The President's Column

Several weeks ago, Mrs. J. Farra
Van Meter spoke to the Staff Organization about the International Book
Project and it was decided that the
members of the organization would donate books and money to defray postage
to the Project. The first of June will
be the deadline for contributing books
officially from the Staff Organization.
The collection box is located in the
area beside Elizabeth Howard's desk,
just off the Mail Room of MIK. If you
have books or money that you can donate, please bring them soon.

The officers of the Staff Organization and members of the various committees have worked very hard to make the picnic a success. I want to thank those of you who have contributed time and energy to planning all the details of the picnic. Specifically, I want to recognize members of the Food Committee, Becky Heath, Mildred Legg, Judy Fugate, Vivian Hall, Joan Gatewood, and Betty Sutton; and the Recreation Committee, Janet Ehrmantraut and Rose Proehl. In lieu of a Clean-Up Committee, we officers ask all of you to cooperate in leaving the grounds at Carnahan House in good condition. Our special thanks go to Dr. Forth who has volunteered to provide liquid refreshment and who has been particularly helpful in helping procure tables for the picnic.

We are also grateful to the department heads and the supervisors who have been patient which we have usurped their staff members for committee work.

Deanna Hudson

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The University of Kentucky Library Staff Organization will once again sponsor the annual spring picnic. It will be held Friday, June 2, at 4:00 p.m. on the lawn at Carnahan House. Eating will be held around 6:00--to allow plenty of time for all to assemble. All staff members and their families are invited--and urged-to attend.

Baked ham and fried chicken will be supplied by the Staff Organization. The officers of the Staff Organization are furnishing paper plates, napkins, cups, and plastic utensils. In spite of earlier doubts, there will be adequate seating for everyone so it will not be necessary to bring folding chairs or tables. A committee is planning games and entertainment and Dr. Forth has generously offered to provide the "spirit."

Those who wish to attend are asked to 1. bring food (salad, vegetable, etc.) enough for he and his group plus one; or 2. contribute \$1.00 per adult and .50 per child in his group. In addition everyone must bring his own drink. Contact Mildred Legg or Gail Kennedy, Catalog Dept., King Library, if you wish to come and have not already signed the list.

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AD HOC Committee On Work Week

An Ad Hoc committee of the library staff organization, initially composed to study the feasibility of a 4 day/40 hour work week, is now considering the feasibility of a 35 or 37 1/2 hour week.

The results of an opinion poll of the library staff on the 4/40 and on a 1/2 hour lunch period were presented at the May staff meeting. Neither option was widely accepted, and over 1/2 of the respondents accepted the present 5 day 40 hour system over the other two options. Many of the respondents expressed an interest in the 35 or 37 1/2 hour work week.

With the encouragement and suggestions of those members present at the staff meeting, the Ad Hoc committee is now concentrating its efforts on exploring the feasibility of the shorter hourly work week. On the assumption that other Kentucky state universities have a shorter work week, letters have been sent to state universities requesting precise information on their work week, the effect of a shorter week on staffing and on wages.

The committee has ruled out acceptance of a 35 or 37 1/2 hour work week if a cut in total wages now being earned by any employee, is a condition of the shorter work week.

The committee memebers are: Mike Bruer, John Bryant, Mildred Legg, Kathy Pratt, and Janet Ehrmantraut. Please contact any one of these people if you have suggestions or questions for the committee.

Personnel Notes

A future librarian for MIK was born Sunday, May 21, 1972. Congratulations to Mom and Dad Heath. Welcome to their daughter, Cynthia Leigh.

Since the first of May, the following have been added to the library staff: Pam Schrils, Elizabeth Ainslie, and Gwen Sternberg - Aquisitions; Betty Espinoza - Agriculture.

Mr. Gordon Discusses the New Library Addition

The new addition will include: aquisitions, cataloging, bindry, director's office, mail room and the art library. The art library will be a separate entity as a result of the division of the current fine arts library. Music library will remain in the Fine Arts building, with Ms. Adele Dailey as librarian. Ms. Gibson will remain as librarian for the art library, which will be housed in the new addition. Also housed in the addition will be the staff room, a large general storage room and gifts & exchange.

General services and collections will remain in the present MIK structure. There is no indication that the library name will be changed, as the new structure will be considered an addition, not a separate building.

Mr. Gordon hopes to have a meeting of staff members to show the plans and sketches of the addition.

The various sections included in the new addition will be located as follows: Ground level floor--art library, shipping room, mail room, collection stacks, main entrance of present MIK, and the director's office. Second floor will house: technical services and cataloging. In the future, second floor storage may be converted to general stacks and study area. The third floor, which is the fourth of four levels will contain a storage area and staff room.

The staff room will be furnished for snack & lunch area, and lounge area. These areas will be seprate, but not divided into different rooms. The interior decoration, colors, type furniture, etc. will be discussed with staff members in the fall.

Once the various units have moved into the new addition, there will be some renovation in the old building, and the vacated areas will be converted to stacks and study areas.

Projected date of completion of the new addition is the summer of 1973.

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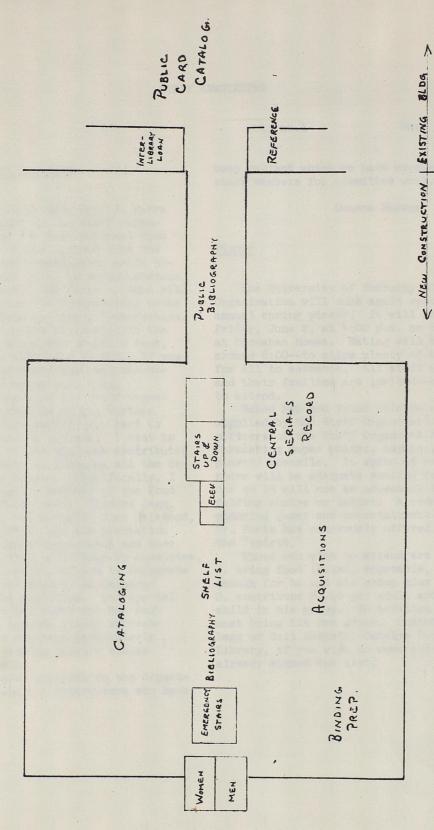
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