The twenty-fourth annual spring dinner of the Friends of The University of Iowa Libraries will be held at the Ironmen Inn, I-80 at Exit 242 in Coralville, on Friday evening, April 29, 1988. The speaker will be Vartan Gregorian, president of the New York Public Library.

In 1986 Chef Louis Szathmary of the Bakery Restaurant in Chicago presented additional materials relating to the culinary arts to the University Libraries. In large part the gift is made up of German, Irish, Czech, English, and American manuscript cookbooks, dating from the seventeenth through the twentieth centuries. Included is a handwritten cookbook of Katharine Schratt, mistress of Franz Joseph, emperor of Austria and king of Hungary, which gives some insight into Viennese society about 1900. Other parts of the gift are Der Amerikanische Bierbrauer, the official organ of the United States Brewers Association, 1869-1884; wine catalogs from the Établissements Nicolas in Paris; books on mushrooms, canning, and cookery; and facsimiles of culinary manuscripts. One of the high points in this year’s gift is an unpublished typescript by Chicago author Nelson Algren. Entitled “Am Eats [America Eats] Algren,” the article describes food and customs that he observed when he was working for the WPA Writers’ Project during the depression.

The University of Iowa Libraries are fortunate to have received gifts establishing several endowed funds for the purchase of materials on particular subjects. From time to time The Indicator will report on selected acquisitions made possible by these funds.
The Frank S. Hanlin Memorial Book Fund, honoring a devoted bibliographer and bibliophile, enables the Library to continue its strong interest in fine printing. Books purchased this year on the Hanlin Fund are indicative of a variety of bibliographical topics:

Stoddard, Roger E. *Marks in Books, Illustrated and Explained*. 

http://ir.uiowa.edu/bai/vol47/iss1
This year's purchases for the Sara and Harold Lincoln Thompson Collection of Travel Literature and Ethnic Arts range from the South Seas to the Land of the Midnight Sun, with many other stops:


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Brisson, Pierre Raymond de. *An Historical Narrative of the Shipwreck and Captivity of Mr. de Brisson, an officer belonging to the administration of the French colonies, with a description of the deserts of Africa, from Senegal to Morocco*. Perth: R. Morison, junior, for R. Morison and son, Perth, and G. Mudie, Edinburgh, 1789.


During 1987 several donors made important additions to the rare book collection:

Burnes, Alexander. *Travels into Bokhara* (Philadelphia, 1835); and


The Special Collections Department of The University of Iowa Libraries wishes to hear from readers who have formed, or who would be interested in forming, collections of books in the following areas:

- English and American literature and history; Iowa authors (by birth or 20 years' residence); children's literature; classical languages and literature; private presses and fine printing; history of printing, papermaking, and bookbinding; illustrated books; art; travel; history of science; natural history; philosophy.

Members of the department would be pleased to discuss such collections at any time.