Minutes of the Board of Directors of the
Friends of the Van Pelt Library
April 4, 1996

Present: Fisher, R. Yarbrough, Hawthorne, Johnson, Love, Praeger, Morrison, Hoagland,
          Reynolds (late)

Absent: E. Yarbrough, Van Pelt

Visitors: Karen Hubbard, Sally Brozzo, Clarence Monette

A quorum of board members was present. Faith Morrison called the meeting to order at 4:08pm; action
terms are in bold.

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes carried.

Nancy Fisher and Kim Hoagland gave an update on the blanket project (renamed afghan project). The
first blankets have arrived, and they are lovely. The Board congratulated the Blanket Committee.

Hoagland passed around the insert which has been developed to go with the blanket. It describes the
historical context of the buildings shown on the blanket. Fisher reported that we expect delivery of the
balance of blankets (222) on April 18. Fisher is working to get the blanket on the cover of the Alumnus
magazine. Plans for selling are progressing; board members reported approximately 45 sold already.

An aggressive sales campaign is planned for commencement (May 18) with Friends selling at the MUB
and at the SDC. Fisher is looking into arrangements for these sales points. Hoagland and Fisher
proposed that we take out an advertisement in the Lode for the blankets. The Board approved a 1/8th
page add for $55. Hoagland will prepare and submit the ad. Morrison will see that an article is
submitted to Tech Topics including a graphic of the blanket. Fisher reported that the Copper
Country Mall has a Community Awareness day on April 20th. We could have a table there for no cost.

Fisher volunteered to coordinate. Some board members questioned if we were not spreading our
small group too thin. The board agreed that we need to recruit more members to help with these
projects. Fisher reported that MTU has refused to waive the licensing fee for the use of MTU logos.

Betzi Praeger reported on the progress on the book sale preparations. Most of the volunteer slots are
filled, but we could use more. The information about the sale has gone to the media. Posters have been
placed around campus and an article will appear in Tech Topics. Morrison will contact student
groups including the Graduate Student Council to see about getting more volunteers. The book
sale is Wednesday, April 10 from 5-8 for Friends (membership available at the door) and Thursday
April 11 from 8:30-5:00 for the general public.

Morrison reported that the Tech Tea presentation had gone well. Phyllis Johnson indicated that the
attendance was 60 which is quite respectable. Morrison will write thank-you letters to the
participants.

Morrison reported that she is working on an article for the newsletter on interlibrary loan procedures.
Also she is composing the "call to arms" suggested by Peter Van Pelt and will include a blanket order
form in the next newsletter. She will report on progress at the next meeting. All members are
couraged to submit articles to Morrison for the newsletter.

Fisher reported that faculty/staff are already using payroll deduction to join the Friends; no further
action is necessary.

The agenda included a discussion of record-keeping. This was postponed until the next meeting -
when board secretary, Ed Yarbrough, could be present.

Fisher gave the treasurer's report. We have 6 more members; our account balance is $6808.52 (includes
loan monies). Expenses include $18 for photocopying blanket order forms. She has also authorized a
$1000 payment to Riddle Manufacturing for the blankets; the balance will be due 30 days after delivery.
Johnson reported that her husband has some boxes which would be appropriate for mailing the blankets. Fisher also indicated that she has made arrangements with MTU's mailroom to have the appropriate boxes available.

Morrison initiated a discussion on how to recruit new members, particularly student members. Johnson indicated that she plans to organize focus groups in the fall to discuss library needs. She also indicated that the students on the President's Student Advisory Council have expressed concern about the library.

Morrison also brought up the discussion of possible projects for the Friends to apply their funds to. Johnson said that she had a wish list all ready. She will supply to Morrison. Items include $4-6000 for renovating carols to group study space; 20 computers for training; improving the humanities/social sciences collection; staff training; cataloging in the archives; books; journals. Morrison indicated that she would favor a project which we could attach our name to and get some visibility. The board also discussed getting matching funds from foundations or gifts or the university. Karen Hubbard suggested that the wish list should appear in the newsletter so that members know our needs. Morrison will put it in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 2, 1996 at 4pm in room 301 of the Van Pelt Library.

Submitted by Faith Morrison, April 5, 1996.