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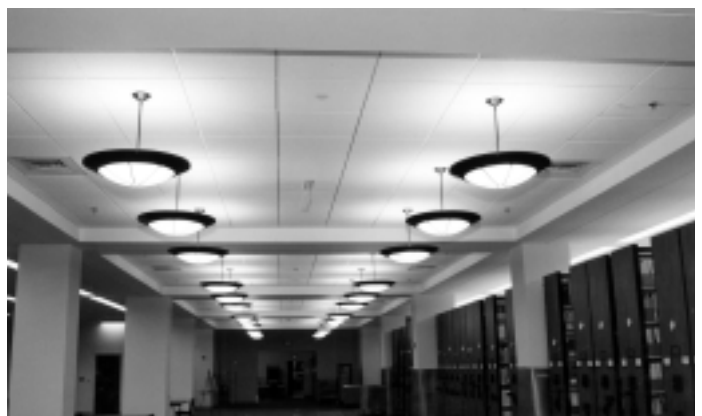
*Swem
 Addition
 Opens!*

October 4 was a landmark day for Swem Library as the ground floor of the new addition opened. A banner proclaiming "It's Open" hung over the Library entrance.

Handsomely appointed with carpeting, compact shelving with cherry end panels, modern lighting, and terrazzo-floored rotundas, the new facility marks a major step forward not only because it provides expanded space for the ever-growing collections but also because it provides immensely improved work space for several Library departments. The large windows make the new space an especially inviting place in which to study. Many study tables dating from the opening of the "new" Library in 1966 have been outfitted with new larger writing surfaces mounted on the original table base.

Current issues of serials/periodicals and some of the books which were formerly on the second and third floors of the original building are now located on the ground floor of the addition. The Reference and Government Information departments have moved eastward on the first floor with all government publications now directly accessible on open shelves. Interlibrary Services remains on the ground floor and occupies spacious new quarters. All oversized volumes have been removed to shelving on the ground floor of the original building formerly occupied by special collections. This allows for greater efficiencies in shelving the remaining volumes.

Meanwhile plans are underway to begin renovating the second and third floors of the original building. The books have been moved to the new facility and the shelving has been temporarily dismantled and sent to storage.





From the Dean

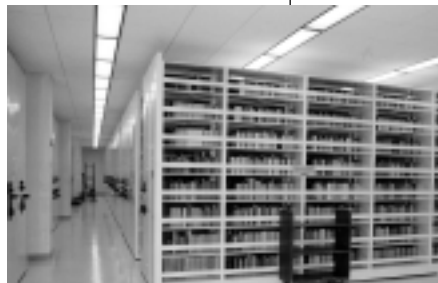
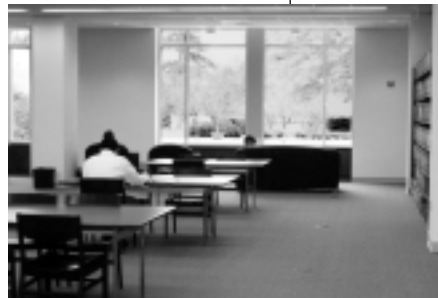
The first “great book move” of the expansion and renovation project has begun. Kloke Movers, a professional moving company, shifted the A and N classifications to the rear of the ground floor where the Special Collections stacks used to be located. Other collections have been moved into compact shelving units on the ground floor of the addition and soon more will be moved into shelving on the second and third floors of the new building. During the course of our renovation phase, over 1.2 million volumes will be relocated. Most of the collections will be moved twice by the time that we finish the project in the academic year 2003/2004.

The library addition provides 100,000 sq. ft. of beautiful, well-lighted reader space and high density shelving on four floors. The first floor will serve as general reader space for this academic year. Also this year, renovation will take place in the current building. By next summer, circulation services will be transferred to the first floor addition and renovation will take place on the ground and first floors of the present building.

I invite you to come take a walk in the new Swem Library as it is beginning to take shape!

Besides bringing you the news of the building project, this issue recognizes our special donors of the past year. It is our way of publicly saying “thank you” to our supporters. Financial gifts give us the flexibility to support a number of programs; purchasing needed library collections, supporting training and staff development activities, and sponsoring student and Friends of the Libraries events. In addition, donors provide books and manuscripts from their own collections to enrich Swem Library.

To all of our donors, I offer a very heartfelt thanks!



Library Receives Papers of Two Alumni

Mark Morpurgo, of London, recently presented to the Library the papers of his father, Jack Eric Morpurgo (1918-2000) a member of the Class of 1938 who was the first British graduate of the College. Active in publishing in the 1960s at Penguin Books, he established the London alumni chapter in 1968, and was a recipient of the Alumni Medallion. Among his many books were *Their Majesties Royall Colledge* (1976) and *Master of None* (1990), the latter being his autobiography. He was also a Professor of American Literature at the University of Leeds. The Morpurgo Papers include correspondence with many prominent contemporaries including Edmund Blunden and D. W. Brogan. In September 2001, Nan Powell Hodges '51 added to the Morpurgo Papers her correspondence with Morpurgo covering the years 1978 to 2000.

The papers of John Wills Tuthill, Class of 1932 have been donated to the Library by Mrs. Tuthill. A quarterback during his college years, Tuthill was named a *Sports Illustrated* Special All American in 1956. An aide to General George C. Marshall in 1947, he served as the United States Ambassador to the European Economic Community and, from 1966 to 1969, as our Ambassador to Brazil. He received the Alumni Medallion from the College in 1968 and an honorary LLD in 1978. He was the author of several books on banking and foreign economic relations. His autobiography, *Some Things to Some Men: Serving in the Foreign Service*, appeared in 1996. He passed away last year.

Connie Kearns McCarthy

Staff Honored at Recognition Breakfast Sponsored by the Friends

The sixth annual Staff Recognition Breakfast, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, was held at the University Center on May 15. "Length of Service" awards are given for every five years of service and this year the following individuals were recognized: Margaret Cook, Manuscripts and Rare Books, 35 years; Berna Heyman, Academic Services and Automation, 30 years; Susan Riggs, Manuscripts and Rare Books, 15 years; and Cynthia Dellaposta, Government Information, 10 years. Ten staff members received Outstanding Achievement Awards for creative contributions, exceptional service, ideas for improving work methods and for cost reduction or avoidance, innovation, initiative, and excellence in work performance. The recipients were Hope Yelich; the team of Natasha McFarland, Kathryn Blue, and Trish Kearns; Nancy Hadley; Trish Kearns; Cyndi Mack; Chandi Singer; and the team of Katherine McKenzie, Jessica

Fischer, and Stacy Gould.

"The Paraprofessional of the Year" and "The Librarian of the Year" awards recognize overall and sustained excellence in quality of work and outstanding commitment to the job, the Library and the College, and/or exemplary completion of a special project. The recipients should possess the attributes of leadership, vision, creativity, innovation, initiative, and flexibility. This year the "Librarian of the Year" is Bettina Manzo, Reference Librarian in the Reference Department, and the "Paraprofessional of the Year" is Glendora James, Library Specialist in the Cataloging Department. Each of these individuals received a check for \$500 and a plaque.

In nominating Glendora, her colleagues noted that Glendora can always be counted on when there is a job that needs to be done. They commended her for reducing the cataloging backlog in anticipation of loss of storage space and her department's upcoming move



to temporary quarters. Her work overseeing a project of labelling thousands of oversize books for removal to a separate shelving area, "a daunting task," was particularly noteworthy.

The staff members who nominated Bettina called her "one of the most energetic and innovative librarians at Swem." She was praised for establishing a workshop for graduate students employed as research assistants to faculty members and for establishing an electronic newsletter for faculty in Theatre Arts which includes lists of new books in that discipline. She also was commended for her work as chair of a committee which looked at issues relating to microforms and made recommendations that will enhance patron access.

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Recent Acquisitions relating to the Civil War

The Shuler Library Endowment for materials relating to the Civil War enabled the Library to bid successfully at auction late in 2000 for the Peters Brothers Papers. The collection is comprised of 46 letters written between 1861 and 1864 by Emanuel, Jacob, and Franklin Peters who were members of the 49th Regiment, Pennsylvania State Volunteers. The letters were written from several Virginia localities including Brandy Station, Winchester, and Middletown as well as Harper's Ferry and Washington, D. C.

A pencil drawing entitled, "The Only Union Lady in Williamsburg, May 6th, 1862" was acquired in March 2001. The drawing was most likely executed by a Northern soldier the day the Union Army troops oc-

cupied the city. Under the image of a young woman wearing a blouse with large ruffles and a large hoop skirt and carrying an open parasol on her right shoulder, is the inscription: "Soldier Drawing. This likeness is presented to Governor Morgan of New York by Lewis Post of Lower Seneca Co. N. Y. to whom it was originally given. Williamsburg College Hospital, William & Mary May 26, 1862. With respects of L.P. (Miss Bowden?)" The image is probably Mary A. Bowden who was evidently the only woman in Williamsburg to show her support for the occupying troops. She was 15 years old in the 1860



census. Her father was Mayor of Williamsburg and is known to have supported the Union. She lived in the house which still stands today at the northeast corner of Duke of Gloucester and Nassau streets, next to the Bruton Parish churchyard. Lewis Post, of Lodi, New York, which is in Seneca County, was a volunteer surgeon. The Lewis Post Collection in the Cornell University Library includes his diary for 1862 (and two cigars!), but alas, the entries for the month of May make no mention of Williamsburg.



Nancy Marshall, Dean of University Libraries 1986-1997, presents the first volumes from her extensive collection of editions of Clement Moore's A Visit from St. Nicholas to John Haskell, Associate Dean of Administrative Services and Director of Manuscripts and Rare Books.

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