher, North Carolina, announced that he will make the gift for the renovation and expansion of the Warren Wilson College Library in honor of his wife, Shelley, a college trustee since 1989. The improvements will include new personal computer hook-ups, environmentally sensitive lighting systems, loft areas for study, and better handicap access. A new heating and cooling system that uses hydrothermal

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technology and a natural spring located under the building will also be added.

Acquisitions

Poet William Meredith's papers have been acquired by the Charles E. Shain Library at Connecticut College (CC). The papers reflect his many literary friendships and associations from the 1950s to the present. His book, *Effort at Speech*, won the 1997 National Book Award for Poetry. Now 79, Meredith taught at CC until his retirement, was Consultant in Poetry at the Library of Congress (1978–80), and was coexecutor of the literary estate of W. H. Auden. In 1979 he was awarded the International Vaptsarov Literary Prize in Sofia, Bulgaria, and subsequently edited, with Denise Levertov and others, a collection of Bulgarian poetry in translation.

Union Pacific Railroad has donated an archival collection to the Department of Special Collections at the University of Southern California Libraries. The gift documents the growth and development of a portion of the coastal area of Southern California encompassing present-day Long Beach, Wilmington, Terminal Island, and San Pedro. Documents in the collection, which date from the 1870s to the 1950s, reveal the land's uses and what it looked like in its natural state. Manuscripts in the collection show how the area was transformed step by step into fishing wharves, passenger docks, a U.S. Navy shipyard, and a military port.

Charles E. Peterson has established The Peterson Archive and Library of Early American Building Technology and Historic Preservation at the University of Maryland Libraries, College Park. Peterson, an architectural historian, restorationist, and planner, donated his books and papers and financial support for cataloging these materials. Through this gift, the university libraries will be able to enhance its growing collection of historic preservation documentation, initiated in 1986 with the acquisition of the National Trust for Historic Preservation Library Collection.

Papers of Hermine Dalkowitz Tobolowsky, known to many as the "Mother of the Texas ERA," are now available at the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech University. Tobolowsky, who died in 1995, is best known for her efforts that led to the passage of the Texas Equal Rights Amendment, which was ratified in 1972 after being introduced in 1959. The collection consists of 14 boxes of printed material documenting the campaign for women's equality between 1932–95.

The papers of Arthur A. Collins (1909–1987), founder and president of Collins Radio Company in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, have been deposited at the University of Iowa Libraries. The company began producing amateur radio equipment in 1933. Later Collins expanded to other specialized areas of electronics, including aviation, navigation, broadcast, and general communications. During World War II, Collins Radio supplied electronic equipment for airplanes and ships. When Admiral Richard E. Byrd planned his expedition to Antarctica (1933–1934), he selected Collins to build transmitters that would enable him to make live broadcasts to America from the South Pole. Filling 33 boxes with documents covering the years 1932 through the late 1970s, the collection provides historically significant records of a major area employer.

Correspondence between Indonesian adolescents and psychology professor Sarlito Wirawan Sarwono (who has become Southeast Asia's own "Dr. Ruth") is now available at the Cornell University Library. The records of Sahabat Remaja, which means "Friend of Youth," a program created to answer teenagers' questions about sexuality and relationships, have been added to the Cornell Library's Human Sexuality Collection and the John Echols Collection on Southeast Asia. The program originally offered a phone line to answer the young people's questions. Later, a magazine began publishing a weekly column called "Sahabat Remaja" in which letters from Indonesia youths were published anonymously with answers from Sarwono and his assistants, usually students of the Universitas Indonesia psychology department. ■

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