



ECKHOLT RETURNS -- TO ICPL!

Iowa Citians and library friends will be delighted to welcome long-time local resident Larry Eckholt back to Iowa City. Larry recently returned to accept the position of Library Development Office Coordinator and Friends Foundation Director after several years absence working in arts marketing and fund raising in Columbus, Ohio, and Kansas City, Missouri. The Development Office position became available in March when Debbie Sales moved to Minneapolis. Debbie will continue to spend some days each month in Iowa City working as a special consultant for the Friends Foundation.

Before his departure for the Wexner Center in Columbus, Larry had lived in Iowa City since 1970. Many remember him as a staff writer for the Des Moines Register whose beat was Iowa City and arts coverage throughout Eastern Iowa. It was this job which converted him into a "cheerleader for the arts" and led to his twelve years as Director of Development for the Iowa Center for the Arts at the University of Iowa. There he was responsible for all fund raising for the Museum of Art, Hancher Auditorium, the Schools of Music and Art and Art History, the

Writers' Workshop, the Theater Arts, Dance, Film and Broadcasting departments, WSUI/KSUI and the Iowa Press. He initiated efforts which resulted in the Iowa Dance Residency program and the relationship with the Joffrey Ballet.

Larry has a 22 year old son, Tobin, an art major at UI, and enjoys cooking, gardening, and attending arts events (he especially loves music and plays that currently fashionable instrument, the sax!). He grew up on the Platte River ("a mile wide and an inch deep") – symbol of his view of himself as a "Renaissance man" in his tastes and interests.

Glad to be back in Iowa City? You bet! Larry thinks of this as his home and was looking for a way to return. Writing and books have always been an important part of his life and he sees this as a good opportunity to be a part of a vibrant cultural resource. "This library is truly one of the gems of Iowa City," says Larry, who is enjoying being involved in the big agenda facing

ICPL: building facilities expansion, the Centennial anniversary, a new long-range plan. The cross-section of the community he sees here each day actively involved in using the library challenges him to apply techniques he acquired in the past to a worthwhile and challenging new cause.

The library is lucky to have found someone with Larry's skills and experience to take on the big job of helping boost it into the 21st century.

JUNE 12 BOOK SALE SCHEDULED

The next Friends Committee booksale will be Saturday, June 12 — opening day of the city-wide 1993 Iowa Festival. Current contributors to the ICPL Friends Foundation are admitted to the 9 to 10 A.M. preview without charge; there is a \$2 admission fee for non-contributors. The open sale is from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. in the Library garage with access from the alley. Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase materials for the Library collection.

Postscript to the April 24 booksale: the Lily Tomlin faux crystal pendant (with four strands of the comedian's hair encased in it) sold for \$21. ICPL staff member Beth Daly was the successful bidder. She gave the pendant to a friend who is an ardent Tomlin fan.



Entertainer Bill Shontz is surrounded by autograph-seeking children following the successful Rosenshontz concert at Clapp Recital Hall on April 17. A capacity audience of 700 enjoyed the family concert sponsored by the Iowa City Public Library and underwritten by a grant from Hills Bank and Trust Company.