

Friends of the Smith College Libraries



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Dear Friends,

We will soon mark the FSCL's sixtieth anniversary with a special program on Friday, April 12. Our annual meeting will feature a lecture by Jill Ker Conway entitled *Telling Stories about Women's Lives: Biography, Memoir and Archives*. The lecture will take place at 2:30 p.m. in Wright Hall Auditorium. A book signing and reception will follow in the Neilson Browsing Room. Two special exhibits will also be on view.

About our Speaker

Jill Ker Conway needs little introduction to the Friends and alumnae of Smith College. Born in Hillston, New South Wales, she studied history at the University of Sydney and at Harvard where she received her Ph.D. in 1969. She served as Vice-President for Internal Affairs at the University of Toronto before becoming President of Smith College in 1975. In addition to her own three acclaimed memoirs, *The Road from Coovain*, *True North* and *A Woman's Education*, she has edited three volumes of anthology of women's autobiography from around the world. Her views on the self-narrative are outlined in *When Memory Speaks, Reflections on Autobiography*, published in 1998. Mrs. Conway has published extensively as a women's history scholar and has also delved into the field of fiction with *Overnight Float* written with Elizabeth Kennon under the pseudonym of Clare Munnings. Mrs. Conway continues to focus on women's issues in her teaching at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and as a director of a number of major American companies. Through Global Alliance of Workers and Communities, which she helped create, she seeks to improve the working conditions of women in the Third World. Most recently Mrs. Conway was named chairman of Lend Lease Corporation. She has been a longtime supporter and member of the Friends of the Libraries.

Parking

Visitor parking is available in the new Parking Garage on West Street adjacent to Garrison Hall. You may park on the white or blue lines on levels 2, 3 or 4. Please display your invitation on the dashboard (driver's side) to avoid getting ticketed.

60TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITS

April through May 2002

Telling Stories About Women's Lives: Biography, Memoir, and Archives, a companion exhibit to Jill Ker Conway's lecture. Morgan Gallery, Neilson Library

Making a Difference: Sixty Years of Friends Support featuring treasures from the collections given by Friends. Book Arts Gallery, Neilson Library

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

The Glass Coffin: Framing Snow White.

Thursday, April 25, 2002, 7:30 p.m.,
Neilson Browsing Room

Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Elizabeth W. Harries will give a talk about various late twentieth century versions of Snow White. Professor Harries latest book is *Twice Upon a Time: Women Writers and the History of the Fairy Tale*.

FSCL Commencement Reception

Saturday, May 18, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.,
Mortimer Rare Book Room

Honors graduating student library assistants and welcomes back alumnae.

Tour of Library Special Collections

Saturday, May 25, 2:00 p.m.,
Learn about the collections in the Mortimer Rare Book Room, College Archives and Sophia Smith Collection. Reception to follow in the Alumnae gym.

Friends Support for the Libraries

In fiscal year 2001 the Friends contributed:

- \$10,000 for library acquisitions, including the complete works of Shakespeare on DVD and the first complete edition of Johann Sebastian Bach's work on CD (a 172 CD set).
- \$5,000 to the **FSCL Library Preservation Fund** in honor of Mary Pinney '58 AC '80.
- \$2,500 to the **Library Technology Fund** established by Marjorie Lamberti '59. Please note that these two funds are very worthy of your support.
- A program to promote staff health and wellbeing.
- A hydro-thermograph to track humidity and temperature in the Alumnae Gymnasium.

Fall Programs

Last fall, the FSCL contributed to two very successful programs organized through the Alumnae Association. On September 7th a tribute to Anne Morrow Lindbergh '28 featured English professor Susan Van Dyne who talked about Lindbergh's feminism in "A Journey towards Insight" and Reeve Lindbergh who read from her recent work *No More Words, A Journal of My Mother, Anne Morrow Lindbergh*.

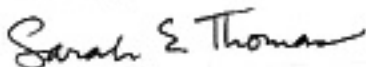
On October 4th in New York City, American studies professor Daniel Horowitz interviewed author and critic Carolyn Heilbrun. This memorable evening event was organized in collaboration with the Smith College Club of New York.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who made gifts to the Libraries this year of dues, contributions to endowed funds, and materials. Your generosity helps define the Smith College Libraries and in this anniversary year, I hope you will continue to remain involved with this essential part of a Smith education.

I look forward to meeting many of you for our special program on April 12, and I encourage you to come early in order to view the two exhibits specially planned for the event.

Sincerely,



Sarah E. Thomas '70
Chair

P.S. Information about Friends' events can also be found online at www.smith.edu/libraries/info/friends.

New Endowment

A new library fund was recently established by Josef H. Wiehr in memory of his father, professor emeritus of German, Josef Wiehr. This fund will provide income in support of the teaching and study of the German language and literature.

Lucia Krompart Memorial Gifts

Donations to the Friends made by the family and friends of the late Lucia Krompart '81 will be used to purchase mathematics books for the Young Science Library.

Remembering Vernon Gotwals

Professor emeritus of music Vernon Gotwals died on January 12, 2002. The college organist and a faculty member from 1952 to 1984, he was also a loyal member of the Friends for over forty years.

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