



Todd Library Update

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New Faculty Library Carrel Area

During the past year the Library staff has been working toward the establishment of a faculty research area in the Todd Library. Planning for this area began after the staff received a request from Vice President for Academic Affairs Jack Carlton for an area in which faculty engaged in extensive research could work undisturbed.

The area designated for faculty carrels is on the West wall of the main floor and looks out on the loop and Peck Hall. This locked area contains fourteen single carrels (a small one-person table with a back and shelf) and fourteen lockers which will be assigned to faculty members. Book shelving has also been installed

to accommodate the many books these researchers will be using during their carrel assignment period.

To better insure that the carrels are used by those who most need access to them, they will be assigned to faculty members by the undergraduate and graduate deans, upon the recommendation of department chairmen. Each of the deans will receive an allocation of carrels based on the number of faculty in their schools. The deans will assign their allocated carrels to those whom they judge to be most in need of such a study space. The carrels will be assigned for an initial period of one semester; however, the assignment can be renewed if the dean feels the

faculty member's need continues to be the greatest among the requests received.

Further information concerning the procedures for carrel assignment and use has been made available to each department chairman. The area is now open for interested faculty members to examine and to determine the usefulness of such a facility to their research. The most likely times for the occupancy of the area by faculty will be early January. (DC)



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Recent Acquisitions

Although the book budget for 1980-81 did not permit the purchase of many large or specialized sets, several recent acquisitions should be of particular interest. The Library is receiving volumes as they are published of the *Combined Retrospective Index to Book Reviews in Scholarly Journals, 1886-1974* (Arlington, Va.: Carrollton Press, 1979). We have eight of the projected fifteen volumes, all of which should be published by the summer of 1982. Another interesting set which has been received and cataloged is Lenin's *Collected Works* (Moscow: Progress Publications, 1977). This set contains forty-five volumes translated into English. A second-hand edition of Horace K. Mann's *The Lives of the Popes in the Early Middle Ages*, 18 vols. in 19 (London: Kegan Paul, 1925) has also been received. Not only did we obtain a significant retrospective item but did so at considerably less than the cost of the available reprint edition.

A new general encyclopedia, the *Academic American Encyclopedia* (Princeton, N.J.: Acrete Pub. Co., 1980, 21 vols.), was added to the Reference Area. This encyclopedia includes more biographical information than do most general encyclopedias. The outstanding feature of the AAE is its timeliness, its newly-drawn maps, and its current bibliographies. It is highly recommended for use by undergraduates. The AAE is also the first online encyclopedia and is available to subscribers of the *New York Times Information Bank*.

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Dear Faculty and Administration:

Since I am frequently asked about the extent to which the Library is being used by students and faculty, I thought I would share with you some information on Library use. While we cannot measure quantitatively every service being provided, we do keep statistics on some activities.

A record number of 540,625 persons entered the Library during the past fiscal year, which is an increase of 5 percent over the previous year. These users checked out 163,000 books, 14,994 periodical issues, and 3,000 items of curriculum materials. Library staff members were asked by users for assistance with their research more than 50,000 times. In addition to the individual assistance provided, Library faculty taught library research techniques to 216 classes which were brought to the building by instructors.

Faculty and students also asked for 38 literature searches to be made through the use of the Library's new computerized literature searching service. The results from these searches probably contributed to the 530 items that our users asked us to borrow from other libraries. We also loaned 2,000 items from our collection to other libraries across the state and country. This interlibrary loan activity has now reached a level that is 4 times greater than the 1970-71 level.

While we are pleased with the use being made of the Library, we are at times unable to adequately serve our users due to unusually heavy use. For example, students have been standing in line recently to get access to a microfilm reader or printer. If faculty could let us know of forthcoming assignments for library research that will result in unusually heavy demands on equipment and supplies, e.g. the microprinters, we would certainly appreciate it.

I hope that you will have time to read the rest of this issue of *Todd Library Update*. You will learn about the new faculty carrel area, the completion of a major bibliographical tool, demonstrations of computerized literature searching, and other interesting news.

Cordially,
Don Craig
University Librarian

A New Record for Book Size



Two students are needed to open the huge pages of this record size book.

What is believed to be the the largest book in the world was recently made at the Rhode Island School of Design. The book measures 10' x 16' and contains 30 pages, each of which is handprinted with block letters made by the students. The book — a section from the Tea Party of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* - was the brainchild of visiting professor Gunnlaugur Briem, who taught type design to sophomore classes at the Rhode Island School of Design and has since returned to the Royal College of Art, London. The type is modified Neuland originally designed by Rudolph Koch, chosen because it lent itself to hand cutting; each letter measures 6" x 4". Paper was 60-pound Finch Opaque, Vellum finish, made on No. 3 paper machine at the Glens Falls, N.Y., mill of Finch, Pruyn & Co., as a special order....The previous record listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records* shows *The Super Book*, printed in Denver in 1976, as the world's biggest book; it measured 9' x 10' x 2 1/8", contained 300 pages and weighed 557 lbs. -- From *Publishers Weekly*, June 5, 1981. Story and photo used by permission.

Library Faculty Update

Ms. Carol Dickerson was appointed Instructor/Assistant Reference Librarian in September. Ms. Dickerson received a Bachelor's degree in German Literature from Cornell University and a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Tennessee.

Appointed to the position of Instructor/Assistant Catalog Librarian in October was Mrs. Molly Holland. Mrs. Holland received a Bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky State University and a

Master's degree in Library Science from George Peabody College. She came to MTSU with experience at Samford University and Western Kentucky State University.

Ms. Carolyn Jamison was appointed to the position of Instructor/Assistant Acquisitions Librarian in September. Miss Jamison is a 1980 graduate of Fisk University with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and a 1981 graduate of George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University with a Master's degree in Library Science.

A Catalog for All Seasons

The National Union Catalog, produced by the Library of Congress, is the most complete national bibliography and national union catalog in existence. It contains in its present printed version a photo-reduced copy of every Library of Congress card, plus copies of cards from over 1,100 North American libraries for materials not in the Library of Congress. The National Union Catalog (NUC) provides the user/reader with a central record for the location of materials, in addition to being the basic American bibliographic source for verification, description, and identification of books, pamphlets, maps, atlases, music. The NUC has existed since 1901 as a card catalog at the Library of Congress and as a book catalog since 1956.

In 1963 the American Library Association Subcommittee on the National Union Catalog decided to publish a retrospective NUC of pre-1956 imprints. The firm of Mansell Information/Publishing Limited of London was selected as the publisher. When the project was announced in 1967, it was then estimated that the catalog when completed would be in 610 volumes and would contain about 12,750,000 entries.

Todd Library was an early subscriber to *The National Union Catalog, Pre-1956 Imprints*. The first volumes were received in 1968. Now thirteen years later the set is complete in 754 volumes in "all their acid-free, permanent durable, green buckram glory." The set weights just over 3 tons (each volume weighs about 8 pounds), contains 528,000 pages on which are reproduced some 20 million catalog cards.

NUC, Pre-1956 Imprints has been described as "the greatest bibliography of roman alphabet entries

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Applying For a Grant?

Those who write grant proposals might find the following model introduction useful. It first appeared in Herb Caen's column in the *San Francisco Chronicle* for December 8, 1980, and was developed by David Frank of Fresno, California:

"This proposal is designed to formulate a network of cognitive infrastructures to enhance the issue-policy interfaces which impact the nascent parameters of strategy options available to community inputs and from which meaningful rationales must devolve in order to be effectively integrated."

The model should be maximally effective on bureaucrats who are easily influenced by orchestrated rhetorical integrity. If the reader finds that he/she needs more verbalization assistance than is provided by Mr. Frank's words and phrases, the books listed below are available in Todd Library. (IDR)

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| 808.066
Am61h | Ammon-Wexler, Jill
How to create a winning proposal.
Mercury Communications c1976. |
| 001.44
B39g | Behling, John H.
Guidelines for preparing the research proposal.
Univ. Press of America c1980. |
| R
001.44
C67g | Coleman, William Emmet
Grants in the Humanities.
Schuman c1980. |
| R
301.412
Sch3d | Directory of Financial Aids for Women.
Reference Service Press c1978. |
| 001.44
G76
1978 | Grantsmanship: Money and How to Get it.
Marquis c1978. |
| 808.066
H746w | Holtz, Herman
The winning proposal - How to write it.
McGraw-Hill c1981 |
| 001.43
L79p | Locke, Lawrence F.
Proposals that work.
Teachers College Press. c1976. |
| 658.15224
Sm5g | Smith, Craig W.
Getting grants.
Harper c.1979. |
| 001.44
W58g | White, Virginia P.
Grants: How to find out about them and what to do next.
Plenum. c1975. |

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Computer Reference Service



Don Craig and Mrs. Gaida discuss the expanded computer reference service.

Miss Rebecca Smith and Mrs. Harriette Gaida have received a faculty research grant for the expansion and improvement of computer reference service. Databases in the social sciences are frequently searched for MTSU faculty and graduate students, but databases in the biological and physical sciences and in business and economics are seldom used. It is hoped funds provided by this grant will introduce additional faculty and graduate students to databases in their fields while enabling librarians to effectively search many more databases.

Application of grant funds will be in three areas: purchase of manuals and search guides; promotion of computer reference searching through demonstrations to faculty and graduate students; and seminars conducted by representatives of various databases and service vendors.

Announcements of demonstrations and workshops can be expected during the Spring Semester. If you would like more information concerning computer reference searching, please call Miss Smith or Mrs. Gaida at 2819. (HHG)

A Catalog for All Seasons

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ever produced." It is probably "the last of the monumental, traditional book catalogs." To some, book-catalog format in the Age of the Computer may seem anachronistic; but, as one writer noted, "there never was and probably never would have been funding to convert the NUC cards into a computer file clean enough for wide use." (About 80 percent of the entries in the pre-1956 imprints NUC are not duplicated by

on-line network catalogs.) There was, however, support from the world of scholarship for a book-catalog project, and a book-catalog is what Todd Library and some 1,350 other libraries in 51 countries are fortunate to have for the use of their users/readers. *The National Union Catalog, Pre-1956 Imprints* is in truth a national treasure, a catalog for all seasons. (JDM)

Recent Acquisitions

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Another reference set recently acquired is the *Critical Survey of Short Fiction*, ed. by Frank N. Magill, 7 vols. (Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Salem Press, 1981). These volumes contain long, comprehensive essays on short stories and other forms of short fiction.

Several years ago George P. Rawick edited *The American Slave: A Composite Autobiography* (Westport, Ct.: Greenwood Press, 1972, 19 vols.). We have now purchased the first and second supplements of 22 volumes to this documentary work (Westport, Ct.: Greenwood Press, 1978-79). Other historical documents can be found in the *Paston Letters and Papers of the Fifteenth Century*, edited by Norman Davis (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1971 and 1976). We have the first two volumes of the projected three volumes.

Most of the books added to our collection over the past year have been monographic titles in various subject areas. One of the most outstanding art books received in a long time is *Islam and Muslim Art* by Alexandre Papadopoulo (New York: Abrams, 1979). The illustrations were printed in France and include 174 vivid and beautiful color plates. This book is truly a treasure. Another book of visual enjoyment is *Alaska* (New York: Abrams, 1979). The photography is by Dennis Stark and is spectacular. Both books are recommended without reservation for an evening of browsing. The library still continues to order many of the "Best Sellers" and other books of current interest. Check our browsing shelves for new fiction and non-fiction. (MA)

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