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## LIBRARY BULLETIN

### April/May 2008

#### **NAM LE, GEORGE BENNETT WRITER IN RESIDENCE, TO READ**

On Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., Nam Le, recipient of the 2007 George Bennett Fellowship, will read from his work in the Kaplanoff Periodicals Room. A reception and signing will follow the reading.

Nam Le was born in Vietnam and raised in Australia. He practiced as a corporate attorney in Melbourne before coming to America to attend the Iowa Writers' Workshop. While there, he served as the Truman Capote Fellow in fiction; the following year, he attended the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown under the Grace Paley Endowed Fellowship. He has been awarded the Pushcart Prize and the Michener-Copernicus Society of America Award, and his fiction has appeared in venues including *Zoetrope: All-Story*, *A Public Space*, *Conjunctions*, *One Story*, and NPR's *Selected Shorts*, as well as *Best American Nonrequired Reading*, *Best New American Voices*, *Best Australian Stories*, and *Pushcart Prize* anthologies. He is currently the fiction editor of the *Harvard Review*.

On May 13, his debut collection of short stories, *The Boat*, will be published by Alfred A. Knopf. During his year at the Academy, Le has been working on his second book, a novel set in large part on the South China Sea.

#### **EXHIBIT: INVENTION 1997-2008**

The Library is very pleased to announce an exhibit of the work of Principal Emerita Kendra Stearns O'Donnell. Called "Invention: 1997-2008," the exhibit features a selection of her paintings and sketches. The works will be displayed from April 25 through June 6, 2008 on the main floor at the front of the building and in the display cases. The exhibit was installed by Ed Desrochers.

#### **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS**

The 2008 annual conference of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) is being held in Boston this year. As part of that conference, a group of 53 architects will be making a special trip to New Hampshire on Wednesday, May 14 to tour the Class of 1945 Library, as well as the Zimmerman House and the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester.

Their visit to the library will include a conversation with Academy Librarian Jacquelyn Thomas and Jim Rogers, former president of the trustees. They will discuss our efforts to maintain the architectural integrity of the library, "the Acropolis," over the years. These efforts have resulted in honors such as the 25-Year Award from the AIA in 1997 and the commemorative stamp by the U.S. Postal Service in 2005.

#### **A BUSY PLACE**

Since the beginning of this term our statistics show there have been approximately 112 classes held in the library. Half of the Uppers taking History 333 have already been in the library with their sections; the second group of Uppers is beginning to come in now. History 333 teachers traditionally hold all their classes in the library during the time when the students are researching and writing their papers. In addition, students in History 433 have been researching Supreme Court cases, and students in Religion 240 have been using a selection of books on religion and popular culture. At a recent librarians' conference, we discovered that it is a unique practice for teachers to be holding classes in the library.

#### **SENIOR BOOKMARKS**

Since the spring of 1993, the Library has invited seniors to contribute lists of their favorite books for bookmarks used to encourage life-long reading. The bookmarks are made available at the Circulation Desk and in the Admissions Office. This year, 38 seniors contributed lists.

## NEW DATABASE TRIALS

The library has signed on for trial subscriptions to two additional databases. *REFERENCE UNIVERSE: electronic reference publishing* provides a single interface through which users can search article titles and back-of-the-book indices to print and electronic reference sources that we own or to which we subscribe, from several major publishers of reference materials.

We have also signed up for a trial of *Teen Health & Wellness: real life, real answers*. This database provides students with comprehensive curricular support and self-help tools on topics including diseases, drugs, alcohol, nutrition, fitness, mental health, diversity, family life and more. What is unique about this database is that each of the topics is considered from the point of view of the medical health and emotional needs of teenagers, delivering the information in clear, uncomplicated language.

Please ask a librarian if you wish to take a look at either of these databases. Usernames and passwords are required to access the trial subscriptions.

## SENIOR TIME CAPSULE

Each member of the Class of 2008 who began as a Prep in the fall of 2004 deposited a time capsule of materials in the Archives to be held for him or her until shortly before graduation. The items will be returned to the students in a special ceremony on Friday, May 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the Kaplanoff Periodicals Room.

## TWO NEW PERIODICALS

The Library has added two new titles to its magazine subscription list. *Lapham's Quarterly* is a new quarterly journal published by the American Agora Foundation and edited by Lewis Lapham of *Harper's Magazine*. According to the editors, this new quarterly "sets the story of the past in the frame of the present." David McCullough recently wrote about this new magazine, "*Lapham's Quarterly* is a godsend, a genuine treasure for any and all who care about history and ideas and the love of learning. It is superbly edited, beautifully designed and illustrated, and has a good tactile presence exactly in the spirit of its purpose. I don't know when I've been so pleased by something that arrived in the mail unexpectedly. Bravo!" The *Christian Science Monitor* has called it "a must read."

*The True Vine*, recommended by a faculty member, is published by The Holy Orthodox Metropolis of Boston.

## LAMONT YOUNGER POETS PRIZE

The Lamont Younger Poets Prize honors poems of exceptional promise written by juniors and lowers at Exeter. The prize commemorates the dedication of English instructor Rex McGuinn to student poetry at the ninth- and tenth-grade levels. In such a spirit, the Lamont Younger Poets Prize seeks to recognize promise as well as achievement in the early years of a student's developing craft.

On Tuesday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m., the four recipients of this year's prize will read their poems in the Kaplanoff Periodicals Room. Refreshments will be served following the reading.

The recipients for 2008 are:

Jacqueline O. Kay, Jeong Yun "Jacky" Yoon, Lucy X. Yu, and Marina Y. Zhou.

### Variation in Hours for May/June

Saturday, May 3	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 17	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 24	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 29	7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 30	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday May 31	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 1	CLOSED
Friday, June 6	Early closing

### Special Conference Week Schedule

Monday-Wednesday	
June 23-25	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 26	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, June 27	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**With the exception of the above,  
regularly scheduled hours for June will be:**

Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Weekends	Closed