

Townley goes to town

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Charles T. Townley has joined the staff of Penn State-Capitol Campus in the capacity of head librarian.

The tasks he faces in his new post are basically two-fold: to improve and expand existing services and to oversee the projected renovation of the library.

In addition to improving local library services, "We will be looking at our relationship, through networks, with other libraries. Our goal in this respect is to increase accessibility and speed of access between our campus and available library resources," said Townley.

Through the OCLC data base, the 140,000-volume library at Capitol Campus becomes, in effect, a 5 million-volume library. The time lag in bringing student and resources together, however, can be frustrating and counter-productive. Townley hopes he and other members of the library faculty can devise methods to improve user access.

Renovation of the existing library is part of Capitol Campus' long-range development plan under the leadership of Dr. Theodore L. Gross. Mr. Townley will be coordinating this project.

"Removal of existing inner walls and barriers will double the seating capacity and increase shelf space, especially in the reference area," he said.

Cost analysis of planned alterations is presently being worked out.

It is expected the renovation costs will be paid by the Richard H. Heindel Memorial Fund. Dr. Heindel, first dean of faculty at PSU, died July 31, and the fund established in his memory has been dedicated to the library.

Monies for the fund will be sought from PSU alumni. In addition, a distinguished memorial committee has been created to solicit funds from the international community where Dr. Heindel was well known.

Townley brings to his po-

sition far-ranging experience in the area of library science. He is currently completing his doctoral studies at the School of Library Science at the University of Michigan.

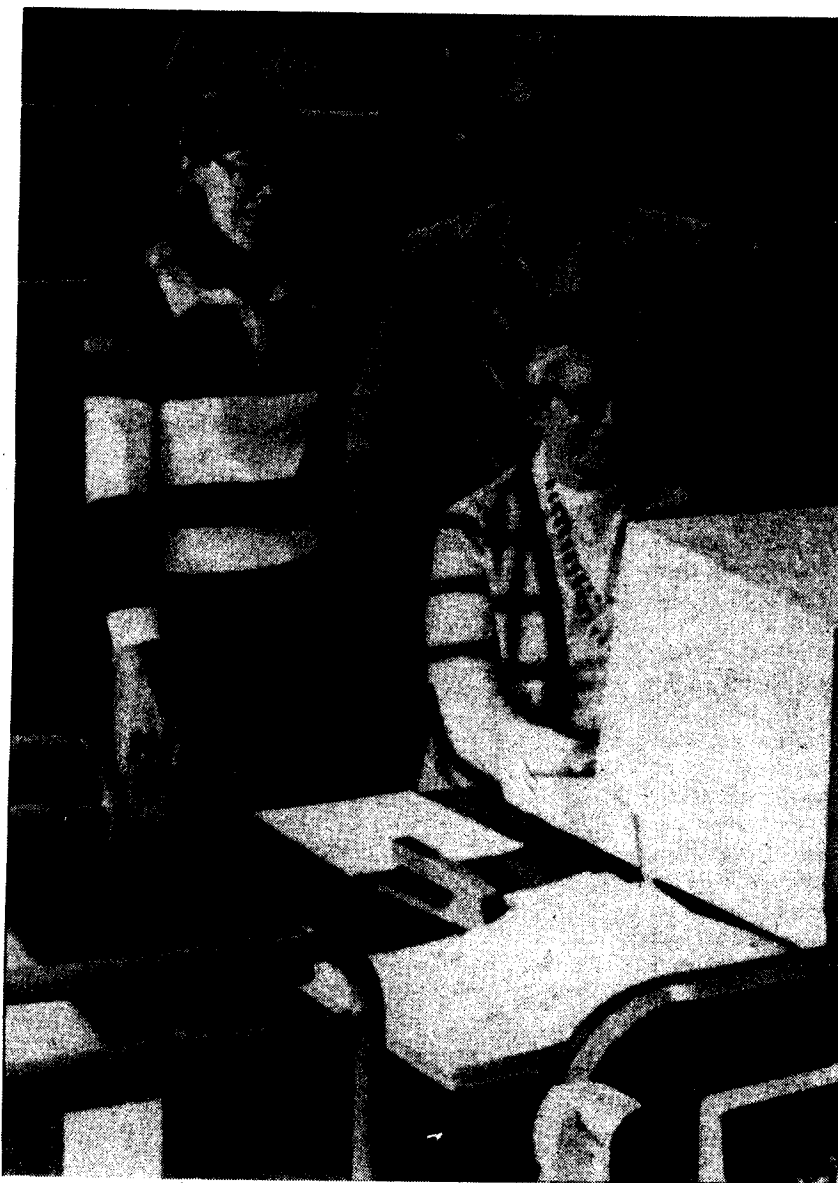
Under the sponsorship of the U.S. Office of Education, he became the director of the

Library Project of the National Indian Education Association. It is this project which provides library information in many American Indian communities.

Expertise in this area led to service in the U.S. government in the capacity of con-

sultant. In addition, he taught library management at the University of Michigan just prior to coming to Capitol Campus.

Townley's appointment became effective September 1, 1979.



Charles T. Townley, and with other Library staff members. They are working with the OCLC data computer base system.

Graduate school opportunities for minority students

How can minority college students planning for graduate school find the right opportunities for advanced study?

One way is with the Minority Graduate Student Locator Service, developed by Educational Testing Service (ETS) and offered by the Graduate Record Examinations Board.

Through this free service, college juniors, seniors and graduates who are members of racial and ethnic minorities in the United States can make their intentions known to graduate schools seeking such applicants.

Last year, for example, more than 20,000 students made use of the Locator Service, and student information was provided to more than 150 graduate schools around the country. And it's easy for

students to participate.

Students sign up by completing the registration form contained in the GRE/MGSLs Information Bulletin. It is the same form used to register for the Graduate Record Examinations, comprehensive aptitude and advanced tests used in the admissions process by many of the nation's graduate schools. But students do not have to take the GRE to use the Locator Service.

To take part, students describe themselves by answering questions that ask for ethnic background, undergraduate major, intended graduate major and other information about educational experience and objectives. This information is placed in the Locator Service file and made available to participating graduate schools upon request. GRE scores are not

included in the Locator Service file.

Each graduate school establishes its own criteria to select students from the Locator Service file based on ethnic background, intended major field of study, degree objective and state of residence. The names of students who use the Locator Service and meet the criteria set by a particular school will automatically be sent to that school.

Students who want to make information available to graduate schools three times during the school year must have their registration forms in by Sept. 28. A student who misses that deadline but has the form in by Nov. 12 will be able to participate twice.

Graduate schools will contact the students in whom they are interested to inform

them of application procedures.

Because of the interest among graduate schools throughout the nation in attracting qualified minority students, a student's name often will be sent to several institutions. Because a graduate school may not wish to contact all students whose names it receives, students are not informed of the identity of those institutions to which their names have been forwarded.

The Locator Service is not an application to graduate school or for financial assistance and does not constitute a guarantee of admission or financial aid. It is designed only to supplement a student's own efforts to locate and seek admission to a suitable graduate program and to find resources for financial assist-

ance.

Information students supply for the Locator Service file is treated confidentially and is released only to participating graduate schools and scholarship programs.

The Information Bulletin explains all students must know to participate in the service. Copies of the bulletin may be obtained at most colleges or by writing to MGSLs, Box 2615, Princeton, N.J. 08541.

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