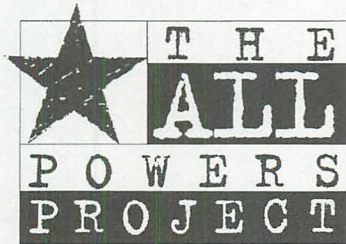




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The Essentials of Democracy

Marjan C. Petty, Libraries Development Office

We, the undersigned members of the faculty of the University of Washington, in consequence of the recent dismissal by the Board of Regents of some of our colleagues, and the placing of others on probation, make the following statement of our dissent from punitive action based either upon the ideologies of the accused or upon their present or past membership in or close affiliation with the Communist Party.

So begins an open letter to President Raymond P. Allen and the Board of Regents, signed by more than 100 faculty members, published in the *University of Washington Daily*, Thursday, April 7, 1949.

Fostered by the "red scare," the Joint Legislative Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities had been established by the State Legislature on March 8, 1947, in answer to what was thought to be a public danger by a domination of foreign powers. This committee, headed by Albert Canwell, a Spokane republican and state representative, was

given "all powers necessary and convenient" to investigate subversive activities and to expose communists in Washington state. Throughout its hearings in early 1948, the Committee targeted members of organizations such as the Washington Pension Union, the Washington Commonwealth Federation, the Building Service Employees Union, and the Aeronautical Mechanics Union, among others.

In July 1948, the Committee convened its second hearing, particularly focused on the University of Washington. Subsequently, people were dismissed from the University or lived under a cloud of suspicion; reputations were ruined, homes were lost. **Some named friends and colleagues as communists** or sympathizers, others did not. A wave of fear and unquiet permeated the campus.

The Committee's investigations of the University were conducted with the approval of President Allen. In a letter dated January 7, 1949, to Canwell, President Allen stated:

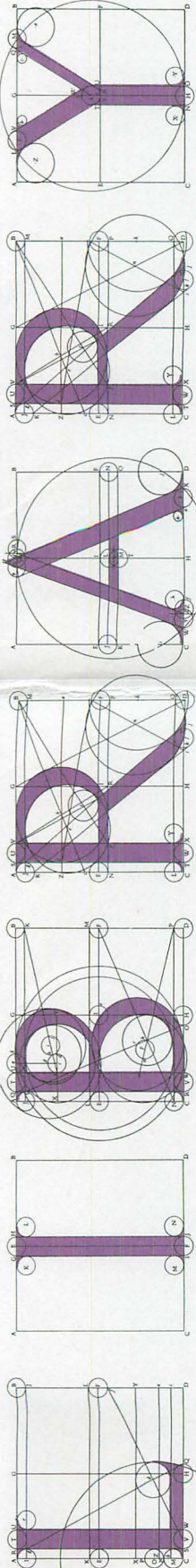
"As I have said before, I do not feel that the investigations you conducted of the University of Washington constituted any abridgment of academic freedom or civil rights. A transcript of your hearings was turned over to the University, and, as you know, the University itself has conducted protracted hearings, just recently concluded, to test the validity of the information elicited in these hearings and to determine what action is indicated. This, it seems to me, is as it should be."

Happy New Year from the University Libraries

As the year ends, we look to the future, and also to the past and remember those who have helped and supported us through the year. This issue of *Library Directions* is dedicated to donors and Friends of the University of Washington Libraries who have given materials, time and money to the Libraries. You have been generous and we are very grateful.

In this issue we also confirm the hard-won lessons of the Canwell Committee, and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Odegaard Undergraduate Library: both articles illustrate clearly how the University and the Libraries have changed over the past 50 years. As we acknowledge those changes and plan for the future, we welcome your ideas and suggestions, and hope that you will continue to work with us to provide the best in services and collections for the University of Washington community.

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Professors Ralph Gundlach (Psychology), Herbert Phillips (Philosophy), Melville Jacobs (Anthropology), Melvin Rader (Philosophy), Garland Ethel (English), Angelo Pellegrini (English), Harold Eby (English), Joseph Butterworth (English), Joseph Cohen (Sociology), Ted Astley (Psychology graduate student and Veterans Counselor), and Florence Bean James and Burton James (founders of the Seattle Repertory Playhouse) were among those investigated by the Committee and asked to testify about their political affiliations and prove their patriotism. None were given an opportunity to cross examine those who charged them with un-American activities. When rebuttals or demonstrative responses ensued from their attorneys or the audience, those protesting were forcibly ejected by state troopers.



Professor Butterworth at the time of the UW Faculty Committee on Tenure and Academic Freedom hearings. *Seattle P-I* Collection, Museum of History and Industry.

Professors Gundlach, Phillips and Butterworth were ultimately dismissed from the University by the Board of Regents. Astley was summarily fired. Professor Butterworth's wife committed suicide prior to the hearings. Professors Eby, Ethel and Jacobs were put on probation after signing a document promising not to engage in outside

political activities. Philosophy professor Melvin Rader was subsequently vindicated by investigative stories in the *Seattle Times*, written by Ed Guthman, which revealed evidence-tampering by the Canwell Committee. Rader later wrote *False Witness*, describing the years of turmoil he and his family endured while trying to clear his name.

Extensive files, reports, documents and records of surveillance were collected by Al Canwell prior to and after the hearings. Most of this material he later destroyed on his own volition after his term of office expired, without any authorization from the State Legislature.

Only in the last few years has the University acknowledged the injustice of these actions during the time of the Canwell hearings. In early 1994, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Workers Union, Pensioners West Coast Division, donated a bust of Harry Bridges, founder and president of the Union for 40 years, which was installed at the west entrance of Suzzallo Library. At the dedication sponsored by the Center for Labor Studies on January 24, 1994, then President Gerberding stated, "My task is to state clearly and unequivocally that the University of Washington was wrong to dismiss Ralph Gundlach and the other two,

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and to have brought into disrepute, or to have participated in the bringing in to disrepute of the other three who were involved.... This was a dark day in our history and we must make sure that it doesn't happen again."

All Powers Project Events

Now, fifty years later on the anniversary of the hearings, the University is hosting a series of events, collectively entitled the *All Powers Project*, which highlight this devastating and difficult period.

- *All Powers Necessary and Convenient*, a play written by Drama School Professor Mark Jenkins, will run February 4-15, 1998, at the Playhouse Theatre. Materials supplementing the theme of the play will be exhibited in the theatre lobby.
- Sponsored by the University Libraries, University of Illinois Professor Richard Fried will lecture on "The Cultural Context of McCarthyism," on Friday, January 23, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. in the Allen Library Lobby. Fried is the author of *Men Against McCarthy* (Columbia, 1976) and *Nightmare in Red: The McCarthy Era in Perspective* (Oxford, 1990). (Since seating is limited, reservations are required for Professor Fried's presentation; call 206-616-3481.) A reception will follow, which will also provide an opportunity to view the Allen balcony exhibit.
- The Allen balcony exhibit will include letters, memos, notes, testimony, and photos of the Canwell and University hearings illustrating the events and emotions of 1948 and 1949. These original materials from University records and faculty papers, as well as newspaper accounts and official publications, have been selected from Manuscripts and University Archives and from Special Collections to provide historical context for the play. The Museum of History and Industry has also permitted photos from its *Seattle Post Intelligencer* Collection to be exhibited.
- A Libraries Web site at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/exhibits/AllPowers> previews the exhibit and features a reading list and a description of events.

Other campus activities include a lecture entitled "Academic Freedom Today" by University of Virginia Law Professor Robert O'Neil on January 22, 1998, sponsored by the School of Law (206-543-2586). In addition, several events sponsored by the

Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest, Department of History are planned for January 24, 1998 (206-543-2580), including a lecture by author Ellen Schrecker (*No Ivory Tower*), and a panel discussion focused on the recollections of "those who were there" moderated by Jane Sanders, author of *Cold War on Campus*.

There will be many articles written and much said about this dark period in our history over the next few months. They should serve as a reminder that civil liberties and the rule of law applies to every person in the United States, regardless of political or ideological persuasion; and that, as a bastion of knowledge and information, an institution of higher learning should be in the forefront of acknowledging these inalienable rights.

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Students examine history boards depicting the University and the opening of OUGL in 1972.

Odegaard Undergraduate Library Looks to the Future with 25th Anniversary

Jill McKinstry, Odegaard Undergraduate Library

With music, displays, balloons and cake, the Odegaard Undergraduate Library at the University of Washington celebrated its 25th anniversary on November 19, 1997; dedicated the UWired Commons, the largest drop-in computing center on campus; and paid tribute to Dr. Charles E. Odegaard,

former University of Washington president (1958-1973) and visionary for the library that bears his name. The presence of the 240-seat computing lab, located on the second floor of the library, was a perfect backdrop for ceremonies that celebrated the continually evolving nature of library service to undergraduates.

As a tribute to how library and information service has changed over the past quarter of a century, the occasion was a joint celebration with current students, who helped fund the new computers in the lab from the newly implemented Student Technology Fee, and with the principal partners in UWired: the University Libraries, Computing & Communications, the office of Undergraduate Education, and UW Educational Outreach. Paula Walker, former head of Odegaard Undergraduate Library, discovered in researching the history of the library that over thirty years ago planners did think about technology and its role.

“The ‘Library Long-Range Development Plan,’ dated December 10, 1964, notes in the section on the Undergraduate Library that ‘space should be provided for a computational facility even though its functions are not immediately applicable to an undergraduate library. Use for such instruments is not distant; space adequately wired and insulated for such purposes does not now exist in the University Library and the opportunity of providing such space *de novo* will spare expensive remodeling later.’ Unfortunately, the funding for the Undergraduate Library as it was built did not allow for this farsighted planning.”

OUGL has, however, become the “UWired” library. In 1994, UWired was formed to enhance undergraduate education by bringing technology into the service of teaching and learning, and to build learning communities in which collaboration and active learning are an integral part. It has grown from a pilot project for a small number of incoming freshmen to a campus-wide initiative that serves thousands of students and hundreds of faculty. In addition to a 240-seat computing lab, UWired has hands-on teaching facilities, called “collaboratories,” and an extensive training and workshop program for faculty, teaching assistants, and librarians housed in the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, also located on the second floor of the library.

One of the many benefits of placing the lab within the library is the physical proximity. Every day over 5,600 students, faculty and staff come to the undergraduate library and most of them will head to the new lab at least once during the day.

Louis Fox, UW vice provost for educational partnerships, sees locating the Commons in the library as particularly advantageous. “An ‘information commons’ is more than just a computer lab where you can get help when you are having trouble with the software,” he says. “Students can consult not only with computing professionals, but with librarians—the campus information experts—who can help them think of research strategies that include traditional print as well as online resources.”

In contrast to the library of 1972, computing functions are now as much an integral part of library service for students, faculty, and staff as providing a quiet place to study or read. Students and faculty now come to the library for access to online information resources, participate in online class discussions, consult class syllabi, and submit homework or projects electronically from the library.

Universal Access Project Completed

Beth Fraser, DO-IT Project

This past year, over 1500 librarians and educators attended presentations and received materials to improve library services and access to electronic resources for people with disabilities as a result of the Libraries Universal Access Project. Funded by the Telecommunications Funding Partnership, the project was coordinated cooperatively with DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking and Technology), a National Science Foundation funded organization at the University.

During the course of the project, a training binder, including a videotape and other teaching aids, was developed and presented at national and regional conferences. Over 20 presentations were made at professional conferences for organizations including the American Library Association, the Association for College and Research Libraries, and the Special Libraries Association. The training materials were also distributed to over 300 academic and public libraries across the country.

The materials continue to be available for purchase from DO-IT, and at DO-IT’s Web page, <http://weber.u.washington.edu/~doit>.

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Development Wish List

Funds for the following research and reference tools are being sought by the Drama Library:

Worth Fashion Drawings, 1865-1956. A selection of 5,000 illustrations from the Victoria and Albert Museum's collection of drawings from the houses of Paquin and Worth. 60 Microfiche, in color \$1,112

Fashion for America, 1900-1989. From the Fashion Institute of Technology (NY) Archives, a unique collection of original fashion designs and sketches containing over 4,500 images. 50 Microfiche, in color \$1,432

Design by Motley Designs. By Margaret Harris, Sophia Harris and Elizabeth Montgomery. Over 4,700 costume designs and theater sets from 1932-1976. 58 Microfiche, in color \$1,330

London College of Fashion Designer Files. A comprehensive pictorial reference to contemporary and recent fashion (1965-1990) with over 250 designers represented. 309 Microfiche, b/w \$1,840

For more information, please contact the Libraries' director of development, Marjan Petty, at 685-1973 or mcpetty@u.washington.edu

Pacific Rim Digital Library Alliance Formed

Min-Chih Chou, East Asia Library

The University of Washington Libraries recently joined the newly formed Pacific Rim Digital Library Alliance. Eleven other major research libraries in the Pacific Rim complete the membership of the Alliance including:

- Academia Sinica, Taipei
- Australian National University Library, Canberra
- El Colegio de Mexico Library, Mexico City
- Keio University Library, Tokyo
- National University of Singapore Library
- Peking University Library
- University of British Columbia Library, Vancouver
- University of California, Berkeley Libraries
- University of California, San Diego Libraries
- University of Hong Kong Libraries
- Zhongshan University Library, Guangzhou, China

The purpose of the Alliance is to facilitate access to research materials through various digital networks and to improve access to Alliance members' collections—all of which are vast in size and have individual strengths. Demand by scholars for material from and about the Pacific Rim region has increased significantly over the past few years. A cooperative digital library alliance will facilitate access, in a cost-effective and efficient way, to the library resources in the entire Pacific Rim region to help meet this demand. The twelve libraries will not only make their own library resources available, but may individually make arrangements with non-member institutions to obtain access to materials not in the member libraries. The Alliance will also support some other library functions such as the sharing of electronic and print material, exchange of personnel, and cooperative collection development.

The University of California, San Diego, Libraries will serve as the first coordinator of the Alliance. The first project of the Alliance is to digitize and preserve materials related to the exploration of the Pacific.

Development News

Marjan Petty, Libraries Development Office

Elny and William Chance Endow Fund

A long and friendly relationship between the University Libraries and the Chance family ended in January of this year, when Mrs. Chance passed away in Spokane, Washington. Mrs. Chance had corresponded for many years with Karyl Winn, Manuscripts and University Archives, mostly regarding the donation of the papers of her husband, poet and teacher, William W. Chance.

Elny Chance emigrated from Denmark in 1912, and grew up in Montana, where she taught school in an old house heated by a potbelly stove in the historic town of Bannock. She was married for 48 years to William W. Chance, who earned an MA at the UW in 1948 and later taught at Montana Tech in Butte. From 1971 until his death in 1986, Mr. Chance wrote poetry full-time, and donated his writings to Manuscripts and University Archives over a long period. Mrs. Chance later contributed towards their processing, and since her gift was not used completely, gave permission to initiate the unit's first endowment. There were holiday cards and fruitcakes exchanged, and detailed correspondence describing the processing of additional materials received from Mrs. Chance throughout several years.

The University Libraries was notified early this year of Mrs. Chance's bequest of more than \$82,000 for Manuscripts and University Archives. This legacy was added to the endowment made possible by her earlier contribution in William's name, and will remain a fitting testimonial to two creative people who greatly believed in libraries.

How to Be a "Literary Concierge"

How many miles of shelving does Suzzallo Library hold? On what floor is the Copy Center? How do I access the UW Libraries Catalog? What is Research Express? Where do I sign up for my e-mail account?

These and other questions are answered by volunteers in a program initiated by the Friends of the University of Washington Libraries, called the Libraries Associates Program. At the beginning and end of the quarter, community volunteers staff a desk at the west entrance of Suzzallo Library to provide directions and respond to questions from students and visitors. About 15 volunteers currently

participate in shifts of two or more hours at the desk, and find they are busy nearly the entire time. From all accounts, the program is working very well, with an enthusiastic response from both students and library staff. New participants in the program are always welcome. For more information, or to find out how you can be a "literary concierge," please call Jacob Korg, chair, Library Associates, at 525-2275.

Suzzallo Society Inaugural Gathering

President McCormick welcomed members of the Henry Suzzallo Society for a private viewing of The Mosen Collection at the Henry Gallery on October 13, 1997. The Society, named after Henry Suzzallo, UW president from 1915 to 1926, was recently established to recognize and honor individuals who have provided for a future gift through a bequest under a will or trust, a life insurance beneficiary designation, or a similar revocable deferred gift. President McCormick emphasized the importance of the Society to the University, and lauded those present for their foresight and generosity.

Deferred gifts from the past continue to make a difference to the institution today. Such contributions include the Walker Ames legacy, the bequest from Caroline McGilvra Burke to establish the Burke Museum, and the estate distribution from Prentice Bloedel. The University Libraries has been the fortunate beneficiary of several major bequests, including a distribution from the will of Helen Johns and a recent bequest from Elny Chance.

If you have provided for a bequest or other revocable deferred gift, the Henry Suzzallo Society is especially for you. Please call Marjan Petty, Libraries director of development, for further information at 206-685-1973. She can give assistance, including sample bequest language that is tailored to meet both the donor's interests and the Libraries' needs for review by the donor and his or her advisor. All inquiries are confidential and without any obligation.

Libraries Briefs

Achievements

Carolyn Aamot, Gift Processing; **Irene Joshi**, International Studies; **Sandra Kroupa**, Special Collections; and **Janet Schnall**, Health Sciences Library and Information Center were nominated in November 1997 for the University of Washington Distinguished Staff Awards.



Janet Schnall, Carolyn Aamot, Sandra Kroupa and Irene Joshi receive congratulations from Betty Bengtson, director of Libraries.

Betty Bengtson, director of Libraries, has been elected as vice-president/president-elect of the Association of Research Libraries, an association of the top 121 North American research libraries. She will serve as president in 1998-1999.

Appointments

Jennifer Stone, GIS (Geographic Information Systems) librarian, began work in the Map Collection on October 20, 1997. She graduated from the University of Michigan School of Information in May 1997.

Karen Liston started as head, Resource Access, on December 8, 1997. This new position manages the main interlibrary lending and borrowing operations for the University Libraries. She most recently was team leader for Information Access at the University of Arizona Libraries.

Staff Service Awards and Recognition of Length of Service for Librarians

Staff Service Awards for 1996 and the list of librarians completing significant years of service during 1996 were not published in the Spring 1997 issue of *Library Directions* as is customary, so we are including them here belatedly. The 1997 Service Awards and librarian's list will be published in the Spring 1998 issue.

Service Awards—Classified and Professional Staff, 1996

Ten (10) years: **Richard Carkeek**, Mathematics Research Library; **Patricia Lynn (Cowan) Meisner**,

Fisheries-Oceanography Library*; **Adam Garrett**, Health Sciences Libraries and Information Center; **Adam Hall**, Reference & Research Services; **Anita Khavarian**, Foster Business Library*; **Allen Maberry**, Cataloging; **JoAnn Madison**, Circulation; **Kathy Marshall**, Foster Business Library*; **Michael Milligan**, OUGL/Media Center; **James White**, Serials; and **Mark Young**, Circulation.

Fifteen (15) years: **Phyllis Chan**, Serials; and **Larry Jamieson**, Library Purchasing.

Twenty (20) years: **Richard Oberg**, Serials; and **Janet Pliske**, Cataloging.

Twenty-Five (25) years: **Jean Reynolds**, Serials; and **Earlene Lee**, OUGL.

Thirty (30) years: **Sandra Hankins**, Cataloging.

*These staff members received service awards in 1996, but were eligible in 1995.

Recognition of Length of Service—Librarians

Ten (10) years: **Gordon Aamot**, Foster Business Library; **Harry Murphy**, OUGL; **Carolyn Weaver**, Health Sciences Libraries and Information Center; and **Pamela Yorks**, Physics & Astronomy Library.

Fifteen (15) years: **Charles Chamberlin**, Administration; **Elizabeth Darrah**, Reference and Research Services; and **Linda Milgrom**, Health Sciences Libraries and Information Center.

Twenty (20) years: **Marino Deseilligny**, Reference & Research Services; **Alvin Fritz**, Reference & Research Services; and **Peter Stevens**, Acquisitions.

Twenty-five (25) years: **Janice Thomas**, Circulation.

Thirty (30) years: **Nancy Blase**, Natural Sciences Library; and **Doris Jones**, Natural Sciences Library.

Forty-five (45) years: **Betty Wagner**, Architecture-Urban Planning Library.

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