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CHARLES FRANKEL, APPOINTED OLD DOMINION PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY and Public Affairs at Columbia University in 1970, will be the speaker at the Fifth Annual Dinner Meeting of the Friends of the Library to be on November 21, 1978, at The Temple, 5015 Harding Road, Nashville, adjacent to the Belle Meade Mansion. Dinner is at seven p.m.; wine will be served at six-thirty. Charles Kates will again provide an excellent dinner for the Friends. Membership is required in order to attend the Annual Meeting.

In 1977, Professor Frankel assumed his duties as Director of the National Humanities Center at Research Triangle, North Carolina. He had served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Center the preceding year. Frankel has has a distinguished career in government and education. He has been Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, consultant to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a member of the New York State Commission on the Quality, Cost, and Financing of Education. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the American Philosophical Association, the Authors Guild, and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Frankel has written extensively on education and public affairs. His works include: The Democratic Prospect, Education and the Barricades, High on Foggy Bottom, The Pleasures of Philosophy, and Controversies and Decisions. The title of his talk to the Friends is "The Attack on Books."

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE of the Friends of the Library, chaired by Blanche Henry Weaver, will present a slate of candidates to serve as officers and board members of the Friends for the next term at the Fifth Annual Dinner Meeting on 21 November. They are:

President - Ann Wells (Mrs. Charles)  
 First Vice-President - James F. Kilroy  
 Second Vice-President - Catherine Duncan (Mrs. Starkey)

Board Members - Mr. William Boozer, Mr. Walter Durham, Professor Robert Lagemann, Dorothy Loomis (Mrs. Roger S.), Dr. Rudolph Kampmeier, Mr. Robert A. McGaw, Professor Richard Porter, Professor Rob Roy Purdy, Joanne Sasser (Mrs. Douglas), Professor Robert Polk Thomson, Elizabeth Walsh (Mrs. Joseph L.), and Mr. Richard Weesner.

Frank P. Grisham, Director of the Joint University Libraries, continues ex-officio as Secretary, as does Andrew Benedict as Treasurer. Jean Heard (Mrs. Alexander) will serve on the Board as Immediate Past President.

THE PHENOMENAL GROWTH in number and appeal of Friends of the Library organizations in the last five years has caused the American Library Association to inaugurate a Friends of the Library National Notebook, the second issue of which appeared in the Fall of 1978. The newsletter serves as a medium for the exchange of ideas and information. Editor Sandy Dolnick says, "Congratulations on being a Friend of the Library; it's the 'in' thing!"

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY of the Joint University Libraries reached 510 in 1977-78 despite the foreshortened year occasioned by the change in the annual solicitation schedule. Second Vice-President/Membership Chairman George de Roulhac Hill reports the following breakdown in categories of membership:

Student	16
Contributing	132
Family	161
Sustaining	34
Patron	4
Benefactor	2
Life	1

In all, \$21,557 in material support of the Libraries was raised by the Friends.

AS THE AFTERNOON LIGHT FILTERED through the windows of the Fugitive Room, the mood was one of pleasant anticipation on September 20. The tables were covered with white damask cloths, trays were layered with finger sandwiches, wedding cookies, and brownies, and the sangria chilled in a bowl of fruit. The mixed bouquet centerpiece of roses amidst tulips created a festive atmosphere as Miriam Cowden, Alyne Massey, and Mary Jane Werthan greeted the guests. Vanderbilt, Peabody, and Scarritt administrators and faculty members gathered to extend a cordial welcome to Sheila Tobias, who will serve as Visiting Professor of Women's Studies at Vanderbilt University in the Spring of 1979. After a greeting by Associate Provost Glen Clanton, members of the Women's Studies Program welcomed Ms. Tobias to Nashville.

A prolific writer, Ms. Tobias has published numerous articles and studies on the roles and attitudes toward women in occupational, academic, educational, and social environments. The recent publication of her book Overcoming Math Anxiety has received notable critical attention. Ms. Tobias has placed on deposit at JUL her private collection of Women's Studies materials for the use of her students and other interested persons. The books and articles, along with a complete bibliography, are available in Special Collections. Marice Wolfe and her staff in Special Collections were delighted to aid the women on the Board of Trustees at the reception honoring Ms. Tobias.

ELIZABETH C. DENNY VANN, traveling by plane to her 72nd Alumni Reunion at Vanderbilt University, struck up a conversation with a Sumo wrestler. That the encounter became the basis for a friendship suggests the vitality and curiosity of a unique personality. Her Papers, now being processed in Special Collections, reflect the keen humanistic observations of a life that spanned childhood on the Vanderbilt campus as the daughter of a professor to political activism in the 1970's. Mrs. Vann received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from the university in 1904 and 1905, did missionary work with her husband in South America, taught, and was a leader in community, civic, governmental and church affairs. Her life was energetically devoted to public service.

In a thoughtful "appreciation" of his mother, Dr. Felix H. Vann writes: "Blessed with a vigorous mind to the end of her years and a tremendous zest for the challenges of each day, she never suffered from boredom. In the last decade of her life, her chief activity was in writing letters to family and friends, although she had outlived most of her contemporaries. They were warm, personal, full of her thoughts and views of the life she had led, the people she had known and the politics and problems of the day. She spoke her mind freely, even to those unable to agree with her on every point." The bequest of the Papers is accompanied by a generous gift from Dr. Vann. There is no question that Elizabeth Denny Vann will be a stimulating companion to those who become acquainted with her through her Papers.

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