DEAR FRIENDS:

It’s fall, and time to begin doing what we do best, making sure that the Friends of Fondren Library remain one of the premier library support organizations in the nation.

We have many exciting activities planned this academic year. Our upcoming schedule is a busy one, so please take special notice of the 1992-93 calendar located on page 10 in this issue of The Flyleaf.

In September, Professor Gale Stokes, of the department of history, gave us his insight on the topic, "Is Optimism About Eastern Europe Possible?" Last month, continuing our theme of events in Eastern Europe, German and Slavic Studies Professor Ewa M. Thompson spoke on the subject, “Three Perceptions of the Fall of Communism: American, Russian and Eastern European and Their Possible Role in Future Conflict.”

On November 7, we honored Walter S. Baker, Jr. at our Annual Homecoming Brunch, co-sponsored with the Rice Engineering Alumni. A past president of the Friends of Fondren, Baker chaired the fundraising committee whose enormous efforts rewarded us with the Sarah Lane Lounge.

Also this year, we will sponsor a booksale. We have already received numerous donations and volunteers will be needed to help sort books and assist with the sale. Please call the Friends of Fondren Library office at 285-5157 if you would like to donate books or volunteer your time.

Once again, special thanks to everyone who participated in or attended our Fondren Saturday Night Gala, which raised $66,000 for the Friends of Fondren Endowment Fund. In addition, the Friends gave $15,000 from the membership account to the endowment fund.

With your help our programs will expand our circle of Friends, thereby increasing our opportunities to aid Fondren Library. When you receive invitations to our programs, consider whom you can invite as your guest. All are welcome, as all in the community are served by Fondren Library.

Thank you in advance for your participation, ensuring that 1992-93 will be our most successful year yet!

Sincerely,

Elaine Illig Davis
President

RICE UNIVERSITY FONDREN LIBRARY

Founded under the charter of the University dated May 18, 1891, the library was established in 1913. Its present facility was dedicated November 4, 1949, and rededicated in 1969 after a substantial addition, both made possible by gifts of Ella F. Fondren, her children, and the Fondren Foundation and Trust as a tribute to Walter William Fondren. The library recorded its half-millionth volume in 1965; its one millionth volume was celebrated April 22, 1979.

THE FRIENDS OF FONDREN LIBRARY

The Friends of Fondren Library was founded in 1950 as an association of library supporters interested in increasing and making better known the resources of Fondren Library at Rice University. The Friends, through members’ contributions and sponsorship of a memorial and honor gift program, secure gifts and bequests and provide funds for the purchase of rare books, manuscripts, and other materials that are needed to support teaching and research at the University.

THE FLYLEAF

Founded October 1950 and published quarterly by the Friends of Fondren Library, Rice University, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, Texas 77251, The Flyleaf is a record of Fondren Library's and Friends' activities, and of the generosity of the library's supporters.
Hobby donations enhance library collections

Earlier this year, The Hobby Foundation presented a $100,000 gift to the Fondren Library. The gift made possible the purchase of resources needed to enhance library collections in what University Librarian Beth Shapiro termed "previously under-represented areas in which recently hired Rice faculty are engaged in research and teaching."

The donation followed a $47,000 gift from the Hobby Foundation in 1991. A portion of both donations was used to enhance the library’s history collections.

Fondren Library has effectively covered the areas of American, medieval European and modern European history for many years. In the 1970s, the library extended its coverage to history of science and Chinese history. In the 1980s, coverage expanded to the areas of Latin American, ancient, Middle East, Caribbean, African, and Jewish history.

"Thanks to generous individual gifts such as those made by the Hobby Foundation, Fondren has been able to obtain basic materials for all areas now being covered."

According to History Professor Katherine F. Drew, "The addition of these fields added considerable visibility to the history faculty, but the strain on the library budget was great. There was a tremendous need to keep up with publications in the older fields and at the same time provide materials and research in the newer ones."

Dr. Drew stated, "Thanks to endowment funds established by friends of history, the Peden, Kelley and Lear funds being the most conspicuous, and generous individual gifts such as those made by the Hobby Foundation, Fondren has been able to obtain basic materials for all the areas now being covered."

Acquisitions in the areas of Carribean and African history were made with a portion of the 1991 Hobby gift money. The donation earlier this year provided for the purchase of the microfiche version of the British House of Commons Parliamentary Papers covering the years 1922-1945.

"This supplements very effectively Fondren’s previous microfiche holdings of the Parliamentary Papers for 1900-1922, as well as the bound volumes containing selected material from the Parliamentary Papers for the nineteenth century published some years ago by the Irish University Press," stated Dr. Drew.

"These papers are invaluable not only for modern British history, but for matters dealing with all parts of the Commonwealth and former Empire as well as Britain’s relations with other parts of the world, including the United States," she added.

Other areas where collection needs were addressed with funds from the Hobby donations included: classical archaeology, classics, educational reform (Germany), English, European history, French studies, German, theology, music, philosophy, women’s studies, and ethnic studies.

According to Assistant Professor Rebecca Mersereau, of the department of art and art history, the funds from the Hobby Foundation helped to update the collections in her field of classical archaeology and to supplement her research in the area of Aegean pre-history.

"The department is immensely grateful for access to the resources supplied by the Hobby Foundation. Because of their generosity, we were able to build the collection into one that will be of even greater use to the department," added Professor Mersereau.

Portions of the Hobby gift were also used to address collection needs in the areas of classical philosophy, Judaic studies, and religion.

As a result of the generosity of the Hobby Foundation’s gifts to the Fondren Library, the students, faculty, alumni and friends of Rice University will benefit for years to come.
Friends elect Davis to second term

Elaine Illig Davis has been elected to serve a second term as President of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Fondren Library.

The Board held its annual meeting on May 6, electing Davis to serve as its president for 1992-93. Other officers and members for 1992-93 are as follows:

Returning as Vice President for Programs is Charles D. Maynard, Jr. Holding the positions of Vice Presidents for Special Events this year are Mrs. William H. Merriman III, Joan Ryan and Roxanne K. Shaw. Herman J. Schultz, M.D., replaces Richard Luna as Treasurer and Paul T. Hlavinka and David S. Elder will be returning as Secretary and Immediate Past President, respectively.

There are six new Directors-at-Large on the board. Harry Gee, Jr., '60 B.A., is an immigration lawyer who formerly served as a board member of the Friends of the Houston Public Library. Josephine M. Shanks, '55 B.A., works as an independent horticultural lecturer and judge. William Pannill, '62 B.A., a partner with Pannill & Moser law firm, is a former Association of Rice Alumni board member. Sally K. Reynolds works as an independent fine arts dealer and commissioner. Edward H. Koehler, '73 B.S., '74 M.E.E., is an investment banker. Karen Hess Rogers, '68 B.A., currently chairs the Association of Rice Alumni Archives Committee and has served for many years on that board.

Returning directors are Texas Anderson, Ph.D., J. D. Hellums, Ph.D., Nancy F. Rupp, Mrs. Thomas W. Houghton, Glenn L. Blake, Joan B. Hurd, Frank C. Shelden, Jr. and Jan Stodghill Domenico.

Ex-Officio members are Beth J. Shapiro, Ph.D., G. Anthony Gorry, Ph.D., Neal F. Lane, Ph.D., Meredith A. Skura, Ph.D., and Betty D. Charles.

Sincere thanks were extended to departing board members—Richard Luna, Thomas Smith, Bridget Jensen, Salman Shah and John Wolf.

Smith and Shah will continue to work on Friends committees. Smith is active on the underwriting committee for the gala, and Shah is lending storage space in his warehouse for books being donated for the upcoming booksale.

The Friends of Fondren is grateful to all board members for their time and expertise given to the organization.

Friends book sale scheduled for 1992-93

The Friends of Fondren will hold a book sale this year. Numerous books have already been donated and they're still being received. Volunteers will be needed to sort books and help with the sale. If you would like to donate books or volunteer to assist with the upcoming sale, please call 285-5157.
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Cherry endowment establishes poetry series

Through a 1976 agreement that established a unitrust with Rice University, Robert Foster Cherry, a member of the Rice Institute class of 1930, arranged for 25 percent of the available income from the Robert Foster Cherry Endowment to be used to sponsor readings or lectures by well-known poets and contemporary writers.

On October 1, the Fondren Library, which administers the Cherry Endowment, and the department of Spanish, Portuguese and classics presented Professor Jaime Concha of the University of California at San Diego, who discussed and critiqued the works of Nobel Prize winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda.

The Robert Foster Cherry Endowment Poetry Reading Series featured English department visiting lecturer Susan Prospere reading selections from her new book Sub Rosa on October 15, and Professor Chana Bloch of Mills College, who read selections from her own poetry and translations on October 23. The Cherry Poetry Reading Series, initiated last year, has also sponsored readings by poets Alan Shapiro of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Reginald Gibbons of Evanston, Illinois.

Born in Breckenridge, Texas, in 1907, Cherry's personal interests included collecting silver and coins, buying art, and reading American and European poetry. He once said "I believe poets to be a special gift among men in their ability to speak the truth on a higher plane."

Prior to his death in January of 1988 at the age of 81, Cherry arranged for 75 percent of the annual income of his endowment to be used to acquire materials on American and European literature with an emphasis on poetry for the collections of the Fondren Library. The works are located throughout the library and can be identified by personalized bookplates.

The Cherry Endowment also provides for awards for student creative writing competitions within the department of English. The initiation of this project is currently being pursued by the Fondren Library and the department of English.

Cherry attended Rice for only one year, but he said that the education he received at Rice was "comparable to no other" in his academic career. In a 1977 letter to Herbert C. Allen, who was then Chairman of the Rice Board of Trustees, Cherry wrote that he felt "the quality of education offered at Rice is the best that can be offered in this part of the country."

Cherry later went on to obtain a baccalaureate degree from Baylor University and a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He also studied at Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas, and George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

An attorney by profession, Cherry also served as Assistant Counsel for Naval Ordinance Systems Command in Washington, D.C., and Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas.

Although Cherry once said that he "regretted not having more to leave behind," he carried out his promise to remember Rice in his estate planning. Among other personal items donated to Rice, Cherry left several oil paintings, one of which is titled "Titian's Daughter in a Garden of Flowers." He also left a bound volume of 100 black and white engravings, original prints and an etching to Rice.

Library parking:
Short-term parking is available for Fondren Library visitors for purposes of returning library materials or conducting other brief library business. "Parking of no more than 15 minutes is permitted along the right side of Loop Road, east of Alumni Drive and west of Founder's Court for those who are unloading items or conducting other University business. The vehicle's hazard lights must be turned on during this very brief exception to the 'no parking' regulation."
Rice University Traffic and Parking Regulations, Section V:1
Events:

Friends co-sponsor student art exhibition preview

The Friends of Fondren co-sponsored the preview of the Twenty-Ninth Rice Student Art Exhibition last spring in Sewall Art Gallery, where fifth year Brown College senior Ken Wood was awarded the $2,300 Mavis C. Pitman Memorial Prize. The Pitman award, presented by Russ Pitman, son of the late Mavis Pitman, purchased three pieces of work from Wood: one acrylic painting titled *The Dangerous Kitchen*, and two lithographs—*Many Red Devils* and *Dwelling in Centrality*.

The three winning pieces, each of which portrays what Wood terms “an interior space, the normal spaces we live in” were donated to the university and will be displayed in the Rice Memorial Center this fall.

Russ Pitman presents Brown College senior Ken Wood with the Mavis C. Pitman Memorial prize

Author reception to be held January 12

The Friends’ annual author reception is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 1993. The reception will honor members of the Friends, Rice alumni, faculty and staff who had books published in 1992. Please call the Friends’ office at 285-5157 for more information or send any information regarding authors whose works were published or will be published in 1992 to:

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Monday, September 14  IS OPTIMISM ABOUT EASTERN EUROPE POSSIBLE? by Gale Stokes, professor of history. Farnsworth Pavilion, Ley Student Center, 7:30 p.m.

Monday October 19 THREE PERCEPTIONS OF THE FALL OF COMMUNISM: AMERICAN, RUSSIAN, AND EAST EUROPEAN AND THEIR POSSIBLE ROLE IN FUTURE CONFLICT by Ewa M. Thompson, professor of German and Slavic studies. Farnsworth Pavilion, Ley Student Center, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7  ANNUAL HOMECOMING BRUNCH with presentation of service awards, honoring Walter S. Baker, Jr. and W. Bernard Pieper, jointly sponsored by the Friends and Rice Engineering Alumni. Kyle Morrow Room, 2nd floor, Fondren Library, 9:30 a.m., Awards Ceremony, 9:45 a.m.

Monday, November 9  AN EVENING WITH DAVID WESTHEIMER, jointly sponsored by the Friends and Rice University Press. Grand Hall, Rice Memorial Center, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12 RECEPTION HONORING RICE AUTHORS (Faculty, Staff, Alumni, and Members of the Friends) of books published in 1992. Grand Hall, Rice Memorial Center, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 7 SCHUBERTIAD A musical event in the style of the nineteenth-century featuring performances by students of the Shepherd School of Music, jointly sponsored by the Friends and Shepherd Society. Alice Pratt Brown Concert Hall, Shepherd School of Music, 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 3  FONDREN SATURDAY NIGHT XIII honoring H. Malcolm Lovett. Cocktails and dinner to benefit the Friends of Fondren Endowment Fund. Cohen House, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 15 PREVIEW OF STUDENT ART EXHIBITION sponsored by the Friends and the Arts Committee of the Association of Alumni. Sewall Art Gallery, Rice University, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5  ANNUAL MEETING. Program, PIONEER WOMEN IN TEXAS by Jo Ella Exley, a member of the Friends of Fondren Library. Farnsworth Pavilion, Ley Student Center, 7:30 p.m.

An informal reception will be held with each program.
Charles D. Maynard, Jr., Program Chairman
Treasurer's Report

**Income**

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<td>Membership Account, Balance Forward</td>
<td>$ 30,802</td>
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<td>Membership Dues</td>
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<td>Gifts &amp; Memorials</td>
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<td>Gala (net profit)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL INCOME</strong></td>
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**Disbursements**

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<td>Grants &amp; Allocations</td>
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**Current Balance Membership Account**

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A library that continues to meet the needs of its users is one that has many Friends.
Rice University
Fondren Library
Holiday Building Hours

Regular Hours

Monday-Thursday
7:45 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.
7:45 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
12:00 noon - 1:00 a.m.

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Thanksgiving Recess

November 25
7:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Closed
November 26
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
November 27
Regular Hours Resume
November 28

Final Exams Schedule

December 4
7:45 a.m. - 12 midnight
9:00 a.m. - 12 midnight
December 5
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.
December 6
7:45 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.
December 7 - 10
7:45 a.m. - 12 midnight
9:00 a.m. - 12 midnight
December 11
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.
December 12
7:45 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.
December 13
December 14 - 15

Christmas and New Years Holidays

December 16
7:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
December 17 - 18
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
December 19
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
December 20
Closed
December 21 - 23
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
December 24 - 27
Closed
December 28 - 31
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
January 1 - 3
Closed
January 4 - 8
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
January 9
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
January 10
Regular Hours Resume
MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Friends of Fondren Library is open to everyone. It is not an alumni organization. Membership contributions are as follows:

Recent Alumni (1-5 years since graduation from Rice)............................................ $10
Contributor................................................................................................................. $50
Sponsor...................................................................................................................... $100
Patron......................................................................................................................... $250
Benefactor................................................................................................................. $500
Library Fellow.......................................................................................................... $1,000

Members of the Friends will receive The Flyleaf and invitations to special programs and events sponsored by the Friends. In addition, members who are not already faculty or staff of the university will receive library circulation privileges. A maximum of four books may be checked out for a period of 28 days, and a photo ID is required. Members must be at least 18 years old.

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