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CALENDAR

- 7 April - The Gallery Series - Finnish and Yiddish Songs: An Adventure in Ethno-musicology by Arthur Graham and Aimo Kiviniemi, Tenors - Noon in the Gallery, King Library North.
- 7 April - College of Library Science Faculty Forum Series - Topic: Current Trends at the Library of Congress in the Area of Technical Processing - Gallery, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Conducted by Dr. Lois Chan. No fee for University of Kentucky personnel.
- 14 April - The Gallery Series - Horn music by Rex Connor, tuba, and Betty Garrett, piano - Noon in the Gallery, King Library North.

Current Exhibits: Foyer - King Library North - Robert Lowell exhibit through May (see note).

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ABOUT THE LIBRARIES

Robert Lowell Exhibit at the University Libraries

A commemorative exhibit for Robert Lowell (1917-1977) is currently on display in the foyer of King Library North at the University of Kentucky. Lowell, described as "the poet of the American consciousness and conscience" both for his political stance (he was an early opponent of the Vietnam war and refused a highly publicized invitation to the White House) and for the particular style of his poetry, died in New York last September. His second wife was Elizabeth Hardwick, Lexington native and alumna of the University.

Lowell achieved recognition early in his career. After studying with three Kentuckians, Cleanth Brooks, Allen Tate, and Robert Penn Warren, at Louisiana State University in the 1930's, he published two highly-acclaimed books of verse, Land of Unlikeness and Lord Weary's Castle; the latter won him his first Pulitzer prize. After several more books of poetry, translations, and plays, he published Life Studies in 1959 and created a new style of writing called "confessional" poetry for its highly subjective tone and its frequently harsh personal revelations. Sylvia Plath and Anne Sexton were among the practitioners of the "confessional" mode, but none achieved Lowell's mastery of it. The Dolphin (1973) won him a second Pulitzer, and Day by Day (1977) has been nominated for a third prize this year.

Included in the Lowell exhibit are books, including limited editions and signed copies, clippings, photographs, and correspondence. Much of it was acquired by purchase earlier this year; parts have been loaned by Miss Hardwick and others who knew the poet.

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-5; Saturday, 8-12; Sunday, 2-5. Additional information: 606 258-2651.

Library Staff Organization Appoints Social Committee

The Social Committee for this year has been appointed and they are Emily Lihani, chairperson, Frances Kelley, Susan Payne, Trudy Purcell, Jean Robinson, Joyce Taylor and Joyce Turner. No mistake about it, both Joyce "T's" are on the Committee. Joyce Turner would like to remind the staff that some dues are still outstanding. Please contact her as soon as possible in the Acquisitions Department, King Library North. Thanks very much.

Reserve Items of Interest

Paul Willis has placed the following items on Reserve at the Circulation desk to be made available to the staff:

Collection Analysis in Research Libraries; an Association of Research Libraries' publication.

Five Year Plan for SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network)

CONFERENCE

The Kentucky Oral History Commission is sponsoring a workshop and conference, April 21-22, at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond. The program has been planned to minimize conflict with the April 21 meeting of the Kentucky Council on Archives which is meeting at the University of Kentucky, King Library North. For more specific information about the workshop, please contact Deborah McGuffey, King Library North, 606-258-5603.

PERSONNEL

When John Gray leaves in August to attend law school on a full-time basis, Administrative Services will be merged with Personnel under Faith Harders. The Library system functioned this way in past years and the Administrative Committee felt that the advantages of the merger would outweigh any disadvantages.

Dennis Dickinson has accepted the position of Assistant Director for Public Services and will start August 1.

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If interested, see Faith Harders.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Director for Technical Services, University of Houston. Salary: \$24,000+. Application deadline: May 30, 1978.

Reference Librarian, Indiana University Libraries Southeast; New Albany, Indiana. Salary: \$11,500. Application deadline: May 1, 1978.

