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## CALENDAR

- July 30 Appalshop Film Festival "John Jacob Niles", noon  
Room 245, Student Center.
- July 30 Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Sale for University  
employees, Student Center Patio, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.
- July 31  
Aug. 1 & 2 Three one-act comic operas, "A Hand of Bridge", "The  
Telephone" and "Trial by Jury", Recital Hall, Center  
for the Arts, 8:00 PM.

University Archives  
Margaret I. King Library North  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, Kentucky 40506

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ANNUAL REPAIRS TO STEAM DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Each year, the Physical Plant Division must schedule repairs to boilers, valves, steam mains and related equipment. The Physical Plant Division makes every effort to schedule this work around conferences and classroom schedules.

The steam shutdown schedule includes among others, the following buildings:

- Agriculture
- Bowman Hall
- Chemistry-Physics
- Dickey Hall
- Fine Arts
- Law
- Margaret I. King Library, North and South
- Patterson Office Tower

9:00 AM August 8 through 4:00 PM August 21, 1980.

If repairs are finished before the ending dates on the above shutdowns, the steam will be turned on earlier than scheduled.

EARLY 'CALCULATORS'

A major aspect of early New England almanacs was the subject of a recent exhibition at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester Massachusetts.

Almanacs were considered indispensable reading in early America. They packed farming advice, medical and domestic recipes, lists of courts and roads, and literary quotes into slim annual publications.

In 1800 in New England alone 31 publishers issued almanacs, some in runs of 50,000 or more copies. They had between 24 to 48 pages and sold for from six to 10 cents depending on size.

The Almanac 'calendar' pages were the work of individuals known as calculators. There were scholarly men, often teachers, who worked out columnar pages giving the dates and hours of the rising and setting of the sun, eclipses of the moon, high and low tides, and other essential astronomical information. Each page was calculated for a specific location, usually the city where the almanac was published.

A.A.S. has the largest collection in existence of American almanacs (and yearbooks). The collection holds more than 18,000 or 90 percent of all almanacs published in the U.S. before 1850.

The American Antiquarian Society is the first historical society to be national in the scope of its collections, and serves a worldwide community of scholars and researchers. Its library holds over two-thirds of all material known to have been printed in this country before the year 1821, and is preeminent through 1876.

Special Collections has a modest but fairly representative collection of American almanacs focusing mainly on Kentucky but also including some published abroad.

#### STATE DATA CENTER PROGRAM (SDC)

In January 1980 the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the U.S. Bureau of the Census entered into an agreement for the cooperative operation of a State Data Center. Located at the Urban Studies Center of the University of Louisville, the mission of the State Data Center Program is to make Census Bureau statistical resources and related products more widely available to planners in State and local government, the business community, those doing research in academia, and the general public. The State Data Center Program began in the fall of 1978 in 4 states. Currently 25 states have joined. The Census Bureau's commitment is to provide printed and non-print data files plus personnel to train those operating the Main Data Center and its Affiliates. Because of the Urban Studies Center's staff of trained professionals and extensive computer capabilities, it was chosen to house the main SDC collection. A state-wide network of agencies and libraries consisting of 25 Affiliate Data Centers (located in public libraries, Area Development District offices, and chambers of commerce) and 15 Affiliated Depository Libraries (King Library's Government Publications Department is one) has been established. In addition to products of the Census Bureau, publications of the Urban Studies Center's Population Research Unit will also be provided to Affiliate Data Centers. GPD already has the printed publications from the Census Bureau by virtue of its depository status, but will now have access to unpublished data files which were difficult to locate in the past. When GPD receives a question it cannot answer with its resources, it can refer the request to the SDC via special telephone connections. A continuing series of workshops and conferences will be offered by the State Data Center (one was held in April) to keep personnel in the Affiliates informed of new products and programs. For more information about the SDC, contact GPD at 257-2639.

Janis Pivarnik

#### SUMMARY OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR 1979/80

The Planning Committee of the University of Kentucky Library Faculty was given the charge to plan for automated systems in the University Libraries. We first discussed the history of the Libraries' involvement in the OCLC/SOLINET automated systems. Next, we examined the presently installed subsystems and their funding, including what we could discover about developing subsystems. It became apparent that our systems costs are increasing as our commitment to, and indeed, our dependence on, the systems is increasing. At present these costs are borne in large measure by the book budget which, in our view, is neither sufficient nor appropriate for the purpose. The following are our conclusions and recommendations.

1. Review and evaluate current and upcoming subsystems as they are offered by OCLC/SOLINET. We must be certain that we need a given subsystem and that the one we select is most appropriate for our needs whether network- or vendor-produced. We need to be certain that there is adequate funding to support the system before we are completely dependent on it. In planning for upcoming systems, we should try to anticipate staff changes, budgeting and placement of equipment so that a minimum amount of equipment and book budget money is used.

2. Establish a separate accounting for systems by unit. The expense of supporting SOLINET subsystems is already a strain on our budgets, and will have more serious implications as new subsystems and capabilities are developed. Units should be made responsible for the preparation of a systems budget which would be channeled to the appropriate division head. (i.e. Reference would project the cost of their system for the fiscal year and submit it to the Assistant Director for Public Services. The appropriate division head would then prepare the final budget for that division.) This would be a separate segment of the budgets and the appropriate existing budgets would be charged. The systems allocation would be prepared in much the same way that the student budgets and subject allocations of the book budget are prepared. Each unit would be responsible for monitoring its own expenses and living within the budget.

3. Maintain a coordinated but decentralized management operation for network or commercial systems. As new systems develop, areas of expertise must be developed, and some decision making must be done in the units with the new systems. Appropriate liaison should be developed between the unit, e.g. Interlibrary Loans, Reference, Acquisitions, etc., and the corresponding service from network or vendor office. Appropriate functions should be coordinated through the appropriate divisions in King Library i.e. an Interlibrary Loan problem in an associate library should be discussed with the appropriate person in King to be sure it is really a problem before contacting the parent office of the system.

4. Offer periodic basic training sessions for the library staff. As automation becomes a larger part of our operation it will benefit us to have as many staff members as possible familiar with the OCLC System. We recommend a short course in the use of OCLC/SOLINET be developed and offered on a continuing basis.

The committee concludes that while past processing costs were a legitimate expenditure of the book budget automated systems have now moved beyond that realm. A full Copy of the report is available from Toni Powell, Agriculture Library.

Committee members of the 1979/80 Planning Committee were Toni Powell, chair, Ruth Brown, John Bryant, David Farrell, Omer Hamlin Gail Kennedy, Sandra Muenks, and Janis Pivarnik.

#### TELEPHONE LOG

This is a reminder to turn in your telephone logs at the end of each month to Administrative Services. Keeping accurate records of your calls is essential for verification of the monthly phone bills. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

Amelia Charron  
Administrative Services

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Reference librarian, Georgia State University. Salary \$12,800 minimum.  
Application deadline: September 1, 1980.

Head Librarian and Director of Learning Resources, Elon College. Salary \$18,000 minimum. Application deadline: August 15, 1980.

Instructor and Serials Cataloger, Iowa State University. Salary \$12,700-\$14,500. Application deadline: August 8, 1980.

Associate Director for Administrative Services, University of Tennessee. Salary \$25,000-\$30,000. Application deadline: August 31, 1980

Catalog editor, University of Tennessee. Salary \$12,000-\$14,000.  
Application deadline: August 31, 1980.

Reference Librarian with specialization in Social sciences and government documents, University of Tennessee. Salary \$12,000-\$14,000. Application deadline: August 31, 1980.

Director of the Library, Mount St. Mary's College. Salary commensurate with qualifications. Application deadline: September 15, 1980.

Librarian, Engineering Library, Howard University. Starting salary \$23,451.00. Starting as soon as possible.

Technical Assistant, Engineering Library, Howard University. Salary \$16,512.00. Starting as soon as possible.

Assistant Librarian, Human. & Social Science, Howard University. Salary \$16,512.00. Starting as soon as possible.

Assistant Director/Founders, General Library, Howard University. Salary \$26,722.00. Starting as soon as possible.

Associate Librarian, Public Services, Howard University. Salary \$20,709.00. Starting as soon as possible.

Assistant Librarian, Public Services, Howard University. Salary \$16,512.00. Starting as soon as possible.

Technical Assistant, Public Services, Howard University. Salary \$16,512.00. Starting as soon as possible.

Technical Assistant, Systems Analyst, Howard University. Salary \$16,512.00. Starting as soon as possible.

Assistant Director, Technical Services Dept., Howard University. Salary \$26,722.00. Starting as soon as possible.

Associate Librarian, Technical Services, Howard University. Salary \$20,709.00 Starting as soon as possible.

Assistant Librarian, Technical Services, Howard University. Salary \$16,512.00. Starting as soon as possible.

DOGGEREL FOR THE DOLDRUMS OF THURSDAY LUNCH

or

AN ORAL HISTORY AD FOR SUMMER HELP

While listening to a poetaster,  
The king received the queen; in haste her  
Crown had slipped, which made her waste her  
Interview, for in poor taste her  
Hubby thought her. The cook below would baste her  
Geese too seldom, and the lunch was a disgrace. Her  
Sins caused her dismissal, and to face her  
Multiple transgressions and everyone else's plodding pace, their  
King decided to keep track of all the goofs that he could trace. For  
He had devised a system to embrace ar-  
Chival virtues of all sorts, but when he got them all in place, or  
Thought he had, the queen in lace or-  
Dered his page to leave off that and promptly race for  
Her new fan, and so the king was left with charts, lists and boxes to chase her  
Sins down without a system, and he wanted to lambaste her--

"MY KINGDOM FOR A LABEL PASTER!!!!!!"

--A Bard Disbarred