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NEW STAFF - "NEW" DEVELOPMENT OFFICE!

DEBBIE SALES, THE NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR for the Library and Executive Director of the Library Foundation, began work August 1. She replaces Pat Forsythe, former Foundation Director, who resigned in March.

In recognition of the growth of library fund-raising and volunteer activities, a reorganization of staff support for activities of the FRIENDS and Foundation took place on July 1, and the new Development Office became a library department. Debbie will coordinate all fund-raising activities, plan recognition activities for volunteers, contributors and members, and gradually assume responsibility for public relations, relieving other library staff to meet ever-growing workloads as library use increases. The Development Office is funded jointly by library operating funds, the annual fund drive and contributions from the FRIENDS.

Debbie comes to the library from a year as Executive Director of the Iowa City Community School District Foundation

and 18 years of business office experience at UI. She has also been news editor for the Sibley, Iowa, Gazette and Tribune. She is past president of the Iowa City Districtwide Parents' Organization. Her three children, Kristin (15), Karin (13) and Brandon (8) attend Iowa City schools.

After a week on the job, Debbie commented on, "how efficiently the library is run and the close interaction of all the departments. I'm impressed with all the services offered by the staff who are very committed people."

"I'm excited to be with the Development Office and want to build on the groundwork already established. My goals are to let the community know about all the services available and that private support is needed to maintain that level of excellence. We must raise \$1,000,000 by 1996 and conclude the match for the National Endowment for the Humanities grant by next July. We hope to increase Foundation contributions by 15% this year. I'm eager to support the activities of the FRIENDS so that their upcoming drive can increase their membership by 10%."



MICHELLE DRALLE was hired in June as the new FRIENDS book sorter/sale coordinator. As of the July 1 staff reorganization, Michelle, while continuing to work closely with the FRIENDS, became a part-time staff member in the Development Office.

Faithful book sale shoppers have already met Michelle at the June and July sales. She fits this responsible part-time job around her full-time job as a Library Assistant at the UI Hardin Library for the Health Sciences where she processes incoming books and checks-in journals. She received a Bachelor of General Studies from UI in 1984 and has also worked as a library technician at the VA Hospital.

Michelle decided to stay on permanently in Iowa City after college and has taken several library science classes toward her eventual goal of a Master's in Library Science. She's eager to get some public library experience as she wants to work with children in a public library setting. Her main hobbies are reading - and work! "The day Bob Perry (former sale coordinator) trained me and left me with 15 boxes of books to sort I thought, 'what have I gotten into?' But after two sales I feel like a pro -- thanks to the staff and FRIENDS who have made my Book Sale Saturdays very enjoyable."

NEXT FRIENDS BOOKSALE - SEPTEMBER 9!

Stop in to say hello to Michelle in the library garage between 10 and 4 on Saturday, September 9. FRIENDS members or those who pay \$2 may attend the preview from 9-10 AM. All books are priced \$1 or less and proceeds benefit the library.