DEWEY CENTER

This brief and tardy number of The Dewey Newsletter is tardy and brief because on 19 February 1973 the Dewey Center suffered extensive fire damage. Although nothing irreplaceable was lost, many books, files, and working materials underwent charring and soaking. The time necessary to re-do many records is time that would have been spent moving ahead with the Center's activities. We are, therefore, behind schedule with many of those activities.

The good news is that the Center has been relocated in new and very commodious quarters where the cleaning and refurbishing, as well as a limited amount of regular work, are proceeding.

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GIFTS

Through the years, Newsletter readers have generously sent various kinds of Dewey materials to the Center. Now, especially, we're asking that you search your files and bookcases to be sure you've sent everything you are willing to let us have. Photographs particularly, were among items damaged by the fire--some beyond repair. Books by and about Dewey, history of philosophy, American pragmatism, and all related topics would be welcome. Most of our books are intact but dirty and difficult to clean, so all books in the categories mentioned would be greatly appreciated.

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JOHN DEWEY

In October 1973 many of you will receive materials announcing a John Dewey Essay Project, sponsored by the John Dewey Foundation and the Center for Dewey Studies. A sneak preview of the details: Fully matriculated graduate students are encouraged to write an essay of 10,000 words or less on The Ethical Theory of John

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Dewey. There will be two cash awards, one of $1,000 and another of $500. Judges will be Charles Frankel, Lewis Hahn, and Charles Steven­son. The deadline will be 1 June 1974 and awards will be announced 1 September 1974.

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DEWEY PAPERS A special exhibit from the Dewey Papers at Southern Illinois University was mounted in April of this year, with an attractive and interesting catalogue. A limited number of the catalogues are available upon request from: Special Collections, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901.

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HUMAN EQUALITY Another special event that occurred in April was publication by Basic Books of Theodosius Dobzhansky’s John Dewey Society Lecture, Human Equality and Genetic Diversity. The book is already receiving wide and favorable notice; it is available for $5.95 from the publisher.

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NEWSLETTER The Dewey Newsletter mailing list has now been revised. Please help us tell interested persons that they can receive the Newsletter free if they will write asking to have their names put on the mailing list.

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