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News of the Library and Library Associates

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

A special excitement was in the air at the Annual Members' Meeting and Luncheon on April 28, 1978, at the University Club. Though it was the first event of Library Associates' twenty-fifth year, the excitement was caused by the delight of the Syracuse members in seeing an old friend and former vice-president of Syracuse University, Dr. Frank P. Piskor. Dr. Piskor, who is now president of St. Lawrence University, seemed equally pleased to see his old friends.

Mr. J. Leonard Gorman, executive editor, presented the *Syracuse Post-Standard* Award for Distinguished Service to the Syracuse University Libraries for 1977 to Dr. Piskor. The citation read as follows:

Frank Peter Piskor

Bibliophile, scholar, teacher, university president, you have put your mark on Syracuse University as well as St. Lawrence University.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa at Middlebury College you came to the Maxwell School in 1939. You were a counselor until 1941 when you became director of freshman counselling. At age twenty-seven you were named Acting Dean of Men, and you served brilliantly as Dean of Men for ten years until you were made Vice-President for Academic Affairs. Later you became Vice-Chancellor and Provost.

A gifted teacher you continued your work in the classroom throughout the thirty years you served the university, rising from the rank of instructor to that of professor in 1959.

As the ranking academic officer of the university, you presided over the Council of Deans. You interviewed all candidates for appointment to the faculty from the rank of assistant professor to professor. As chairman of the Committee on Faculty Promotions, you were the controlling voice on sabbatical leaves, promotions and tenure. Few university administrators have matched your knowledge and understanding of all the members of the faculty or your concern for their growth and welfare.

A prodigious worker, completely dedicated, you were an educator with imagination and vision and an administrator with fairness and sensitivity to individual needs. Students and faculty trusted and loved you, as you loved and trusted them.

Despite the long working hours of seven day weeks you found time to read widely, to collect rare books and build notable collections of Robert Frost and other poets, as well as a unique collection of histories of American colleges and universities.

Together with the needs of the faculty you put the needs of the university library; and you gave to the building of our library collections the same priority you gave to the building of distinguished departments within the schools and colleges.

You also played a leading role in the development of our notable collections in the Fine Arts.

When the opportunity came to go to St. Lawrence University in 1969 it was a heavy loss to Syracuse University.

Your success there has been what we were confident it would be. You are now among the most respected college presidents in the nation.

We are grateful that despite the many calls on your time and service you have continued to be active in support of the Library Associates which has had your interest and support from its inception.

We deem it especially appropriate that on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Library Associates, the *Post-Standard* Award for Distinguished Service to the Syracuse University Libraries should be presented to Frank Peter Piskor.

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Dr. Piskor spoke on "Of Collectors, Special Collections, and Libraries." The text of his talk will be printed in the next issue of *The Courier*.

A Syracuse University Press Award-Winning Book

Once again the Syracuse University Press has received awards for one of its publications. The book, *Wood: Structure and Identification*, was given an award of distinction in the International Society for Technical Communication publications competition in May 1978. The work, by Professors Wilfred A. Cote, Jr., Arnold C. Day, and Harold A. Core, also received the "Communication of the Year" award for 1978 from the Central New York Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication.

Mrs. Arpena Mesrobian, who is on the Publication Board of *The Courier*, is director of the Syracuse University Press.

Trustees' Annual Meeting

The trustees held their Annual Meeting on May 5, at the home of Dr. Benjamin J. Lake.

Mr. Metod Milac, assistant director of libraries, presented a report on behalf of the director of libraries, Mr. Donald C. Anthony, who could not be present. The libraries have several large projects in progress: (1) an evaluation of all collections, (2) the recataloging of the Ranke and Novotny libraries, (3) a very large manuscript processing project. The latter two are special projects using money from grants.

Among committee reports, the success of the Program Committee was outstanding with attendance of 115 to 120 at each event. Programs were presented by Dr. Frank Macomber, Professor Mary H. Marshall, Professor Antje B. Lemke, Archivist Amy Doherty (all of Syracuse University), and Dr. Frank P. Piskor.

An Antiquarian Book Auction is planned for October 13, as previously announced, but there will be no book fair. Mr. Sid Wechter, auction committee chairman, emphasized the importance of quality donations for the success of the auction.

The following trustees were elected to the Class of 1981: Mr. Henry S. Bannister, Mr. Sol Feinstone, Mr. David A. Fraser, Dr. Benjamin J. Lake, Mr. Frank C. Love, Mrs. Roscoe C. Martin, Mr. John S. Mayfield, Mr. Chester Soling, Mrs. Lyman J. Spire, Mr. Sidney Wechter.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Reception

To celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding, Library Associates held a reception at the home of Chancellor and Mrs. Melvin A. Eggers on May 21, at 3:00 P.M. More than one hundred-fifty members and friends enjoyed the hospitality of the Eggers and heard a musical program by pianist Kevin Moore. On display was a complete run of *The Courier* (sixty issues) from 1958-1978, making a colorful record of Library Associates' growth. There was also a scrapbook showing the twenty-three *Post-Standard* Awards for Distinguished Service to the Syracuse University Libraries.

Mr. Ed Kuekes, Pulitzer-Prize-winner cartoonist, now retired from the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, sent a special greeting in the form of an original cartoon for the silver anniversary, which was the center of the display. Mr. Kuekes's papers are in the George Arents Research Library for Special Collections at Syracuse University.

Mr. Mayfield Cited

Mr. John S. Mayfield has received the Sir Thomas More Medal for Book Collecting from the Gleeson Library Associates at the University of San Francisco. The citation mentioned Mr. Mayfield's work as a scholar as well as a collector.

Mr. Mayfield's lecture at the presentation ceremonies was entitled *Deo Favente Auribus Teneo Lupum* which translates (as printed in the program for the meeting) "With God's favor I have a wolf by the ears."

Mr. Mayfield is secretary to the Board of Trustees of Library Associates and a former editor of *The Courier*.

More Honors

Honors continue to come to Mr. Walter L. Welch, curator of the Syracuse University Audio Archive and Edison Re-recording Laboratory. The president of Colombia recently awarded him the title of "Caballero" (the equivalent of being knighted) for his work in the restoration of the recorded voice of Rufino Jose Cuervo, the distinguished Latin-American philologist. Mr. Welch also was one of eighty-two recipients of a priceless original Metal Master record, made by Thomas Alva Edison, for assistance given the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation "in furthering its goals of advancing science and engineering education."

Another Syracusan, Mr. Robert G. Koolakian, director of the Canal Museum, also received the Diamond Disc Metal Master Award for his long association in special projects with the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation and his participation in the special programs at Syracuse University's Audio Archive.

Albert Schweitzer Papers

Donations are being sought to complete the purchase of a special group of Albert Schweitzer papers for Syracuse University. The manuscripts consist of over four hundred-fifty letters and thirty-four notebooks containing lectures and other materials from 1941 to 1965, the year of Schweitzer's death.

Contributions may be made to Syracuse University Library Associates, 611 Bird Library, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, 13210. Checks should indicate that the gift is for the Schweitzer papers.

Another Silver Anniversary

Mr. John De Pol, who in 1956 designed Library Associates' familiar symbol, a woodcut of three bookmen in a library, is mentioned in "The American Printing History Association Letter" January-February, 1978:

The recently issued Franklin Keepsake volume, *My Dear Girl II*, the twenty-fifth in this highly regarded series, was illustrated with wood engravings by John De Pol. It was a silver anniversary for Mr. De Pol as well as for the series, for he has illustrated all of these charming books since the inception of the series in 1953 — a truly remarkable record.

New Members

Syracuse University and Library Associates welcome the following new members who have joined between March 1 and June 1, 1978:

Eleanor A. Ealy
Nina L. Edwards
Robert E. Graham
Nansie Jensen

Jean G. Pitt
Marilyn Ratner
Eileen Snyder
Vera I. Schwartz

A Gift from Germany

Dr. Marie-Cecile Schulte-Strathaus, cultural affairs officer of the West German Consulate in New York City and Dr. Christoph Wecker, executive director of the German Cultural Institute, presented over one hundred volumes of the *Monumenta Germaniae Historica* to the Leopold von Ranke Collection at Syracuse University. They are the gift of the official German research agency, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, and complete the set of over three hundred volumes in the Ranke library.

The *Monumenta Germaniae Historica* is the "most important collection of source materials relating to the medieval empire (Germany and Italy)," according to Professor James M. Powell, director of the Ranke Collection cataloging project. The set consists of different series. They include *Scriptores* (narrative chronicles, annals, etc.), *Leges*, and *Epistolae*. Part of the *Monumenta* was in the Ranke Collection when it was acquired. Some volumes had been added before the generous gift from Germany, including those purchased with a gift from Library Associates.

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