

THE INTERIM LIBRARY

By moving our library operations to the basement of Binkley Chapel for the duration of the building enlargement and renovation, we expect to provide a consistent level of relatively normal library service. The nature and extent of the work to be done on the present building is such that library service there would range from difficult and barely adequate to impossible and nonexistent. Relocation is a mammoth task, but we think it will be well worth the effort and--thanks to Buildings and Grounds-the modest cost.

Service in the Interim Library will begin on Tuesday, June 10. In order to meet that schedule and the needs of the construction project, the Library will be closed beginning at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8. We will then enter the most intensive phase of the relocation, with the goal of vacating the rear wing by May 17.

We hope that you can anticipate many of your library needs between sessions and check out materials by May 8. During the week of May 12-16, the card catalog and most other bibliographic tools will certainly be in their present locations, and we will be glad to make them accessible to faculty members who may need them. With special concern for summer school faculty, we expect to be able to give faculty members some access to the Interim Library prior to our opening on June 10. That will be done as soon as it is feasible and announced as soon as it can be anticipated accurately.

We think you will be pleasantly surprised when you see the Interim Library in operation. David Lee and his staff have INTER-COM, Vol. 1, No. 4, page 2

worked hard and creatively to do a magnificent job of transforming the area. We will have close to 100 seats and be able to shelve about 65,000 volumes (about 60 percent) and all of our microforms and AV materials. Some materials will be stored in Johnson Classroom Building; hopefully, all of it can be stored in a manner that will permit retrieval when needed.

FACULTY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

We need the immediate assistance of the Faculty in the process of selecting books to go in the working collection in the Interim Library. As mentioned above, others will be in storage and somewhat less accessible.

We are looking at past reserve-book lists for courses being offered again during the coming year for one source of guidance in selection. For some courses, however, reserve-book lists either have not been used or they contain a very limited number of pertinent books.

<u>Please</u> think about your course offerings during the coming year and offer any advice or suggestion you have to Alan Tuttle. <u>One specific thing</u> we thought you might rather easily do: give us a copy of any course bibliography that you think will list books with priority for inclusion in the working collection. You may wish to designate certain ones on a list for priority. Especially helpful would be any list with call numbers given. All lists will be returned if requested.

We will appreciate whatever you can do by Monday, May 5.

BUILDING PLANS ON DISPLAY

Plans for the redesigned library building are on display in the exhibit case on the first floor of the Library.

COMPUTER TERMINAL INSTALLATION SCHEDULED

Installation of SOLINET terminals has fallen about one month behind schedule. Ours is now scheduled for installation on May 19. The delay from the second week in April fit perfectly with our plans for moving to the Interim Library. For details regarding SOLINET, see INTER-COM volume 1, number 2 (October 30, 1974), pages 1-2.