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View From the Director’s Office:

It has been a busy fall as we always expect, the exit counts here have actually gone up again to well over 1,000 per day. The Homecoming Weekend Book Sale was a success, with the staff, students and Friends helping we raised $1,200. With the coffee bar, a welcoming atmosphere awaits students, and with our always-helpful staff, it is a nice combination. Maybe the library of the future is the same as the past although a bit busier and built for collaboration. But it is mostly a friendly place, where you can read or think and get help from a librarian. Technology is now a given in any environment and goes without saying as a part of the future, but is it not our thinking and learning that is the important thing? Some works by the famous philosopher Martin Heidegger were translated into English by Juniata graduate, Dr. J. Glenn Gray, ’36. It is interesting to note that Heidegger once wrote, “What is most thought-provoking...is that we still are not thinking.”

Kind regards,
John Mumford

To Beeghly Library Friends:

The executive committee of the Friends of the Beeghly Library welcome you to the annual fall newsletter. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the JC Library. Join us as we reminisce. Our opening story from Louise Heberling tells of that moving day.

Sincerely, Robert Wagoner, President of the Friends of the Library

50 Years Ago—A Move to Remember by Louise Heberling

September 9, 1963 was the long awaited day to occupy Juniata’s brand new L. A. Beeghly Library. Building a new library does not end with finding a donor, developing a plan, building the new structure; now comes the finishing touch—moving the contents of old to new a whole block up a busy street and stowing it in usable order in the shortest and most economical way in its new home. The problem was solved by applying the old maxim “eager hands make light work” and excellent planning made it all happen.

Quoting the 1964 Alfarata, “Early in the morning on September 19, 1963, over 900 students and faculty began moving books from the old Carnegie Library to the new Beeghly Library. The smoothness of the operation was the result of careful planning by Mrs. Anne Catlin, director of libraries, Mrs. Sarah Hettinger, Mrs. Grace Shuler and Mrs. Lenore Conley. Over 60,000 books were moved by yellow, blue and red teams under the direction of faculty traffic cops headed by Dr. Ronald Cherry. The Juniata band provided “music to move books by,” and halfway through the morning coffee and donuts revived the book movers. After lunch the moving continued, and over 40 students received assorted prizes—$5 coupons for the bookstore, records, free movie tickets—for their diligent efforts. The ringing of the victory bell in Founders marked the end of Library Moving Day.”

The book parade involved the entire Juniata Community. Coach and Physical Education professor Philip "Mike" Snider led off the procession with President Calvert Ellis to the doors of the new building.

Jim Donaldson, ’67, a freshman that year, remembers playing in the band which assembled near the corner of Moore and 18th Streets as faculty and students filed by with stacks of books in their arms. Betty Ann Cherry recalls her husband Ron donning his cherished wide-brimmed hat to direct traffic at the intersection and hoping it would not rain. Paul Heberling, then Dean of Men, also recalls helping Ron with the traffic control.

If any of our readers have more memories of moving day to share, please let us know.
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Everyone at the College—students, faculty and administration—participated in the move on September 19, 1963. Leading the first group was President Ellis who carried books from Carnegie Hall into the new L.A. Beeghly Library one block away.

The “NEW” L.A. Beeghly Library in 1963

Brewed Awakenings
This fall a new coffee bar greeted our students. Long asked for by students, the idea was something discussed between golf buddies Hal McLaughlin (Food Service) and John Mumford over the years. At first the idea was to be a cart like coffee stand, then the idea became a bit bigger and better — why not a coffee bar that fits wonderfully into a busy reference area. The Class of 2013 liked the idea and the coffee bar became a gift to the college from them, built by Dick Endres. The Coffee area was dedicated in a ceremony over Homecoming Weekend. The hours are a bit on the later side for us “non-students” — 3 to 10pm, but with the idea being that the coffee and other drinks are for comfort and inspiration for our students, it seems to work just fine. So if you happen to stop in, come a little later in the afternoon.

Let it snow—Let it snow.....
Thanks to the Friends of the Library there are some shiny new reindeer decking our halls. These (along with a bright new tree and menorah) can be enjoyed for a season in Beeghly.