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"Like people, information is a rapidly growing resource in contrast to almost every other resource on earth. That is, most other resources are diminishing and being used up. Information is not being used up; it is growing. Like people, information must be sheltered and cared for. But sheltering and caring for information in its traditional printed form consume other more scarce and diminishing resources. Moreover, it leads to a Malthusian struggle for existence, analogous to that which afflicts the human population. Darwinian evolution may even play a role in this struggle in that only the fittest information may survive.

--Joe B. Wyatt

JOE B. WYATT, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, will address the Friends of the Library at the 1983 spring meeting. His talk is entitled "Speculations on the Library of the Future." The program will be at 7:30 Tuesday evening, April 19, in Averbuch Lecture Hall, Owen School of Management on the Vanderbilt campus.

Mr. Wyatt was installed as the sixth Chancellor of Vanderbilt University on February 24, 1983. He comes from Harvard University, where he was vice-president for administration.

Attendance at the spring program is open to all current members of the Friends of the Library. Members are encouraged to attend the lecture and to greet Mr. Wyatt at a reception afterward.

THE 1982 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER, November 10, 1982, brought together a congenial group to share a rewarding evening. Some 220 Friends of the Library gathered at the University Club of Nashville for a cocktail reception, dinner and an address by Director Delbert Mann.

Rob Roy Purdy presided at the dinner meeting, during which the Friends heard reports on the Membership campaign and voted to accept the Nominating Committee's slate of officers and Directors (see list). In addition, a constitutional amendment was approved establishing the position of Honorary Life Member of the Board of Directors, in which position Jean Heard was unanimously approved by the membership. Keith Cottam, Acting Director of the Vanderbilt University Library, recognized the exceptional service and dedication of the Volunteers and presented a framed certificate of appreciation to Volunteer Committee Chairman, Virginia Holladay.

The highlight of the evening was an address by Delbert Mann. Mr. Mann delighted the group with tales of his exploits and the dangers of theatrical and cinematic direction. Mr. Mann was in Nashville for the staging of A Member of the Wedding at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. Marty, All Quiet on the Western Front, and Night Crossing are some of Mr. Mann's films.

NIGHT CROSSING, the story of one family's escape from East Germany in a balloon, was Delbert Mann's most recent cinematic project before turning to A Member of the Wedding. The story provided the inspiration of Marice Wolfe for the decorations at the Annual Dinner Meeting: helium-filled balloons tied to small baskets anchored with fruits and nuts. It was also the inspiration for one person attending to release a balloon with a copy of the program attached, requesting return if found. On November 17th, the following letter was received from Earl Ray Thompson:

To Friends of the Library or whom it may concern:

I found your pamphlet and balloon for you. The balloon was busted of course, but the pamphlet was still in good shape.

I found the pamphlet on Monday, November 15th at about 5:45 AM while I was deer hunting. It was found in a wooded area about 6 1/2 miles from Scottsville, KY in Allen County. The area is known as the Butlersville Bridge area. If you get this letter would you please write me back, so I will know. I seen that the pamphlet was about a dinner meeting. I hope you all had a good time.

Indeed we did!

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AT THE BOARD MEETING on November 4, 1982, the Directors of the Friends of the Library allocated \$5,250 in unrestricted funds to purchase a seventeenth century text for the Medical Center Library and to encourage collection in Latin American Travel Accounts.

The Medical Center Library has purchased with Friends funds and has now received a copy of Robert Pemell's De Morbis Puerorum, or a Treatise of the Diseases of Children. This is a very rare work on pediatrics, only the second published in English. Pemell's work was directed to a lay audience, presenting descriptions of illnesses found daily. This work enhances the Medical Center Library's collection of classic works on pediatrics and is also a significant contribution to the history of nutrition collection, in that Pemell's work contains the first description of rickets in children.

The Board also approved monies for the acquisition of Latin American travel accounts. The present collection of Brazilian travel accounts surpasses that of the Library of Congress in volume and diversity. The late Professor Emeritus Alexander Marchant contributed substantially to the existing collection and the Friends funds will allow for acquisition of additional materials which are now becoming scarce.

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THE 1982-83 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN has drawn to a close and Membership Chairman Miriam Cowden reported that the drive has been productive. The increased level of giving experienced last year has continued. With 478 memberships, Friends now have 788 members. Unrestricted contributions reached a total of \$18,669.00. In addition, the Friends have attracted a number of gifts of books and manuscripts for the Library. The efforts of Mrs. Cowden and all the Friends are heartily appreciated.

CHRONICLE, the biannual newsletter of the Friends of the Library is produced in the Special Collections Department of VUL and edited by Marice Wolfe.

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