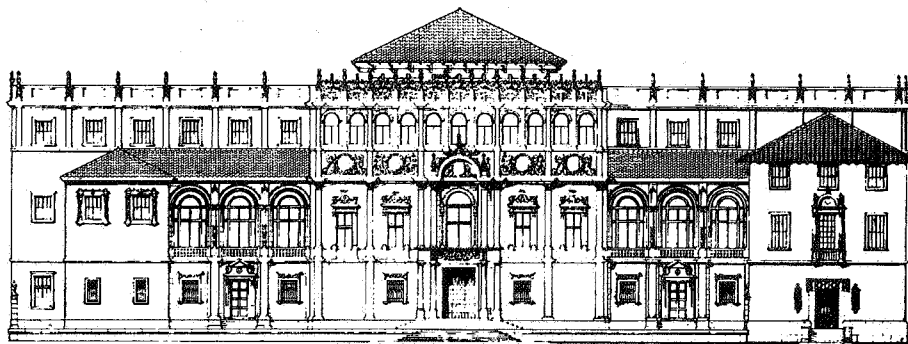


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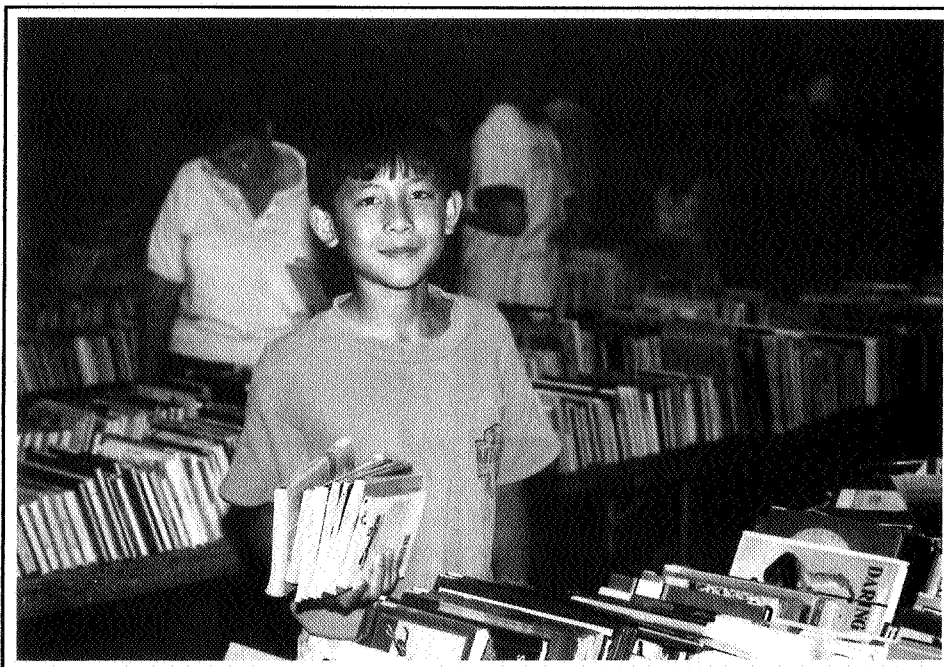
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## 15th Annual Bargain Booksale earns more than \$70,000

*1993 sale volunteers survived numerous obstacles; efforts netted \$45,000 for HPL*

To borrow a classic literary phrase, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Now that it's over, organizers of the 1993 Bargain Booksale can look back and smile at their book-sorting, packing and selling efforts because they raised a whopping \$70,425. But the road to the sale -- which was held May 7, 8 and 9 in the Sam Houston Coliseum -- was rocky at times. The Friends lost their book-sorting site in late 1992, hustled to find temporary shelter at a Houston Community College Armory, then learned that the the Coliseum, the sale site for numerous years, is targeted for a tear-down this year. Most people might interpret those obstacles as the "final curtain" for what has long been one of Houston's best-kept secrets (not to mention the Friends' largest annual fundraising event). But Booksale committee members Vivian Horne, Don Gray, Jim Butler, René Zentner, Janice Bahm and their faithful crew of volunteers haven't quit yet! They're still searching for a book sorting and booksale site for 1994. If you can help, call Sue Abbott at 247-2189.

Now for the good news! The Friends presented a gift of \$45,000 to Assistant Library Director Barbara Gub-



*The booksale is a favorite event for kids -- there's something for every interest!*

bin at the annual meeting on May 20th. A second gift of \$6,000 was awarded to the Friends Scholarship Fund, benefiting qualifying HPL employees pursuing the Master of Library Science Degree.

The 1993 booksale attracted 4,500 people, featured more than 100,000 books and was manned by 245 volunteers.

To many, the sale has become a well-loved tradition. Houston Proud volunteers Tom and Jan Bailey say, "We live for this event. We found out about it last year and we would drive from Timbukto to make it if we ever moved. The sale featured 90,000 books in 1992

and we bought about 500 of them. It's the best entertainment around!"

Enthusiasm for the booksale is contagious. The Houston Chronicle picked up on that excitement and gave the sale front-page coverage in the Lifestyle section this year. Other organizations and individuals showed their support for the sale by donating time, resources, manpower and funds. The Friends wish to thank the following organizations for their contributions to the 1993 sale:

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