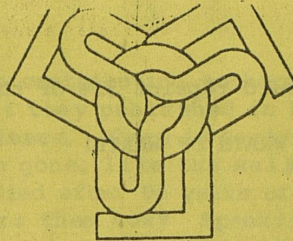


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**FROM LSO**

December 1983

**LSO CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

The Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 16th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Rare Book Room on the 5th Floor of King South. Meat and drinks (non-alcoholic, of course) will be provided by LSO. Retired staff members have been invited to be our guests.

Everyone has been asked to bring a dish that will serve eight. If you haven't seen a sign-up sheet in your department, call Patty Hornback in the Cataloging Department, 7-3831.\*

If you are not an LSO member, you will be expected to pay \$1.50 at the door to help cover expenses. (The budgeted cost for this event is about \$235.) LSO dues are \$3 per year. New employees may join by seeing LSO treasurer Barbara Hale in GPD, 7-3139.

As in the past, please bring a toy for a child. These gifts will be given to several agencies who will then distribute them. Label your package with the age and sex of the child.

A tradition we'd like to revive is the white elephant gift exchange. Bring something that you have lying around the house. It might be something you'd consider selling at a garage sale, or it could be something you're simply tired of dusting or moving around!

**COME AND ENJOY!**

\*A Reminder: Please bring your own serving spoon. Label your dish and your spoon so they will not get lost. You are responsible for heating and getting your dish to the luncheon. Please bring your dish to the 5th floor by 11:15 a.m. You are responsible for cleaning your dish afterwards.

**LSO ELECTION**

Ballots for officers for LSO for the 1984 year have been distributed. Please return yours as soon as possible to Cecil Madison, LSO secretary, Mail Room, King North. Results will be announced at the Christmas Luncheon.

**FROM THE EDITOR**

**GREEN BEAN CONTROVERSY?**

The much-anticipated controversy over renaming the GREEN BEAN did not materialize. I received only three responses, two to keep the name and one with many suggestions all retaining "green" (how about The Gangreen?). I guess the beans will remain for a while longer. Just for

fun I thought we would reprint 33% of the responses with a rebuttal.

WE'VE INCURRED THE WRATH OF WARTH!

**POINT**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

In regard to the notice in the October WAX BEAN asking for suggestions for a new name for the Green Bean, I would like to point out that this came up for a somewhat heated discussion at an L.S.O. meeting some years back and the staff voted to keep the old name as long as it had the subtitle: University of Kentucky Libraries' Newsletter. The name had been changed once before from the simple Bulletin, to the more memorable (if wretched) Green Bean.

Here is a xeroxed news note from the February 22, 1974 Green Bean that seems most apt to me.

(UPI) -- A mild-mannered librarian at Michigan State University has launched what could be called the "Librarian Liberation Movement". David Taylor said he and many of his colleagues are angry over the seeming whimsy publishers use in changing the names of their publications. The group Taylor formed is called LUTFCUSSTC. That stands for Librarians United to Fight Costly, Silly, Unnecessary Serial Title Changes.

At the annual American Library Association meeting a "Snake in the Grass Award" is made to a library that had the gall to change the name of its own publication. They are baffled to find a library staff so oblivious to the confusion, aggravation, and expense of changing the name of its journal.

No matter what new name is chosen, some six or seven years hence, another group of newcomers to the staff will be amazed and/or offended at such a choice.

Terry Warth  
Cataloger (including serials)  
Special Collections

**COUNTERPOINT**

A Letter From the Editor --

So you say our proposal is a CSUSTC. I say HOGWASH! The very tenets on which this country was founded enables us to consider such a proposal. A serial title is indicative of the group issuing it or the audience for which it is intended. Are you saying that the staff should remain a bushel of beans?! Many illustrious serials have changed their names over the years for very legitimate reasons. Why, if your thinking prevailed Horse World would still be Short Snorts or the New Jersey Instructional Series would be forever known as Cockpit-USA, a very descriptive appellation I must say. Serials would be doomed to keep names that were once though cute but no longer descriptive and lost forever to the people who might be enticed to look at them. High

quality serials would lose contributing authors because who would want to put on their resume that they published in **Peep and Moo** instead of the **Journal of Animal Science**. Where is David Taylor's LUTFCUSSTC now, may I ask? It appears to be gone, like the **Bulletin of the U.S. Museum of Natural History** that died after 96 years of publication with nary a name change. Who remembers them now? Speaking of the "snake in the grass award", isn't that the pot calling the kettle black?

The basic question here is not the name change but the freedom to do so. I say one group has no right to limit the choice of others. I too am opposed to silly, unnecessary serial title changes but I will not stand in the way of group destiny. I say pursue the SUSTC but do not label every change a SUSTC. To do so would seriously limit our freedom of choice.

Toni Powell  
Former Cataloger (including serials)  
Agriculture

**FROM THE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Are You a Book Batterer: a quiz to learn the truth about your attitudes to books:

This short test will reveal your true attitude. Check the most appropriate responses.

1. I remove books for the shelf by pulling the top of the spine and am pleased to hear the sound of tearing, especially with a new book.

_____ always	_____ frequently
_____ sometimes	_____ never

2. I eat or drink while reading and feel better when the crumbs drop onto the pages or when I spill coffee on them.

_____ always	_____ frequently
_____ sometimes	_____ never

3. I push down hard on the spine of a book when I am photocopying in order to break its spine.

_____ always	_____ frequently
_____ sometimes	_____ never

4. When shelving books I fill each shelf as full as possible and am gratified when I can jam that last volume into a space obviously too small for it.

\_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ frequently  
\_\_\_\_\_ sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ never

5. I like to stack books up in piles, putting the smallest and flimsiest books on the bottom and topping the pile up with the largest, hoping that the whole thing will go tumbling on to the floor.

\_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ frequently  
\_\_\_\_\_ sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ never

6. I razor or tear articles, pages, pictures out of library books, especially if I think something might be useful to others. (I know it is to me)

\_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ frequently  
\_\_\_\_\_ sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ never

**Scoring:**

Give yourself 3 points for each "always" 2 for "frequently" 1 for "sometimes", 0 for "never". Add up the total.

15-18 -- unhealthy attitude to books and learning

8-14 -- your attitude toward information is unhealthy and you need to actively change it.

1-7 -- watch yourself. You could be developing a hostile attitude to books and learning.

0 -- congratulations, your attitude towards printed information is very healthy. Stay vigilant.

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**ABOUT THE STAFF** (or former staff)

Condolences to RUBY (Journalism Reading Room) and DAN HERALD on the recent loss of Dan's father.

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