ARCHIVES COMMITTEE
1991-1992 ANNUAL REPORT

Members of the Archives Committee for 1991-1992 included Roy L. Kuhn (Division of Continuing Education), Chair; Donald Mueller (School of Social Welfare); Bette Peltola (Curriculum & Instruction); Gareth Shellman (Institute for World Affairs); Martha Carlin (Department of History, appointed to replace Glen Jeansonne who is on academic leave until January 1993); Peter Watson-Boone ex officio, (Golda Meir Library); Paul Rediske ex officio (Internal Audit); Tim Ericson ex officio (Golda Meir Library).

The committee met on October 23, 1991. Roy Kuhn was unanimously re-elected as chair of the committee for the coming year. It was noted that Glen Jeansonne would be on leave until January 1993 and suggested that a replacement be appointed. Martha Carlin of the Department of History was later appointed to the committee.

During its meeting the Archives Committee discussed the following agenda items:

1. The Records management program has completed several important tasks. Barbara Drake has published a records management manual and developed two records management related workshops. Both the manual and the workshops have been very well received on campus. The archives recently completed an internal audit of records security procedures and has been working to develop a program for confidential recycling of university records. The Chancellor recently circulated a letter reminding deans and department heads of the importance of good records management practices. This has resulted in a number of calls concerning workshops and assistance in disposing of records.

2. The Area Research Center has almost completed drafting MARC AMC records that will be loaded into the Golda Meir Library’s NLS catalog. This will permit much easier access to information about archival holdings that was heretofore possible. Archivist Mark Vargas has completed two new guides to the collection. The first is a Guide to the Polish-American Holdings in the Milwaukee Urban Archives and the second a Guide to the Records of the Henry Maier Mayoral Administration. The Polish guide has been published and is already in its second edition. The Maier guide is in the process of being published. The archives also has received a collection of transcriptions of oral history interviews that deal with Milwaukee’s Italian-American community.

3. The Fromkin Lecture was held on Wednesday, October 31, 1992. Stephen Ziegler delivered a lecture entitled, "Crisis Papers: Southern Editorial Leaders in the Civil Rights Struggle."
4. The Kwasniewski photographic collection has attracted considerable attention during the past year. The library used the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the Polish Constitution on May 3, 1991, to formally open the collection for public use. Archives staff produced a traveling exhibit that made its debut in the rotunda of the State Capitol in April and May. Since that time the exhibit has been featured in a variety of venues, including Cardinal Stritch College, the Lincoln State Bank, Kosciuszko Park, and at several churches in Milwaukee. The Kwasniewski Collection has attracted a considerable amount of media attention, including a feature story in the Milwaukee Journal's Wisconsin magazine. The archives cooperated with the Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Corporation in producing a highly successful historical calendar that featured photographs from the Lincoln Avenue area.

5. Future agenda items for the Archives should include updating the "UWM Archives Policy" and promoting the use of archival collections to UWM students.

Respectfully submitted,

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