

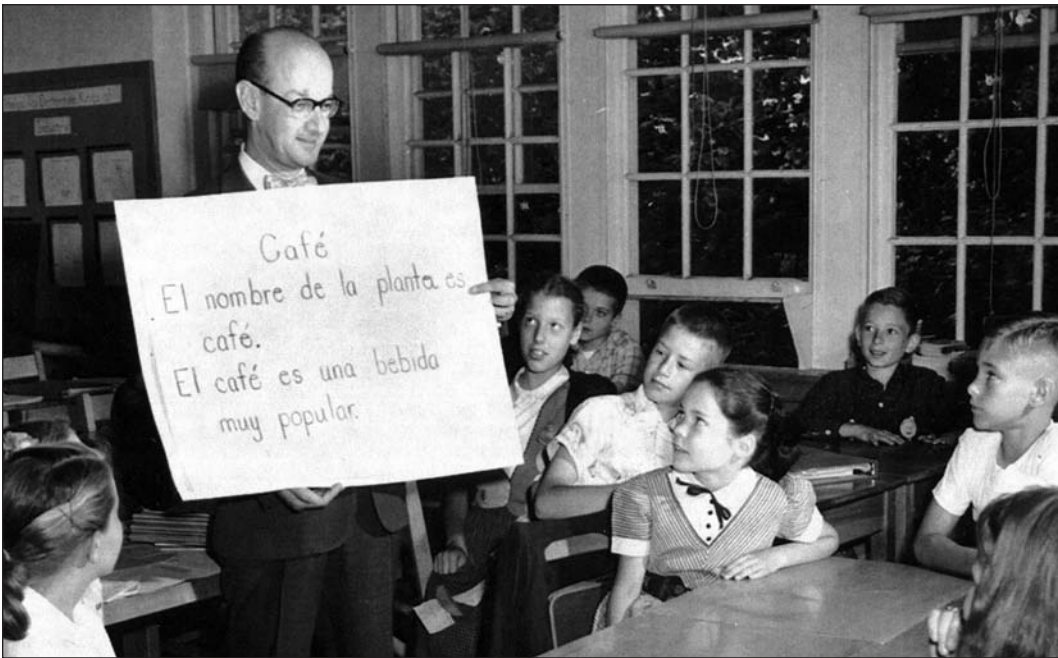
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THE FRIENDS OF THE GOUCHER COLLEGE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Living History

New exhibits showcase notable Goucher lives

by Jennifer Spieler Curry



Professor Enrique Noble (1952-66)

A new exhibit series in the library highlights important Goucher individuals who may be unfamiliar to the present community. The current exhibits, on display through Reunion Weekend, feature Professor of Spanish Enrique Noble (1952-66) and Physics Lab Technician Bertram Wadsworth Wilson (1916-70). Plans are also in the works to showcase Professor of Philosophy Gertrude Bussey (1915-53) in April, as part of the 90th anniversary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and noted anthropologist Hortense Powdermaker '21.

Initially, the exhibit featuring Professor Noble was not

intended to be the start of a series, but rather, part of Goucher's Hispanic Heritage Month. A glass case in the library's main lobby displayed books and articles from the Enrique Noble Collection, including an *Evening Sun* article from 1961 with the professor's comments on the Cuban Revolution and a 1954 *Redbook* article chronicling his trip with Goucher students to Cuba. One of the students on that trip happens to be Friends Co-president Beverly Heuschober Winter!

The Bertram Wadsworth Wilson exhibit, installed as part of Black History Month, showcases his 52-year dedication to the college as the

physics lab technician. Mr. Wilson helped to design several spaces on campus, including the optics laboratory named in his honor in 1991. Items in the exhibit include a transcript of a 1991 interview of Mr. Wilson (who was 96 at the time) by then-college President Rhoda Dorsey and Professor of French Frederic O. Musser. The exhibit will be on display through Reunion Weekend.

Materials gathered for these exhibits will help in creating the larger historical exhibits planned for the Athenaeum. A fund to pay for project-related expenses has been started, with several gifts already received

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Children's Book Exhibit Honors Goucher Alumna

From the College Librarian

By Nancy Magnuson

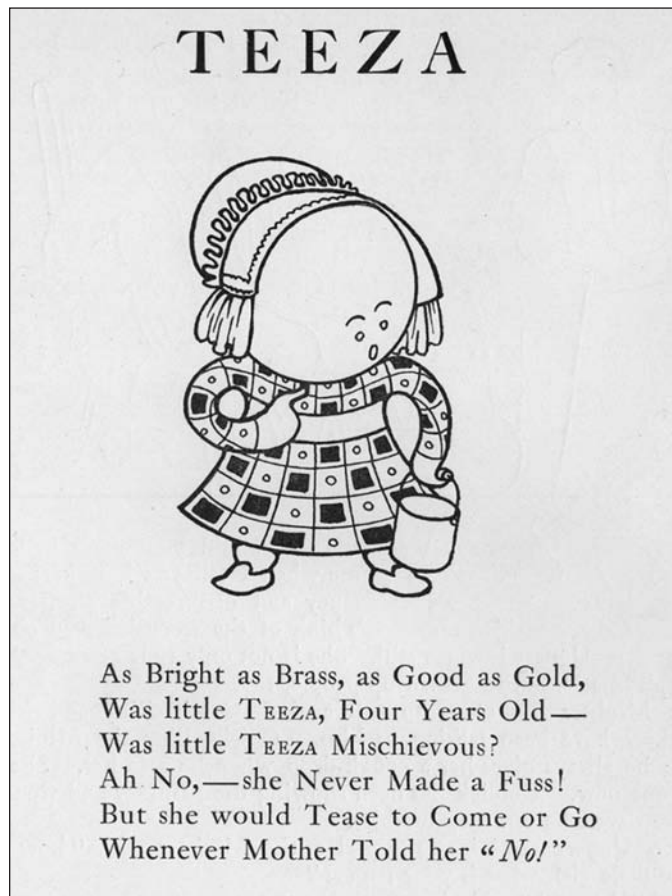


Illustration from *Goop Tales Alphabetically Told* by Gelett Burgess. New York: F. A. Stokes Company, 1904.

Special Collections is planning an exhibition of children's literature honoring alumna Nancy Larrick Crosby '30. Crosby (1910-2004) had an influential career focusing on children and education. Her achievements included teaching at several colleges and universities, editing various anthologies of poetry for young readers, and serving as education director for children's books at Random House, where she helped publish *A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading*. Materials selected by Acquisitions Coordinator Sharon Hartmann and volunteers Barbara Lewis '58 and Anne Wilson '62 will be on view from April through September.

Since the mid-17th century, when the first book made specifically for children is thought to

have been published, the content of children's books has evolved from moral and instructional purpose to entertaining and stimulating children through lively writing, fine illustrations, interesting characters, and intriguing plots. Periodicals for children, notably *St. Nicholas* (1873), edited by the enterprising author of *Hans Brinker*, Mary Mapes Dodge, strove for reader involvement, inspiring children through the best writers and artists of the day, such as Rudyard Kipling and Howard Pyle.

Goucher's rich collection enables us to show several editions of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* as well as a fascinating sampling of literary styles and the arts of illustration and book design.

The library staff was very sorry to lose Office Manager Deborah Flint, who had to resign in December for health reasons. Her position has been somewhat revised, and we now have a new assistant to the college librarian, Pamela Flowers. She is a recent Goucher II graduate in English and was a student employee in the college archives for three years.

While we have been actively working with the Hillier Group architects on planning the new Athenaeum library, we continue to seek ways to make our current space more usable. This winter we carried out a small renovation project on the lower floor, to create some desperately needed group-study space and a workspace for our growing interlibrary loan service.

Goucher librarians are working to develop learning outcomes measures in preparation for college-wide assessment activities. We're also conducting a web-based user satisfaction survey, developed by the Association of Research Libraries, during the spring semester.

Last October's bus trip to Philadelphia was a great success! We were all very impressed with the outstanding holdings of the Rosenbach Museum and Library, as well as the presentation by their librarian, Elizabeth Fuller '81. An excellent afternoon tour of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology made many attendees pledge to return to see more in the future.

Prior to the 2004 election, the library participated in Project Vote Smart, an effort to promote intelligent voting by providing nonpartisan information about through a website, printed materials, and informational sessions, in partnership with the Political Science Department.

The library continues to be a lively place with a rich mix of academic and community activities, traditional and contemporary resources, and knowledgeable assistance with a full range of research needs. As always, we are grateful for the support of the Friends in our efforts.

Upcoming Events

National Library Week is April 10 to 16. Special events sponsored by the library include:

TUESDAY APRIL 12, 7:30 P.M.

"Not Just Another Pretty Face: Why We Love Jane Austen" A talk by Joan Ray, professor of English at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and president of the Jane Austen Society of North America. Buchner Hall, Alumnae and Alumni House.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 3:30 P.M.

Presentation of the Julia Rogers Research Prizes, sponsored by the Friends of the Goucher College Library. Library lobby.

Check the library webpage at www.goucher.edu/library for an updated list of activities.



Bertram Wadsworth Wilson (1916-70)

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in memory of longtime Friend Ruthanne Winslow Baldwin '46, an active volunteer who had extensive knowledge of college history. It is likely that her father, professor Clinton Winslow, will be the subject of a future exhibit.

Goucher's association with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) was strengthened during the years of Dr. Gertrude Bussey's involvement. She was active in the organization on local, national, and international levels. Professor Bussey was also the co-author of a book chronicling the first 50 years of WILPF.

We were made aware of Hortense Powdermaker's contributions thanks to Assistant Professor of Sociology George Baca. While most of Ms. Powdermaker's scholarship was overlooked during her lifetime, her diverse studies and personal insights have since been hailed as groundbreaking anthropological research. As a student at

Goucher, she took great interest in the racial and labor divides in Baltimore, which ultimately steered her to a job at the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America in New York City. Dissatisfied with sitting behind a desk, Ms. Powdermaker moved to Cleveland, and eventually to Rochester, working in both cities as a union organizer. She also studied at the London School of Economics under anthropologist Bronslaw Malinowski. Her most widely known works include *Life in Lesu*, based on her fieldwork in New Ireland (Papua New Guinea); *After Freedom*, which examines race relations in the United States after the time of slavery; and *Stranger and Friend*, an introspective look at the life of an anthropologist.

The library is compiling a new list of Goucher people to showcase. If you would care to make a recommendation, or to share special memories of those who have already been featured, please contact College Librarian Nancy Magnuson at nmagnuso@goucher.edu.

Goucher Books Donated to Bohr Library

Science extras sent to American Institute of Physics

by Barbara Snead

Collection Management Librarian

In preparation for the move to the Athenaeum, library staff members are busy culling outdated and little-used materials from the crowded stacks. Parting with old books is never easy, so librarians are happy when they can find new homes for their discards. Serendipitously, the staff learned of a need for its physics and astronomy castoffs.

A catchy notice reading “Give Us Your Dirty Old Books” came by e-mail from the Niels Bohr Library at the

American Institute of Physics in College Park, Maryland. The mission of this internationally renowned library (www.aip.org/history/nblbro) is “to provide reference services and save unique materials where other repositories would be less suitable.” With assistance from Goucher's physics faculty, hundreds of books were identified as unneeded; in a truly win-win agreement, the Niels Bohr Library arranged for the books' transportation to its facility.

New Membership

Yes, I wish to join the Friends of the Goucher College Library. My contribution is enclosed.

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Friends Update

by Kenna Forsyth and Beverly Winter

We are happy to report that Friends of the Goucher College Library is beginning 2005 with a balance of \$42,735.54, built over the past four years. We hope to continue to support a few current library projects as well as to double our account so that we can make a significant contribution in the name of the Friends when the building for the new library at the Athenaeum begins.

The Friends board has approved two projects for 2005. First, the exam-time donuts and coffee in the library, which were so popular with students in Spring 2004, will be arranged again this year. The students love it, and it is a good way to promote the Friends to future members. We will also be supporting the library this semester with three Julia Rogers Research Prizes, award-

ed for research papers or projects. First- and second-year students compete for one prize, the second prize is for juniors and seniors, and a graduate student will receive the third prize.

Finally, we wish to give you an update on our proposed new status with Goucher. We are continuing to work with the Goucher College Board of Trustees in establishing a closer relationship with the college. Steven Klepper '95, a Friends board member and a lawyer, is helping to spearhead this effort and is currently working the trustees and the college counsel to resolve some issues regarding the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement that was presented to the Friends at the last annual meeting. He will report on the status of discussions at the next annual meeting. Anyone who

cannot attend the meeting but is interested in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement should feel free to contact Steve at sklepper@kg-law.com.

We will continue to keep you informed as events progress. Please mark your calendars for May 17, 2005 for our Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Announcement

Please join the Friends for our annual meeting on Tuesday, May 17th at 1:30 p.m. in Van Meter B-10. We are very fortunate to have Goucher art professor Gail Husch speak as part of the event. Her topic is "The Space Between: History and Fiction." Professor Husch will discuss and read from her upcoming novel, a fictionalized account based on an 1897 disappearance of a female Mt. Holyoke College student. She will also focus on her research efforts in learning more about the case, the young woman and her family, and the historical context in which she lived and from which she vanished.

For more information on the Friends annual meeting or Professor Husch's presentation, please contact Pamela Flowers through the Friends of the Goucher Library at pflowers@goucher.edu or 410 337-6362.

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