ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Annual Report 1986-87

The Archives Committee met on October 30, 1986 and April 6, 1987. Betty Ritchie was reelected as Chairperson.

As this report was due on the date of the second meeting of this committee, the content covers only activities of the October meeting.

Allan Kovan discussed his responsibilities as University Archivist and Curator of the Area Research Center. His activities since the last Archives Committee meeting included: (1) Completion of the final phase of a three-year records management and space management project during which over 900 cubic feet of confidential campus records were recycled, (2) Continuing transfer of 1500 cubic feet of University records and Area Research Center manuscripts to new compact library storage, and (3) teaching of a graduate level course in archives administration.

Further activities of the University Archivist included presentation of a paper, "Producing an Archives Directory: Avoiding Trials, Troubles, and Tribulations" at the Spring 1986 Midwest Archives Conference in Chicago, appointment to the Midwest Archives Conference Program Committee for the Fall 1987 meeting, and continuation as co-chair of the Library Council of Metropolitan Milwaukee's Archives Committee.

The Committee approved an update of the Archives Policy document (No.5-5) dated October 1969, instructing the Archivist to submit the updated version to the Secretary of the University.

Reporting to the Committee, William Roselle, Director of the Golda Meir Library, affirmed his commitment to a first-rate archives program and a close relationship with the Area Research Center. He stated that negotiations were underway to bring the Wisconsin Architectural Archives, the premier architectural archives in the state, into the Golda Meir Library as an Area Research Center operation. Janet Padway will be in Israel during 1987 to acquire materials that document the life and achievements of Golda Meir. The Library has its first Fulbright Exchange Fellow, Anke Gessner, from the Wissenschaftliche Zentrum Berlin. Her exchange counterpart will be Donald Biddison, who will be in Berlin in 1987. In conclusion, the Library Director reported new additions to the collection that bring its total number of bibliographic items to over three million.

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