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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - LA CROSSE

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PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Earl Belisle	Reference
Dale Gresseth	Chairman
Edwin Hill	Special Collections and Reference
Nancy Humphreys	Reference
Eugene Millich	Reference
John Robson	On Leave of Absence
Herbert Searcy	Cataloger
Sandra Sechrest	Documents
Suzanne Shaw	Cataloger
Orvin Shiflett	Collection Development
Orin Thompson	Microforms and Reference
Roy Van Note	Interlibrary Loan and Reference

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Margaret Annett	Special Collections
Katherine Arenz	Chairperson's Office
Vicki Aronoff	Interlibrary Loan
Marcella Averkamp	Special Collections
Kathryn (Teschner) Beane	Serials
Cristine Berg	Circulation
Patricia Clark	Documents
Janice DuCharme	Technical Services
Brenda Hemstock	Technical Services

Karen Highum	Technical Services
James Holtz	Circulation
Yvonne Hyde	Technical Services
Mary Johnson	Technical Services/Documents
Irene Kleist	Technical Services
Helen Leide	Circulation
Kathleen Mattison	Circulation
Barbara Nord	Serials
Viola Oertel	Technical Services
Dolores Peter	Reference
Mary Kay Rowe	Technical Services
Linda Sondreal	Circulation/Technical Services
Ada Stowe	Technical Services
Hanna Traastad	Technical Services/Interlibrary Loan
Pamela (Evans) Woods	Circulation/Special Collections
Barbara Waindle	Circulation
Frances Young	Technical Services

COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	1975/6	1976/7
Total volumes in library	355,745	376,417
Bound volumes	281,134	293,375
Government documents	72,471	80,756
Serials (college catalogs and telephone directories)	2,140	2,286

Total volumes added	29,268	24,600
Bound volumes added	21,123	14,868
Total microforms in library	311,078	336,823
Microfilm (reels)	20,609	21,937
Other microforms (pieces)	290,469	314,886
Periodical titles (current)	2,711	2,818
Newspaper titles	56	56
Titles in library (bound)		
Book (estimate using HEW plan)	200,100	208,706
Periodical	2,182	2,305
Titles on microform		
Book	4,601	4,702
Periodical	1,279	1,364
Total collection converted to vols. (ACRL)	438,547	461,331
Interlibrary loan	2,778	3,476
Computer assisted searches		381 (4 mos.)
Circulation (Main and Reserve)	128,046	137,914
Turnstile tally	474,602	531,844
Days library open	315	316
Hours per week (academic year)	100	101.25

TITLE IIA GRANT

The grant for the 1976/77 year was \$3,930.

1976/7 Expenditures : University Library

Salaries

Classified	\$134,929
LTE	7,696
Longevity bonus	1,063
Faculty	179,850
Student help	13,974
Work study (state share)	<u>6,349</u>

Total personal services **\$343,861**

Fringe benefits **74,379**

Travel	990
Postage	1,633
Telephone and Telecommunication	1,444
Reprint charges	2,049
Dues and memberships	2,449
Rent and repair of equipment	2,574
Miscellaneous services	2,336
Supplies (incl. AV Photo Lab \$4947)	12,568
Equipment (OCLC)	4,915

Library materials	
Books	182,448
Photographs	1,001
Periodicals	98,899
Microforms	37,444

Total library materials **319,792**

Binding and rebinding **9,625**

Total operational expenditures **360,375**

Total department **\$778,615**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS, CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES, ETC.

Earl Belisle met with ERIC Data Bank Librarians at UW - Stout, December 3, for the purpose of examining their operation; observed the OCLC and circulation security systems at UW - Eau Claire, December 15; attended WLA Spring Conference at UW - Parkside, April 21st and 22nd; and discussed the exchange of UW - La Crosse document collection with UW - Memorial Library at Madison, May 5th.

Dale Gresseth attended the 95th ALA Conference at Chicago, July 18-24; participated in the DUWL meeting at UW - Whitewater, October 14-15; attended the WLA conference at Oconomowoc, October 27-29; observed OCLC operation at UW - Stout, March 22; participated in the DUWL meeting at UW - River Falls, April 12-13; attended WAAL Conference at UW - Parkside, April 21-22; attended introductory/informational meeting on OCLC at UW-Madison, May 23; attended ALA Conference at Detroit, Michigan, June 17-22.

Edwin Hill attended UW System Archives Council meeting at Madison, December 3; attended the Spring UW System Archives Conference and ARC Conference at UW - Green Bay, May 5-6.

Nancy Humphreys observed OCLC operation at UW - Eau Claire, Dec. 15; attended ALA Conference at Detroit, Michigan, June 17-22.

Eugene Millich observed OCLC and ERIC operation at UW-Stout March 22.

Herbert Searcy attended ALA Conference at Chicago, July 19-22.

Sandra Sechrest observed OCLC operation at UW - Madison, April 13; visited Memorial Library to select books from their exchange collection, May 5; attended ALA Conference at Detroit, Michigan, June 17-22.

Suzanne Shaw inspected OCLC installation at UW - Eau Claire, December 15; attended introductory/informational meeting on OCLC at UW - Madison, May 23.

Orvin Shiflett attended the ALA Conference at Chicago, July 18-23; participated in the conference on UW Extension degree program with library support at Ellison Bay, October 10-12; inspected OCLC operation at UW - Eau Claire, December 15; inspected OCLC operation at UW - Stout, March 22; contacted COWL about OCLC at UW - Madison, April 13; attended WAAL Conference at UW-Parkside, April 21-22; attended introductory/informational meeting on OCLC at UW - Madison, May 23; attended ALA Conference at Detroit, Michigan, June 17-22.

Orin Thompson participated in DUWL meeting at UW - Whitewater, October 14-15; participated in DUWL meeting at UW - River Falls, April 12-13; visited Memorial Library to inspect possible exchange materials at UW - Madison, May 5.

Roy Van Note attended the ALA Conference at Chicago, July 19-22.

ERIC/CIJE

Educational Research Center/Current Index to Journals in Education computer assisted search operation was begun on March 1. 385 searches were completed as of June 30th. Both students and faculty indicate satisfaction with the service, however, one frequent suggestion for improvement

was that we should add other data bases, e. g., Psychology Abstracts and Medline.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT CHANGES

All coin operated student use typewriters were removed from the library. Students can obtain the use of free typewriters at the Academic Skills Center and at the La Crosse Room in Cartwright Center. Rental typewriters are available through the University Bookstore.

New equipment acquired during the fiscal year includes:

One Model 500M Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company Microfilm Reader-Printer, coin-operated.

Twenty-eight Edsal free standing steel storage shelving units for ARC area.

Four ranges of Model M-699A Wilson Company standard steel book shelving for the serials department.

One IBM Correcting Selectric typewriter.

Four units of counter height double-faced shelving for Information area.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF INFORMATION AND CHANGES

We hired three librarians during the Fall semester: Nancy Humphreys as Information Services/Bibliographer with an emphasis in business/economics; Sandra Sechrest as Documents Librarian; and Suzanne Shaw as cataloger. Ms. Shaw is on temporary appointment replacing John Robson while he is on leave of absence.

Eugene Millich returned to half-time duties on November 1st and full time on December 1st, after being on income continuance leave for one year.

Earl Belisle resigned on May 14th to join the reference staff at St. Thomas University, St. Paul, Minnesota.

CLASSIFIED AND SPECIAL STAFF
INFORMATION AND CHANGES

Margaret Annett retired December 31, 1976, after more than 25 years on the university staff. Her last assignment was that of Library Associate in the Special Collections Department.

Vicki Aronoff began work July 13, 1976, as an LTE Typist. During the year she performed various assignments as Typist and Library Assistant, including inter-library loan, acquisitions, serials deselection and typing.

Marcella (Sally) Averkamp, Library Assistant on the CETA program, was assigned to Special Collections under the auspices of the State Historical Society. She reported for work February 8, 1977.

Kathryn (Teschner) Beane was reclassified to Library Associate effective January 2, 1977.

Cristine Berg replaced Pamela Evans as Library Technician in Circulation. Ms. Berg's appointment was effective March 10, 1977.

Patricia Clark, Typist II on the CETA program, was selected for a special documents project, supervised by Earl Belisle. She began work January 31, 1977.

Janice DuCharme, Typist II, transferred from the Minority Studies Center, on January 10, 1977. She accepted the position vacated by Mary Johnson who transferred to Documents.

Pamela Evans, Library Technician in Circulation, was appointed Library Technician in Special Collections upon the retirement of Margaret Annett.

Brenda Hemstock, Typist II, who filled in for Hanna Traastad while Hanna was on maternity leave, began work half-time on April 11, 1977.

Karen Highum served as LTE Library Assistant in Documents from August 30, 1976 to January 14, 1977. She returned as CETA appointee in Technical Services, beginning April 12, 1977.

Mary T. Johnson was promoted from Typist II in Technical Services to Library Assistant in Documents on January 2, 1977. She replaced Viola Oertel who transferred to Technical Services. Ms. Johnson took maternity leave beginning May 31, 1977.

Kathleen Mattison was assigned to the Circulation Department half days on the WIN program (adult work experience) from November 3, 1976, until June 17, 1977. Her assignment was interrupted from February 2 to March 11, but she continued on LTE during this time.

Barbara Nord, half-time Library Assistant in Serials, began work January 4, 1977. She was selected on the special JOIN recruitment plan.

Viola Oertel was promoted from Library Assistant in Documents to Library Technician in Technical Services on August 30, 1976. She was selected to fill the position vacated by Elizabeth Ristow.

Dolores Peter, Typist II on the CETA program, began work January 31, 1977, on a special reference-computer program supervised by Orin Thompson.

Elizabeth Ristow, Library Technician resigned effective July 30, 1976, to marry John Robson and move to Madison.

Cynthia (Murphy) Schein's leave of absence was extended from June 10, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

Linda Sondreal, Library Assistant, moved from the Circulation Department to Acquisitions in January 1977. Both positions are half-time.

Hanna Traastad took maternity leave, beginning April 25, 1977.

Barbara Waindle, Library Assistant, half-time 10-month position in Circulation, was selected as the other JOIN candidate. She began work January 13, 1977.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY, 1976-1977

Ms. Margaret Annett	Dr. John McGinley
Mr. George Arnold	Mr. Bob Meier
Dr. Allen B. Birchler	Mr. Eugene J. Millich
Mr. John Porter Bloom	Dr. Bruce L. Mouser
Mr. Jack Burke	Mrs. Eugene Murphy
Mr. Merritt S. Carlson	Dr. Vivian Munson
Dr. David Cole	Mr. J.E. Neary
Davy Engineering Co.	Dr. Elda Clayton Patton
Mrs. Mary Clark Dimond	Mr. Frank Pokrop
Dr. Kenneth R. Fish	Ms. Emily Polasek
Dr. Dell O. Fystrom	Mr. Eugene B. Power
Dr. Jean M. Helliesen	Mr. Harold C. Ristow
Ms. Yvonne Hyde	Dr. Clair Rood
The Honorable Bengt G. Johns	Dr. George H. Seib
Ms. Janice M. Johnson	Mr. Michael Stewart
Dr. Wayne S. Kaufman	Mr. John C. Storlie
Dr. Walter G. Konrad	Mr. and Mrs. Donald Strand
Mr. John Kress, Sr.	Ms. Anita Tang
Ms. Bernadine Kunkel	Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma
Professor Lauren G. Leighton	Dr. David R. Witmer
Mr. Bernard Levinson	Dr. Paul B. Wolfson
Chancellor Kenneth E. Lindner	Dr. Bernard J. Young
Mrs. Mary Sullens McEwan	

LIBRARY TOURS

Date	Instructor	Course	Participants	Guide
8/27	C. Helming	New Student Orientation	187	Staff
8/30	A. Winter	P.E. 761	25	Hill
8/31	G. Starner	Econ. 375	8	Belisle
9/8	J. Yeatman	Eng. 110	23	Belisle
9/8	J. Yeatman	Eng. 110	23	Belisle
9/9	J. Greene	Eng. 110	23	Belisle
9/9	J. Greene	Eng. 110	23	Belisle
9/14	R. Kelley	Computer Science	30	Belisle
9/15	R. Kelley	Computer Science	30	Belisle
9/15	R. Kelley	Computer Science	30	Belisle
9/16	R. Treu	English 110	18	Belisle
9/16	L. Grooters	Libr. Operation & Management	11	Shiflett
9/17	M. Hocker	Ed. Media 206	15	Belisle
8/22	C. Helming	JE JSED 101	12	Belisle
8/30	L. Grooters	Lib. Operation & Management	11	Belisle
9/5	M. Bloom	Advanced Comp. 303	20	Belisle
9/5	M. Bloom	Advanced Comp. 303	18	Belisle
9/15	S. Glomokki	Logan H. S. Debate Students	7	Humphreys
9/18	M. Walsh	Non-trad. Students	10	Belisle/Hill
9/19	M. Walsh	Non-trad. Students	5	Humphreys
9/25	M. Hocker	Ed. Media 301/501	16	Belisle/Sechrest
10/17	J. Schilling	Nutrition(Viterbo)	12	Sechrest

10/18	K. Harris	Onalaska Middle Sch.	18	Staff
1/17	A. Winter	P.E. 730	22	Sechrest
1/19	B. Mouser	History 381/581	12	Sechrest/Johnson
1/26	J. Greene	English 110	25	Belisle
2/1	S. Schrag	English 303	20	Belisle
2/2	L. Goodwin	P.E. 777	15	Belisle
2/2	M. Hocker	Ed. Media 206	16	Humphreys
2/21	R. Morehouse	Bangor 6th graders	40	Thompson/Sechrest/ Hill/Millich
2/22	C. Helming	JSED 101	3	Sechrest
3/3	F. Leshner	Eng. 303	19	Belisle
3/9	R. Moss	P.E. 330	23	Belisle
3/23	J. Yeatman	Eng. 100/110	20	Belisle
3/23	J. Yeatman	Eng. 100/110	20	Sechrest
3/24	R. Parsons	Eng. 110	20	Belisle
3/26	M. Hocker	Student Librarians Assn. of Wis.	40	Sechrest
3/28	L. Grooters	Ed. Media 433/633	15	Belisle
3/29	L. Grooters	Ed. Media 301/501	7	Sechrest
4/12	J. Schilling	Nutrition (Viterbo)	9	Sechrest
4/25	M. Hocker	Adv. Ref. Class ERIC demonstration	15	Sechrest
6/24	M. Walsh	Academic skills	12	Humphreys
6/27	L. Grooters	Ed. Media	16	Sechrest
6/30	Marquardt	Western Ill.	1	Searcy

SPECIAL COLLECTION TOURS

47 tours

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This year's registrations show a mixed pattern of use, with overall use up slightly. The rare book collection was used substantially more than during last year, and all of the local history resources received considerable attention. The comparative figures are as follows:

	This Year	Last Year
State Hist. Soc. Registrants	37	40
State Hist. Soc. Daily Registrations	200	128
Wisconsiniana	522	509
Rare Books	456	287
University Archives	371	317
Photographs	91	211
Oral History	20	36
Tours	47	38
Newspaper (LaX Tribune)	120	222
Total (excluding newspaper)	1660	1488

Use of the photo collection by Ralph DuPae, who is assisting with our steamboat project, has been excluded from the registrations; DuPae's frequent visits were essentially those of a donar, not a user.

Additions to the collection, and new totals, are as follows:

	Added	Total
Thesis, Seminar Papers	85	
University Archives (catalogued)	17	
Rare Books	180	7,813
Wisconsiniana	82	2,356
Vertical Files	91	1,083

Oral History Tapes (reels)	48	388
Photographs	3,441	11,279
Color Slides (new category)	480	480

The demise of the Bicentennial year reduced the number of special projects. Reflecting what seems to be a national trend, however, the Bicentennial seems to have awakened the interest of individuals in their own backgrounds, and so we have had more genealogical requests than in previous years.

A class in local architectural history did an extensive survey of Main Street for its entire length. This class turned up a number of interesting features and used a wide variety of our holdings, along with on-site research, interviews, and city records research. Several students located material which was added to our collections.

The steamboat project added more photographs, and Kathleen Lemke was hired in June, under a CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) grant, to perform research on the boats. Ralph DuPae continued his travels and visits, and has acquired a useful knowledge of the important collections in this field. Student assistant Donna Rumppe was responsible for boat photos and their arrangement.

Several student assistants assisted in the compilation of finding aids and inventories. The first of these called La Crosse Healers, a checklist of local physicians and medically-related practitioners from the 1840's to the 1940's, is ready for printing now. This checklist was compiled by student assistant Carolyn Nelson. Other such checklists and guides are under preparation.

The Center for Contemporary Poetry, our collection and publication project in midwestern poetry, received considerable use when Mark Olson,

a student in independent studies under the direction of John Judson, did a study of poet Felix Pollak and little magazines. The Center holds an extensive collection of Pollak's work. Portions of this project, along with an interview of Pollak held in the Center, will be published in a forthcoming issue of Tri-Quarterly.

A major effort was made to organize several sets of University records, with the Campus School records being the largest single set. Pamela Woods arranged a more orderly shelving system for our campus records and provided archival processing for sets within this category.

In February, Sally Averkamp was hired under a CETA project initiated by the State Historical Society's Archives Division. Averkamp's duties are in local history-related projects, including indexing, displays and exhibits, and materials preservation and conservation.

The Center for Contemporary Poetry has published its seventh volume in the series, Voyages to the Inland Sea. Poets Hale Chatfield and William Kloefkorn were featured in this volume, and the collection was edited by John Judson. Pam Woods managed the accounts and sales for the Voyages series. The price of the book was increased to \$8 and \$15 respectively for the trade and signed editions.

STAFF AND SERVICE

Staff members for the year, in addition to the librarian, were Pamela Woods, library technician, who transferred from the Circulation Department in January to replace Margaret Annett (retired); Marcella (Sally) Averkamp, CETA project, starting in February; Kathleen Lemke, CETA project, starting in June; student assistants (for all on part of the year) Vicki Bennington, Carolyn Nelson, Lori Flanagan, Greg Kruckenberg,

Donna Rumppe, Evelyn Haefs, and Lexy Wistenberg; Margaret Annett, library associate who retired at the end of December after twenty-five years of university service.

Hours of service remained as in previous years, with 56 hours per week during regular sessions.

During most of the academic year, two half-time typists, employed by the History Department, occupied the Special Collections seminar room in order to transcribe oral history tapes. The backlog of tapes was much reduced as a result of this effort.

MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS, DISPLAYS, ETC.

The Special Collections librarian was speaker at: the annual meeting of the Crawford County Historical Society on February 21, 1977; a meeting of the board of directors Monroe County Historical Society, March 17, 1977; a general meeting of the La Crosse County Historical Society, March 20, 1977; a general meeting of the Trempealeau County Historical Society, November 30, 1976; a general meeting of the La Crosse Area Society for Historic Preservation, March 24, 1977; a meeting of the La Crosse Area Genealogical Society, October 27, 1976; several La Crosse schools, for special units on local history.

The librarian attended a joint Area Research Center-Archives Council meeting in Green Bay on May 5-6, 1977, and an Archives Council meeting in Madison on December 3, 1976.

In addition to a number of displays within Murphy Library, the special collections staff prepared special displays for several Bicentennial-related programs, and for the Coulee Region Heritage Lecture Series, held March through May at the La Crosse Public Library.

SUMMARY

With additional staffing provided by CETA grants, we were able to proceed with several projects useful to our purpose. Most of our daily activity is directed to local history-related work, and we made appropriate progress in preservation-conservation, in indexing, displays, university records, and the steamboat project. With a competent staff, we are more successful in dealing with the increasing requests for services and assistance.

Most of the available storage space is occupied, and there is need for additional work space for the staff. The department is increasingly activity-oriented as we respond to the requirements of both clientele and collection.

Administrative support for an expanded records management program on all campuses will eventually result in a more clearly defined archives responsibility here. As was suggested in the department's annual report for last year, the archives function of the department should be considered a separate responsibility, possibly as an adjunct of the local history collections.

We take this opportunity to thank all those whose goodwill and assistance supported our efforts. The staff of Murphy Library, as always, deserves first mention.

Respectively submitted,

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