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Live View of Library Construction Available

If your computer is electronically linked to the Internet, then you can check the daily construction progress on the W. T. Young Library by using the following URL: http://sac.uky.edu/~libcam/.

A camera has been mounted on the Mining and Engineering building near the new library, and a live image is updated every five minutes during the daylight hours, so you can see the work being performed minute by minute. The LIBCAM view can also be accessed via the U.K. Library Homepage, http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/, under "Young Library".

Clay Lancaster Awarded Libraries Medallion

Architectural historian, author, and teacher Clay Lancaster was awarded the U.K. Libraries Medallion for Intellectual Excellence at the Library Associates Annual Meeting on March 25, 1996. A capacity crowd was on hand to witness the awarding of the Medallion and to hear the fifteenth annual Prichard lecture, given by author Robert K. Massie.

Margaret I. King Heritage Society established

All Library Associates have received a brochure that provides information regarding our new deferred giving recognition program for the Library. Named for U.K.'s first and longest serving librarian, Margaret I. King, our Heritage Society will recognize donors making a deferred — or planned gift — by adding their names to a plaque displayed prominently in the Lobby of the Library. The gift may be a cash contribution or a gift of library materials. Contributions of $10,000 or more qualify for the University's Fellows Societies.

Planned gifts may include gifts through wills or trusts, securities, tangible or intangible property, real estate, charitable remainder annuity trusts or unitrusts, charitable lead trusts or life...
insurance. Tax laws do favor charitable giving, and the U.K. Office of Develop can provide assistance in gift planning.

If you are interested in joining the Margaret I. King Heritage Society, you may contact the Library (606) 257-9401 or the U.K. Office of Development (606) 257-8127.

**John B. Breckinridge Collection Dedication Nov. 10**

A large gathering of Library Associates, Breckinridge family members and friends attended an exhibit opening and reception on Sunday, November 10 marking the addition of the John B. Breckinridge Papers to the Libraries' Modern Political Archives. Materials from the collection were displayed in the Peal Gallery, King Library North, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., that day; the exhibit remained on display through December 31.

John Breckinridge (1913 - 1979) served Kentucky well during his lifetime, in the tradition of the Breckinridge family of Kentucky. The John B. Breckinridge Collection papers cover his terms as Lexington City Attorney, two terms as Attorney General, his service as a state representative to the General Assembly, and three terms as a Congressman from Kentucky.

**Annual Book Sale to be Held in Spring, 1997**

On the recommendation of the Libraries' Gifts and Exchange Department, the Executive Committee has decided to postpone the annual Library Associates Book Sale until the Spring of 1997, rather than in September when it has been held in recent years. By holding the event in the Spring, the Libraries can deplete all of the inventory in a "clearance" sale, and avoid having to move those materials to the new Young Library that would normally be accumulated after September.

We are happy to accept books, magazines and journals, maps, LP records, audio and video tapes, or other materials Associates may have to contribute to the Book Sale. For more information, please contact James Burgett in the Gifts and Exchange Office, 606-257-5895.

**Governor Bert T. Combs Papers Given to Libraries**

Official correspondence, speeches, executive orders, news clippings, campaign memorabilia, photographs, audio and video tapes and more chronicle the political career of U.K. alumni and
former Kentucky Governor Bert T. Combs and have been added to the University of Kentucky's Modern Political Archives. "It was Governor Combs' wish that his papers be placed at the U.K. Library", noted his widow, Appeals Court Judge Sara Combs, "and I am pleased that students, faculty and others conducting research will have these historic materials to utilize". The collection, dating from his 1951 campaign through his 1959-1963 gubernatorial term, were recently given to the Library by Judge Sara Combs. Many of the items are the original, and the only existing copy, making the collection unique and extremely valuable to researchers.

The Modern Political Archives is home to some 31 collections of prominent Kentucky politicians, including two U.S. Supreme Court justices, one U.S. Vice President, seven governors, and numerous congressional and state officials. "Governor Combs' papers join those of two other top officials in his administration, Lt. Governor Wilson Wyatt and Attorney General John B. Breckinridge, and together these collections provide a rather comprehensive record for what is considered to be the most progressive gubernatorial administration in modern Kentucky history", noted Paul A. Willis, Director of Libraries.

Among other activities and achievements Governor Combs championed the Merit System for state employees, upgraded the personnel and facilities of the state's mental health facilities, launched a statewide beautification program that banned roadside junkyards or required screening from public view, and established Kentucky's State Parks System. All of these major accomplishments, however, could not compare in impact to the sweeping improvements his administration made in the state's education program.

Recognizing the importance of education to the prosperity of the citizens of the Commonwealth, and to the state as a whole, Governor Combs raised state teachers' pay by 62% during his first year in office. Dozens of one-room schools became consolidated during his administration, the average size of classes was reduced, and money for school transportation was doubled. In the area of higher education, the capacity of state colleges was increased by more than 25%, five state teachers colleges were upgraded to university status, and the community college system was begun to take the pressure off of university enrollments and to put a college education within the reach of Kentuckians living in the more remote areas of the state.
Bert T. Combs attended Cumberland College and was a graduate of the U.K. College of Law. In 1990, the U.K. Libraries' Appalachian Collection was named in honor of this distinguished leader from the mountains of eastern Kentucky, and in 1991 the U.K. Library Associates recognized his service and dedication to education by awarding him the Library’s Medallion for Intellectual Excellence.

The political papers of Governor Combs are undergoing final processing by Library staff, and an exhibit and program to dedicate the collection are being planned for early 1997.

— Paula Pope