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The University Library here takes the opportunity to examine its own history in the 20th century. The magazine looks at the reasons why and how the Baillieu Library building was constructed. More importantly, though, this edition examines the collections most closely associated with the Baillieu and their relevance to the scholarship of the University. There is a history of the Friends of the Baillieu Library, a reminiscence by a member of the Baillieu family, and a look to the future with the role of the World Wide Web and digitisation.
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