FACULTY NEWSLETTER

Jennifer Coffman (Reference Dept.) has agreed to serve as the editor of the library "faculty newsletter." Whenever possible the various publications of University Information Services (Staff Bulletin - "Bluesheet", Communi-K, etc.) will be utilized for distribution of information to the faculty. This will reduce the library's expenditures for

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reduce the library's expenditures for 9/6/74
printing and mailing separate memoranda and newsletters to the faculty and staff.

Please direct items of interest to Jennifer.

CABLE TV WORKSHOP

A workshop on "Cable television and the library" will be held Sept. 13, 1974, at UK's Carnahan House. The workshop is sponsored by the Office for Continuing Education, College of Library Science, and will have as one of its objectives explaining cablecasting and what it can do for librarians. Further information and registration forms may be obtained from Jim Nelson, Director of the Office for Continuing Education (88854).

STUDY GROUP ON LIBRARY SERVICES

The Council on Public Higher Education has formed a Council Study Group on Library Services for Higher Education in Kentucky. It is anticipated that the Study Group will develop a plan for library services in higher education in Kentucky. The first phase, to be completed by July 1975, includes the following: 1) satisfying the most critical needs of library services in higher education; 2) the problems and issues in satisfying those needs; 3) what factors and alternatives are present in the problems or issues; and 4) what are the courses to be recommended. The library directors of the state supported universities and colleges make up the studgroup. The first meeting is scheduled in September. (Memorandum from A. D. Albright, Aug. 13, 1974)

VOLUNTEERS FOR REFERENCE

Four staff members, Karin Sandvik, Vivian McQuown, Sue Golden, and Ernie Ping, have volunteered to work in the Reference Dept. on an occasional Saturday. More volunteers are still needed. Any librarian or LT IV who would like to take part in this program should contact Ruth Brown in the Director's Office (73801).

PERSONNEL NOTES

Positions Open:

Cataloging, LT II.

Cataloging, Grade 12.

Newspaper/Microtext, LT I.

All positions are open now, see Dotty Green (73801)

New Staff Member:

Eva Cooper, Grade 18, Director's Office.

OMBUDSMAN

Final procedures have been agreed to for electing a new Ombudsman for the coming year. The procedures were agreed to by the Library Grievance Study Committee and the Director's Office.

A ballot is given below and you are asked to vote for one of the two individuals named. The individual receiving the most votes will become the new Ombudsman filling the vacancy created by John Bryant's move to the Director's Office. The candidates were selected by the Grievance Committee. The guidelines developed last year by the Grievance Committee for the Office of the Ombudsman are reprinted for your information.

. THE LIBRARY OMBUDSMAN

1. Function, Jurisdiction and Procedures of the Office

- a. Function—The office of the Ombudsman shall provide a mechanism for handling issues for which no established procedure exists or for which established procedures have not yielded a satisfactory solution. It is not intended to supplant the normal processes of problem resolution. In some cases where there is a clear need to achieve a solution more quickly than normal procedures provide, the Ombudsman may initiate investigations without formal complaints.
- b. Jurisdiction--The authority of the Library Ombudsman extends to issues of a library nature involving all professional, classified, and student employees of the University Library system.
- 3. Procedures--The Ombudsman shall handle all matters on his/her own discretion. The Ombudsman shall have full access to officials, meetings, and personnel records. The Ombudsman shall maintain the anonymity of both parties, unless involved parties signify otherwise.

2. Liaison and Term of Office

- a. Liaison—The Ombudsman shall maintain close liaison with the Director and is responsible to the staff. Reports shall be made to the staff at large at least once a quarter and more frequently at the Ombudsman's discretion.
- b. Term of Office--The term of office shall be one calendar year. Future Ombudsmen shall be selected by election.