

John and Anne Zdunic Endowment

Members of the Toronto area Croatian community joined U of T faculty, staff and students on 8 April 2003 to celebrate the establishment, by John and Anne Zdunic, of a \$150,000 endowment for the acquisition of Croatian library materials. This exceptionally generous gift will allow the library to build an internationally renowned collection of research material related to Croatia that will be used by students and scholars for generations to come.

The U of T Library has been built in large measure by the donations of many benefactors. Several years ago, another of our great benefactors, Petro Jacyk, established the Resource Centre for Russian and Eastern European materials and invited others to establish endowments in support of collections. John Zdunic soon came forward with an important donation, which helped to substantially increase the number of books acquired about Croatia, in Croatian and other languages. He also helped us find people with Croatian collections who might be interested in donating their books and con-



tributing to the creation of a first class Croatian collection in Canada. As a result, the U of T Library now stands with Harvard, University of Washington and University of Michigan, among the top four North American libraries acquiring Croatian materials.

This new donation creates an endowment, which will support the development of the Croatian collection on a permanent basis. The Library has already been able to subscribe to 22 new scholarly journals and current newspapers. Some are dailies that enable users to keep up to date with events in Croatia. In addition, a major historical collection in microfilm has been acquired. The Croatian collection is used by both graduate and undergrad-

uate students in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and Masters Degree students in the Centre for Russian and East European Studies.

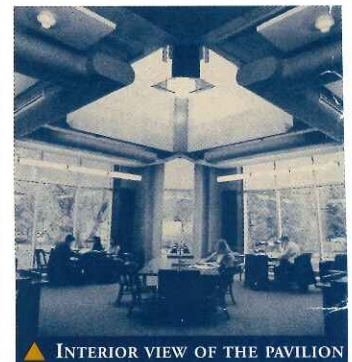
On this occasion, Friend of the Fisher Library, Harry Campbell, presented Carole Moore, Chief Librarian, with the first donation to the collection. Acquired by Mr. Campbell in Zagreb, *Inkunabule Narodnoj Republici Hrvatskoj*, by Josip Badalic, will be of great reference value to scholars doing research on Croatia.

The University of Toronto is deeply indebted to John and Anne Zdunic for their extraordinary support – both financial support and assistance in carrying out a shared vision.

Sinclair, daughter of Russell and Katherine.

The Gerstein Library is a centre of established excellence and is the largest science library in Canada, with holdings that include close to 900,000 books and active subscriptions to more than 4,000 print and electronic journals. As U of T's main science and medicine library, the facility supports the education and research of students in medicine, pharmacy, nursing, engineering and arts and sciences.

Plans are underway to complete the final phase of restoration of the original library



building now housing the Gerstein Science Information Centre. This final phase involves the renovation of the historic reading rooms located in the most southerly part of the building. Combining beauty, comfort and functionality, the renovation of the main floor reading rooms will preserve and restore the grandeur of the original 1892 heritage building and update the communications infrastructure to serve the needs of the 21st century.