

BAHR AUDIO-READER CENTER

DEDICATION CEREMONY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1988

10:00 AM - DEDICATION

SPEAKERS:

Gene A. Budig

Chancellor, University of Kansas

W. C. Hartley

Trustee, Louis W. and Dolpha Baehr Foundation

Carl Gump

Chairman, Louis W. and Dolpha Baehr Foundation

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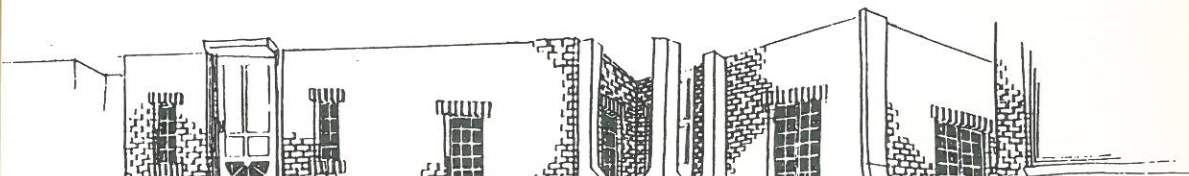
Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Kansas

Ralph Turner

Chairman, Audio-Reader Advisory Committee

10:30 AM - TOURS AND REFRESHMENTS

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Free parking will be provided in Lot 59 which is located just west of Memorial Stadium. The entrance to this lot is on 11th Street, just

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Broadcasting to the print-handicapped is a fairly recent innovation. In the mid 60s, Lawrence philanthropist Peter Cert commissioned a study on the feasibility of using FM radio subscribers to read printed material. Utilizing this technology, the Minnesota Radio Talking Book Network in 1969 became the first radio reading service to take to the airwaves. After a trip to Minnesota to see the facility, our sponsor set the stage for a local service based at the University of Kansas. Audio-Reader began broadcasting October 11, 1971.

Programs included readings from Kansas City and Topeka newspapers, magazines, books and short stories. About 250 radio receivers were distributed, as Audio-Reader broadcast 80 hours a week with a very small staff and a handful of volunteers. (Seventeen years later, several of the original volunteers are still reading) Programming expanded continuously until it reached 24 hours a day in 1985.

Audio-Reader has always been a leader in the field of radio reading services. It was one of the first to begin broadcasting around the clock, using an innovative low-cost automation system to operate