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# Annual Report of the Library 2002-2003

Dear Library Friends,  
I am pleased to provide to you the Library's 2003 Annual Report of Donors.

We are using the style of the Bene Legere newsletter, for that title—Read Well—captures what these generous individuals had in mind. As University Librarian, I have the pleasure of thanking the Library's friends every week of the year. This fall, for instance, I will be opening Library rooms to reunion classes and hearing about their extraordinary generosity. This Annual Report shows us the scale of support across the Cal community.



For the first time in Library history, more than 6,000 alumni and friends made contributions to the programs and collections of the Library. These people stepped forward knowing the uncertainties of the economy and the severe strains on the University's budget. Between staff and students, about a thousand people work for the University Library throughout the campus, and this support made it possible for every one of us to do a better job.

The University Library at Berkeley is considered by most to be the heart of the campus. The heart of the Library, however, can best be described through its collections. Any great research university library is evaluated first and foremost by the breadth and depth of its collections. It has been reported many times these past two years that the ranking of the UC Berkeley Library by the Association of Research Libraries in both its 2002 and 2003 surveys was third among all North American libraries, surpassed only by Harvard and Yale, making Cal the top public university library. That ranking is based in great part on library collections and acquisitions each year. With over 9.4 million volumes, the collections of the University Library certainly are among the most significant in the world.

Collections, however, are never stagnant. Supporting teaching and research at Berkeley requires constant enhancement of the resources that the Library must provide for students, faculty, scholars—and the public. Building, sustaining, and maintaining these exceptional collections is a constant process, requiring faculty advice, Library staff knowledge, and, above all, the financial resources to acquire and provide the needed materials and access.

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For this 2002-03 Library Annual Report, we are pleased to acknowledge some representative bequests and gifts over the past two years that continue to help maintain Cal's Library as one of the elite institutions in the land.

**Bernice Layne Brown.** The Library was saddened to learn of the passing of Bernice Layne Brown in 2002, the widow of former California Governor Pat Brown. The Brown family has been very supportive of Library programs, by creating the Bernice Layne Brown Gallery in 1996 for Library exhibits, and by providing The Bancroft Library with the papers of Governor Brown in 1992. A special bequest was provided to The Bancroft Library by Mrs. Brown's estate to support the acquisition, processing, and cataloguing of Bancroft collections.

**Jeanette F. Craig.** A 1927 graduate of Cal's Library School, Jeanette Craig served the Sacramento city schools as a teacher and librarian for over 40 years before retiring. Trustees of the Jeanette F. Craig Trust made a significant gift to the University Library to honor Ms. Craig's wishes to support the Cal library that had provided her training as a librarian.

**Doris Whalen & Dorothy Emigh.** The Bancroft Library benefited from very generous bequests to meet its priority needs from the estates of Doris Whalen and Dorothy Emigh, longtime Library supporters.


**The Sylvia Frank History Fund.** As a memorial to their mother, Sylvia Frank, her children (Ruth Rozen, '63 '64, Jonathan Frank, '68, & Cyrus Frank, JD '70) established a special fund to acquire books and materials for the History collection with a focus on the 18th to 20th centuries, and on Jewish or minority communities. Many alumni and friends have found giving to the Library to be an excellent means to memorialize or commemorate significant people in their lives or equally significant events.

**Frankie Vernon Cox.** The Library was pleased to receive student and campus memorabilia of alumna Frankie Vernon Cox, who began Cal in 1928, eventually graduating in 1934. Mrs. Cox' daughter, Karin Stansell, provided the UC Archives with her mother's wonderful collection of materials from her days as a student. Included in this very personal and special collection was Mrs. Cox' well-worn graduation ring and a number of football programs, Daily Cals, as well as her diploma, signed by Governor James Rolph.



**Reunion class gifts.** Once again, reunion classes benefited the University Library with very generous gifts from alumni during special reunion campaigns for Cal. Noteworthy in 2001-02 was support from the Class of 1942 for its 60th, the Classes of 1951 and 1952 for their 50th, the Classes of 1956 and 1957 for their 45th, and the Classes of 1961 and 1962 for their 40th. Each of these classes either established or added to endowment funds that will provide a legacy of support for Library collections and programs in the name of the reunion class. Already, a number of reunion classes for 2003 have decided to support the Library during their class reunion campaigns.

There are many more donors and contributions that could be highlighted and acknowledged here. I hope that you will take some pleasure in knowing that the Library is so well respected and supported, even though the space available limits our ability to list all the special gifts we have received these past years. Please accept my appreciation and gratitude for all you have done and are doing



to help keep the Library the best among the public university libraries in the country. Thank you for your generosity and caring.

Thomas C. Leonard

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