ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Annual Report 1985-86

The Archives Committee met on September 18, 1985 and March 19, 1986. Betty Ritchie was elected Chairperson.

The University Archivist, Allan Kovan, reviewed for the Committee his responsibilities and duties as Archivist and Milwaukee Area Research Center Curator. The Archivist's job description calls for him to spend 60 percent of his time in the archives operation and 40 percent in Area Research Center work. The position combines technical service, public service, outreach, and teaching.

The Committee was informed of the Archivist's professional activities. They included processing the papers of former Chancellor Werner A. Baum and the first director and dean of the School of Nursing. The University Archives also provided former Chancellor J. Martin Klotsche with most of the photographs that appear in his latest book.

Mr. Kovan reported on two long term projects. The first involves space management. He is in the third year of a three-year project recycling 900 cu. feet of confidential university records. The second long range project involves the analysis of all manuscript collections at the Area Research Center which is the first step in the creation of an automated system of subject access to the Area Research Center's collections.

Further activities included the teaching of a graduate-level course in Archives Administration, Consultant for the Milwaukee Public Library, active participant in the University of Wisconsin System Archives Council, and presentation of a paper at the October meeting of the Midwest Archives Conference.

At the March meeting, William Roselle, Director of the Golda Meir Library, discussed the Library's current building remodeling, and energy conservation projects. He explained how the University Archives and Area Research Center would benefit from these projects. Finally, the Library Director proclaimed the Archives to be in good shape and expected it to get through the current budget cuts without reduction in student assistants or internships.
The Committee passed a resolution commending Allan Kovan on his work as University Archivist.

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Betty Ritchie, Chairperson
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