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## New Main Library Building Recommended

A new main library building for the Western Kentucky University Libraries has been recommended by the Libraries' Task Force on a New Main Library Building. The project has been placed ninth on WKU's list of twenty-six capital construction priority items to be presented for the 1988-90 budget planning session.

Based on an analysis of structural, spatial, and technical needs, the recent Task Force report indicates that WKU should begin to plan a new library as soon as possible. The report details several problems with the existing Helm-Cravens Library complex, including questions about wiring and the load-bearing capabilities in the Helm building. The non-modular design of Helm with traditional fixed walls restricts usable space and is less flexible for implementing new programs and new technologies. Several earlier studies have indicated a growing and crucial need for collection and seating space in the Helm building.

The Task Force suggests that Cravens is best suited for use exclusively as a book stack tower. A recent spatial study indicates that the collections

currently housed on the fifth through ninth floors of Cravens will soon reach capacity, even with additional shelving. The application of new or changed technology is also extremely difficult to implement in the Cravens building, thus restricting the future installation or modification of electronic systems.

The recommendation of the Task Force is a library building of the future, which would not only accommodate pressing space needs, but also address the prime considerations of meeting the service needs of a changing student population and of adapting to a rapidly evolving library technology. The Task Force proposal incorporates the following suggestions:

1. Build a new main library to house administrative offices, technical, circulation, reference, government, and bibliographic services, as well as periodicals and non-print items related to the main collections. This structure would be adjacent and well-connected to the Cravens building and would occupy

the vacant area between Grise Hall and the Ivan Wilson Center.

2. Use the entire Cravens Graduate Center as a book stack tower.
3. Close the Helm building for library purposes and offer it for use to meet other University needs.
4. Add additional stack towers to the complex as future needs arise.

The major problems of the Helm-Cravens Library complex -- inadequate size and space for staff and materials, limitations of physical and mechanical quality, and lack of flexibility - will continue to trouble the WKU Libraries. Planning a new library building is a complicated and very time-consuming matter. By planning now and working toward the goals outlined by the Task Force on a New Main Library Building, the University Libraries will have opportunities to enhance existing services and present additional programs. A new building may be the only solution to provide the space, structure, and technology needed to supply quality library service in the years ahead.

# Find It In the *Magazine Index*

New in the Reference Area on the first floor of Helm Library is the *Magazine Index*, a periodical index providing access to more than 670,000 articles, from news items to recipes, reviews to editorials. Produced by Information Access Corporation, a Division of Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, this ROM (Recorded Output Microform) Reader Index provides indexing to approximately 400 magazines for the most recent four years with complete updates on a monthly basis. Wider in coverage than the *Reader's*

*Guide to Periodical Literature*, the *Magazine Index* opens an additional point of access for researchers seeking articles in popular journals and magazines.

The index is subject-based with authors listed by their last names and products listed by brand names. The subject listings are based on the *Library of Congress Subject Headings*. A feature of the index is graded, (A to F) reviews designed to give the reader an idea of what the reviewer thought of the book, movie, play, recording,

restaurant, or hotel/motel.

Accompanying the index and located in a looseleaf binder adjacent to it are "Hot Topics in Review" and "Product Evaluations." The most recent update of "Hot Topics in Review" features lists of articles on the new immigration law and television evangelists, while "Product Evaluations" reviews beer, bicycle equipment, etc.

A backfile of the *Magazine Index* (from 1977 to 1983) is available on regular microfiche next to the ROM Reader.

## Looking For a Good Book?

Are the classroom, research, and study routines getting the best of you? Maybe it's time for a bit of mental relief! Try reading a book from the new WKU Libraries Leisure Reading Collection, located on the fourth floor of the Cravens Library. This collection consists of approximately 220 titles, including bestsellers in the fields of fiction and non-fiction. Fiction titles reflect the following categories: popular fiction, light fiction, science fiction, mystery, romance, and westerns.

The books are leased from the McNaughton Book Service, a division of Bro-Dart. Leasing books to libraries was the idea of a candy store owner, Nelson McNaughton, who first established a book rental section in his own store in the 1920s and then rented his surplus books to other stores. Quite accidentally when one of these stores went into receivership, he was forced to request storage space at a West

Virginia library. Soon after that arrangement, the McNaughton Plan was born. The Plan has become the largest book leasing company in the United States with customers including most large public libraries, many academic libraries, and some military base libraries.

This leasing plan enables the Western Kentucky University Libraries to make available to its patrons popular books which might not be acquired normally for an academic collection. Ten new titles will be added monthly, and the same number of uncirculated or low use titles will be returned to the company.

The books in the Leisure Reading Collection may be checked out for a period of two weeks with one renewal. Each patron may check out no more than three books from this collection at a time.

An author-title list is available in the Leisure Reading

Collection area. If a particular book you would like to read is on the list but checked out, a hold may be placed on the title at the Circulation Services desk, Cravens fourth floor. If you would like to see a title added to the collection, leave your suggestion with someone at the Circulation Services desk.

Presently included in the collection are books such as: Allan Bloom's *Closing of the American Mind*; Art Buchwald's *I Think I Don't Remember*; Howard Blum's chronicle of the Walker spy family, *I Pledge Allegiance*; Billy Crystal's *Absolutely Mahvelous*; nationally syndicated columnist Lewis Grizzard's *When My Love Returns from the Ladies Room*, *Will I Be Too Old to Care?*; Martin Katahn's *The Rotation Diet*; and Stephen King's *It* and *The Eyes of the Dragon*.

We invite you to browse the collection, check out a few books and temporarily escape the textbook/research grind!

# 1987 "Year of the Reader" The Celebration Goes on . . .

## Halloween Treat

Meet your favorite fictional book character at the Halloween Treat sponsored by the WKU Libraries "Year of the Reader" Celebration Committee. On Friday, October 30, 1987, candy treats will be distributed to patrons at each exit checker's desk in the Helm-Cravens Library and at the branch libraries. At 1:30 p.m. on that date in the lobby of Helm Library, cookies and apple cider will be served by University Libraries personnel dressed as fictional book characters. Activities will include drawings for door prizes, fortune telling by Julie Hall, and appropriate music. Winners of the door prizes will not need to be

present at the time of the drawings. Area businesses who have agreed to donate prizes include: A&W Root Beer Drive-In, Andrew's Restaurant, Burger King, Castner-Knott, Dillard's Hardware, The Greenwood 6 AMC Theatres, Lone Oak Restaurant, Major Weatherby's Army Navy Store, Mariah's, Nat's Outdoor Sports, Peppino's, Rafferty's, Record Bar, Red Lobster, Southern Lanes, Split Tree Barbecue, Waldenbooks, and The Woodbury House.

All WKU students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to come by and join in the fun! Let the WKU Libraries treat you this Halloween!

## Holiday Book Sale

You can finish your Christmas shopping early at the Holiday Book Sale sponsored by the WKU Libraries "Year of the Reader" Celebration Committee. The sale will be Tuesday, November 17, 1987, in the lobby of Helm Library from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Books from the University Press of Kentucky will be for sale, featuring bargains on overstocked and damaged books. A selection of recent titles will be available for the holiday shopper. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar now and drop by for a good price on gifts for Aunt Sue, Cousin John, and yourself!

## Expanded Services for Glasgow and Owensboro Extended Campus Students

In cooperation with the Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Public Library in Glasgow and the Owensboro High School Library in Owensboro, expanded library services are now available to extended campus students in those areas. Students can use the WKU Libraries Computer Output Microfiche (COM) Catalog and major periodical indexes at these two locations. Faculty members teaching extended campus classes in the area can place items on reserve at either library location.

In the previous issue of *Update* we reported on the toll-free library number (1-800-922-WKUL) available to extended campus students. Students can use the number to

request books or journal articles from the WKU Libraries, as well as to receive research assistance. Glasgow or Owensboro area extended campus students who request books via the toll-free number will receive them either by courier to the appropriate library or in the mail to the students' homes. Requested journal articles will be mailed to the students' homes or sent via telefacsimile transmission to the appropriate library. Telefacsimile delivery takes approximately forty seconds per photocopied page.

All of the above services are available at the Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Public Library in Glasgow during regular

library hours as follows: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Services for WKU Extended Campus students are available at the Owensboro High School Library from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Currently these expanded services are not available to students taking courses through the Fort Knox and Russellville centers. Students in those areas can use the University Libraries' toll-free number to request library materials for mailing to their homes until such time that the full range of services is made available to them.

## Recent Acquisitions in the WKU Libraries:

**Text Critiques.** Test Corporation of America. 1986. 5 volumes. Extended reviews of psychological, educational, and business tests. Each test is examined for its practical application, technical aspects, and then given an extended critique. Location: Helm Library Reference BF 176 .T419.

**Unlocking Your Potential.** Nightingale-Conant. 1985. 5 cassettes. A ten-session series designed to help students decide where they are going, showing them how to get there faster and with fewer detours along the way. The series emphasizes self-motivation, goal setting, and positive thinking. Location: Educational Resources Center XCT 0331.

**The Founder's Constitution.** University of Chicago. 1987. 5 volumes. A massive collection of thought, opinions, and arguments relating to the Constitution, the Articles of Confederation, and related subjects. Location: Helm Library Reference KF 4502 .F68 1987.

**John S. Palmore Collection.** 7 linear feet. The Palmore Papers are chiefly files from his days as a lawyer in Henderson and Frankfort, Kentucky, and while Chief Justice of the Kentucky Court of Appeals (1959-1982). Location: Manuscripts Section, Kentucky Building E-216.

**Early American Textbooks, 1775-1900.** A definitive list of titles housed in the Education Research Library in Washington, D.C., arranged by discipline. Location: Government Services (Helm Ground) ED 1.2:T 21/2.

**Ivan Wilson Collection.** Additions to the collection of a former Head of the Art Department at WKU and noted watercolorist include photographs, newspaper clippings, and letters. Location: University Archives (Helm Library 101A).

**Atlas of the United States, A Thematic and Comparative Approach.** Macmillan. 1986. Presents in map and graph form an array of sociological, economic, and scientific data. The first half of the atlas depicts data for each state and region while the last half examines the U.S. in relation to the world. Location: Helm Library ATLAS G 1201 .G1 N6 1985.

**Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia.** Van Nostrand. 1984. 13 volumes. An outstanding general animal life encyclopedia. Location: Helm Library Reference QL 3 .G7813.

## WKU Libraries Calendar

**October 27** 11:45 a.m.  
Lunchtime Learning. "Women Who Made a Difference in the 19th Century" by Dr. Carol Crowe-Carraco. Location: Kentucky Building Orientation Room. Contact: Diane Watkins at 745-6082.

**October 30** 1:30 p.m.  
Halloween Treat. A party complete with refreshments, treats, and door prizes donated by area businesses. Location: Helm Library lobby. See article on page 3 for further information.

**November 7** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Wreathmaking Demonstration. Location: Kentucky Building Lecture Hall. Limited registration. Fee. Contact: Diane Watkins at 745-6082.

**November 17** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Holiday Book Sale. University Press of Kentucky books will be for sale. Location: Helm Library lobby. See article on page 3 for further information.

### KY Museum Exhibits include:

"Ladies' Home Companion" traveling exhibit (Through October 31, 1987)

"Handmade Harvest: Traditional crafts of Tobacco Farmers" (Through December 18, 1987)

"Twelve Months of Tobacco" (Through December 18, 1987)

Harlan Hubbard Paintings Exhibit (Through January 4, 1988).

"Ivan Wilson: The Ways of a Watercolorist"

"Sh-Boom: An Explosion of Fifties Fashion."

For further information call 745-2592.

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