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"Challenge for the 90s" Campaign

The University of Kentucky Libraries and the Library Associates organization will commence a major fund-raising campaign this fall in order to establish the Humanities Book Endowment Fund. This campaign will also fulfill the requirements for the National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant that was awarded to the libraries in late 1989.

University of Kentucky Athletics Director and Library Associates member C. M. Newton will head the campaign as Chairman. He will be joined by coaches William Curry and Rick Pitino as Honorary Co-Chairmen. The libraries must raise a total of $2.25 million by July 1992 in order to receive the full NEH award of $750,000. The grant and the private money contributed during the campaign will be combined to form an endowment to provide income annually for the purchase of books and other research materials for humanities studies. The humanities encompass a wide range of disciplines, including history, literature, art, music, philosophy, religion, and classics.

The libraries need urgently to enrich the humanities collections. Several years ago the university added a substantial humanities requirement as part of an effort to strengthen the quality of the educational program for all undergraduates. Enrollment in humanities courses has increased dramatically since that time, but the libraries' means to provide needed books and research materials has not nearly kept pace with that demand.

Approximately $1.13 million has been contributed toward our fund-raising goal, including a $1 million gift from Toyota Motor Manufacturing, U.S.A. A series of events is planned for the fall semester that we hope will take us closer to the Challenge Grant objective. The National Endowment for the Humanities will provide one dollar for each three dollars raised from private sources. In essence, the NEH enlarges each private contribution by one third.

A series of events is being organized to meet the challenge of the National Endowment for the Humanities, beginning with a
press conference in the Peal Gallery on 20 September to announce the "Challenge for the 90s" campaign. A reception and dinner will follow on the evening of the 20th. On 29 September, Students in Free Enterprise and Phi Beta Lambda will sponsor a five kilometer run as well as a one mile "fun run" on behalf of the Humanities Endowment project. The annual Library Associates Book Sale, scheduled for Thursday and Friday, 11-12 October in Buell Armory, will be preceded on the evening of Sunday, 7 October by a Preferred Book Auction in the W. Hugh Peal Gallery. The Freshman honorary, Alpha Lambda Delta, and the Student Development Council will conduct an evening Phonathon from 12-16 November in the Lexington Campus Development Office Phone Center in Scovell Hall.

Volunteers are needed and welcomed to assist in carrying out the "Challenge for the 90s" campaign, and we encourage everyone who can to participate in our fund raising activities. If you wish to volunteer your help, please call Mrs. Paula Pope at (606) 257-9401. Donations to the Humanities Book Endowment Fund can be sent to the office of the Director of Libraries, 127 King Library — North, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0039.

**Margaret Smith Lisle Fund Established**

One of the University of Kentucky Libraries’ longtime supporters, Mrs. Rufus Lisle, passed away on 3 May 1990 in Lexington. Mrs. Lisle was the niece of Miss Margaret I. King, the university’s first librarian. Mrs. Lisle demonstrated a lifelong interest in the work of the libraries. She served as vice president of the University of Kentucky Library Associates in recent years and was a library volunteer. Upon the death of Mrs. Lisle, her family requested that memorial contributions be sent to the Margaret I. King Library.

The Margaret Smith Lisle Endowment Fund has been created through these gifts, and the interest from the endowment fund will be used to purchase books and materials for the research collections. Memorial bookplates honoring Mrs. Lisle will be placed in each new acquisition. The University of Kentucky is grateful for the years of thoughtful support given by Mrs. Lisle and is grateful, also, to her family and friends for this lasting tribute to the memory of the libraries’ loyal friend.

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