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This semester four students are working in the Archives. They are WILLIAM LUM in his fourth year as a student archival assistant; TOM BIANCHIN, a first year student, who hails from Schaumberg, Illinois; BRENT WOLD, a sophomore and transfer student from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana; and TOM RAKOWSKI, a senior, who is using his Polish language skills to organize the Leon T. Walkowicz Collection.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

SALLY BROZENEC and RONALD RUTKOWSKI who received their doctoral degrees at LU's January, 1991, Mid-Year Convocation. Sally used the School of Nursing Records for her dissertation research while Ron used the files of LU President Samuel Knox Wilson, S.J., (17th president, 1933-1942) in his doctoral research. Congratulations are also in order to DR. HAROLD PLATT (History Department) on the publication of his book, Electric City. He utilized the Samuel Insull Papers in his research.

THE ARCHIVES IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...

... the availability in microfilm of the St. Ignatius College Catalog, 1870-1909. These rolls are located in the Microform Section of both the Cudahy and Lewis

Towers libraries (call number LD 4804.S27). For research on the formative period of this institution, one will find these catalogs very useful.

... the availability in the Audio-Visual Department of Cudahy Library of a VHS 40 minute video, Reconciliation and Roundball. This video examines the special role that basketball has played in the social and political history of South Dakota. This documentary was based in part on the Archives' holdings of the National Catholic Interscholastic Basketball Tournament. This was an annual event on this campus from 1924 to 1942 when outstanding Catholic high school basketball teams from across the country competed for the national Catholic championship.

SEND LOYOLA PUBLICATIONS!

The University Archives strives to collect a copy of all current and defunct Loyola publications. These publications are written to inform or update the University Community, whether it be to reach faculty, staff, or student bodies, or to stay in touch with alumni. A word of advice: BE SURE TO DATE AND/OR NUMBER ALL PUBLICATIONS!

Examples of Loyola publications are university catalogs, student and staff newspapers, president's newsletter, the yearbook, alumni magazine, departmental newsletters, organization newsletters, staff guides, and publications created at the start of the academic year to aid new students and faculty. The Archives also perceives brochures designed by offices or departments, playbills, and programs and fliers for special events (commencement, Annual Award Dinner, Mass of the Holy Spirit, etc.) as Loyola publications.

Why does the Archives save these Publications?

Some publications tell the story of the daily life of the University and illustrate its growth in ways that would otherwise be lost to history. Some contain University policies for staff, faculty, or students which need to be maintained for historical and legal purposes. Still others may serve as reminders of changing federal or state government regulations.

The college catalog is an example. One of its obvious values is providing a list of prerequisites for entrance into the university as well as for desired majors. But many years after a course has been completed, the course description found in the catalog may help a long-time alumnus obtain a salary increase or receive prerequisite credit toward another degree. It is also worthwhile to have this official source to document the evolution of course requirements. As time goes on, these publications increase in value for various kinds of researchers.

A special concern is newsletters. These publications serve as a vehicle to illustrate social, financial, and health concerns of

an office or a club at the same time that they provide valuable general information. Each kind of publication has its place in the Archives, and the value is often most clear when needed information could be found in a publication which is missing!

Remember, too, that the Archives is interested in more than official University publications. In our mission of documenting University life as completely as possible, the Archives also preserves copies of unofficial or underground newspapers and magazines published by faculty, staff or students.

So, please <u>PUT THE UNIVERSITY</u>
<u>ARCHIVES ON THE MAILING LIST</u>
<u>FOR YOUR PUBLICATIONS</u> if the office is not already on the list. I thank those organizations who have thought enough to send their very best - a Loyola publication!

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