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N.B.: NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEXUS

If you have a question--any question--related to postsecondary education a good place to call for answers is the NEXUS line recently opened by the American Association for Higher Education. NEXUS is described as a "people bank": when you need information a call to NEXUS can connect you with the people who can provide it. Some

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examples of problems submitted to NEXUS: --A faculty member wanted to know what schools similar to his had developed interdisciplinary freshman year programs. --A student wanted to know how others managed to get credit for student leadership work. --A person in charge of a faculty development program wanted to know how others ran similar programs in their institutions. --A college president wanted to know what other medium-size schools had recently re-evaluated their total athletics program. NEXUS information is offered free of charge by telephoning (202) 785-8480; also by mail: NEXUS, American Association for Higher Education, One Dupont Circle, Suite 780, Washington, D.C. 20036.

ARL STATISTICS 1975, 1976

The A.R.L. statistics for 1974-75 have just been published. Out of the 99 A.R.L. members, most of which are major university libraries, Kentucky ranks 53rd in total volume holdings. A comparison of Kentucky's rank in each of thirteen categories for this year and last year is given below:

year is	Vols. in E	Vols.	Micro- forms	Current Periodical	Prof. Staff	Non-prof. Staff	Total Staff	Materials Expend.	Materials & Binding	Salaries & Wages	Total Expend.	ILL	ILL
1973-74	54	54	9	18	39	\$2	48	-	50	51	49		
1974-75	53	38	10	28	41	52	43	58	55	56	58	30	41

We have maintained our high rank in terms of microform holdings and have considerably improved our rank in volumes added. The increase in volumes added may have been due in part to the fact that we were careful this year to report all materials acquired, not just those which were ordered through the acquisitions department. Similarly, our rank dropped in terms of current periodicals not so much because we cancelled subscriptions but because a more accurate count was made available as a by-product of the journal project. The N.E.H. grant which supports Instructional Services helped improve our rank in personnel. The A.R.L. statistics for Kentucky include the Law, Agriculture, and Medical libraries. Actual figures in each of the categories for 1974-75 are given below:

Volumes in library Volumes added (net) Total microforms Current serials 1,426,810 82,452

1,300,716 23,313

Items loaned (ILL)	16,390
Items borrowed (ILL)	4,446
Expenditures - Materials	\$ 950,418
Binding	94,553
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Wages	1,631,333
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Professional Staff (FTE)	65
Non-prof. staff (FTE)	114
Student Assistants (FTE)	58
Total staff (FTE)	237

J. Graef

FORTRAN COURSE OFFERED

The Computing Center will offer a non-credit introductory course of the FORTRAN programming language Feb. 3 through Feb. 20 for students, faculty, and staff members. No prerequesites exist, and there is no fee. However, preregistration is necessary. Forms for registration are available at the Computing Center, Room 72, McVey Hall.

BRANCH LIBRARY PROCEDURE MANUAL

A copy of any new or newly revised policies, procedures or forms, which might affect the branch libraries in some way, is requested for inclusion in the Branch Library Manual. Each department making such changes is requested to send a copy of the new items to Rhoda Channing at the Business Library. The people who wrote sections for the existing manual will be asked to update them individually.

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES

Meetings: Administrative Council for 21 Jan. is cancelled.

Library Staff Organization:

Want to become a member of the Library Staff Organization? You may, if you are a full time employee working 32 or more hours per week for the University of Kentucky Libraries.

The Library Staff Organization exists for the benefit of the entire staff and can only be effective through active participation and support. The officers look forward to organizing both work-oriented programs and social activities and encourage your response.

This is a reminder that dues for the current year should be paid on or before January 30, 1976. Cecil Madison will be sending notices to staff members indicating the procedure for payment of dues.

The Officers For '76

PERSONNEL

Travellers to ALA Midwinter this weekend include: Jean Graef, Rebecca Harleston, Susan McCargar, Ed O'Hara, Dean Trivette, and Paul Willis.

Jean is a member of the Budgeting, Accounting and Cost Committee of the Library Administration Division; Dean is Coordinator for the Education Task Force for the Government Documents Roundtable. Susan will also be attending the pre-conference meeting on "The Management of the Library in Transition."

Vacation Policy:

Effective January 1, 1976, all university employees who now earn vacation time at the rate of 10 days per year will be entitled to 15 days per year at the end of three years continuous employment and 20 days per year after nine years of continuous employment. (Most library staff members are already on this vacation allowance; this change mainly effects people in the service and maintenance category.)

Position Opening: LT III Circulation (Night Supervisor).

If interested, please see Faith Harders.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Associate Director, Medical Center Library. University of Kentucky. March 1976. If interested, please contact Omer Hamlin, Jr., Medical Center Annex #2, Room 225. Phone 233-6241.

Head, Central Reference Librarian. University of Arizona. March 15, 1976. \$14,000+.

Serials Cataloger. Auburn University. July 1, 1976. \$10,000 - \$16,000.