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## Increases Collection, Adds Services

# Library Works for Solution of Problems

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The engraving to the right of Pattee Library's pseudo-Egyptian columns says, "A University Is A Collection of Books."

By this definition, Penn State ranks very low., The University-in the top ten in the country in sponsored research, in the top 20 in graduate work and enrollment-is 46th in the number of books in its library.

A deficient collection is only one of Pattee's problems. An outmoded and complex building with insufficient shelf space gives students a great deal of difficulty in locating what books are there. An involved system and lack of staff in the Acquisitions and Cataloguing Departments cause considerable delay in ordering new books and in getting them to the shelves. There is seating space for only 10 per cent of the student population, rather than the 30 per cent strongly recommended by the American Library Association.

#### Recent Improvement

Despite these weaknesses, the library has shown much improvement in all areas during the past five years. And long-term plans have been made which should bring the library up to an outstanding standard of service to students and faculty.

This development of library plant and ser-vices, which represents a major change in University budgeting policy, is the result of the protests of an ad hoc faculty committee, or-ganized in 1964 to inform President Eric Walker of the inadequate collection and service then available in Pattee. Through Walker's interest and active support, the 1965 Task Force, also known as the Wiseley Committee, was formed of nationally, known librarians and scholars. The committee made an exhaustive study of conditions in Pattee and recommendations for their improvement.

#### 50th in Nation

At that time, the library was 50th in its book collection with 750,000 volumes and had a backlog of nearly 40,000 volumes waiting to be catalogued and put on the shelves. The committee, realizing that such massive

problems required a coordinated effort at solution, recommended the appointment of a Director of Libraries, who would work with Commonwealth Campus libraries as well as Pattee and branches on this campus.

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W. Carl Jackson arrived to take this posi-tion in January, 1966. In "A Concept of Library Service for Penn State," published soon afterwards, he stated that he would make every effort "to avoid confining our explorations to traditional academic library concepts . . . We believe that the concept which we have developed goes considerably beyond the areas of responsibility generally accepted by academic libraries and will provide a kind of library service not now available on any campus."

#### Library Service

In a recent interview, Jackson discussed his ideas of library services and the program which will be undertaken over the next few years to develop those offered in Pattee.

"I think the best things a university can give the student are awareness of the breadth of knowledge, a desire to learn and knowledge of how to learn on his own through reading. Four years are just about enough to make a person aware of how little he knows — and where to find out what he doesn't know.

"I want to make the library a pleasant facili-ty to use. It can be a useful facility only so long as it is responsive to student needs. When regulations are made for the sake of the librarians, people resent it and don't use the library unless they have to.

#### No Stuffy Atmosphere

To change the traditional "hidebound" at-mosphere of the library, Jackson has intro-duced soft chairs, carpets and music to the West Wing and has greatly increased the number of smoking areas. Several attempts have been made to establish drive-up book drops in various areas of campus, to make book return easier.

A mass buying system has been instituted, not only to increase the collection but also to hasten the book-buying process. Last year, delivery service was offered to faculty members "for the first time on any campus, as far as I know." Faculty members may phone in re-quests and have the books delivered to their

offices daily. Jackson's long-range plans also fall in with this service philosophy. He would like to create four levels of library service:

• Undergraduate buildings in each resi-

periodicals and "as much general-interest ma-terial as possible." These would be for use "until the individual becomes sufficiently in-volved in his major or in specialized study to require greater resources."

• A research library, construction of which will begin this fall. When complete it will add 400,000 sq. ft. of floor space to library facilities, but it will be constructed in two stages with the first adding 133,000 sq. ft. When it is fin-ished, Jackson plans to consolidate all branch libraries there, with a floor given over to each division of subject matter for easy location of materials. This would be open 24 hours a day. Unit Collections

• Academic unit working collections within each department to replace the present branch libraries. These would contain reference books, manuals and periodicals for quick and current reference use. They would be maintained by each department with book purchase funds from the library.

• Remote access to research materials, a program opened with the faculty delivery sys-tem, may lead in the future to computerized up-to-the-minute card catalogues located in various academic buildings. Access to collec-tions in other libraries has also been extended through airplane service between Pattee, the National Library of Agriculture and the Library of Congress. Negotiations are underway for interlibrary loan service for undergraduates between Penn State and other northeastern universities.

#### Student Convenience

The decentralization of undergraduate material is based on the fact that it is much easier to duplicate than expensive and scarce re-search materials, in relation to the added convenience to the students. Pollock Undergraduate Library is the first of three to be built. The response there has been "very favorable," according to Jackson, despite the library's current lack of funds to furnish the second floor.

The amount of reserve material in each undergraduate branch will be dictated by computerized information on the number of students in the class who reside in that area. Thus the branches will in many cases require no addition to existing reserves.

Jackson said he would like to see the num-ber of reserve books reduced. "There is too

dence area, containing reserve books, current periodicals and "as much general-interest ma-terial as possible." These would be for use sirable educational method; any book forced on a person will not be very well digested. We'd viewpoints, which would refer the student to the total resources of the library on a given problem.'

He acknowledged this system will be more practical when the new research library is complete.

#### Research Building

This facility will have to be attached to the east end of Pattee until stage two is finished, since until that time card catalogues and part of the collection will remain in Pattee. When complete, the research library will extend along Curtin Road nearly to the Life Science

Building. It is designed to be "less puzzling" to the user-open and flexible in arrangement, with reference facilities, rest rooms and information service in the same area on each floor. The building will be fully carpeted and aircondi-tioned. All functional areas will be on the perimeter to free the interior for bookshelves and reading stations.

Books will be arranged with A through Z in the Library of Congress classification running from top to bottom floor, with divisions only at the end of subject groups. Related periodicals and microfilms will be located on the appro-priate floors, and subject specialists and refer-ence materials will be stationed conveniently

for information service. Jackson proposed this centralization of re-search materials for many reasons, including the "interdisciplinary nature of higher re-search," the enlarging of bibliographic records and a need for more professional ascittance and a need for more professional assistance.

#### Centralize Materials

Some of the faculty has expressed opposition to the dissolution of branch libraries, he said, but "I believe members of the faculty who are opposed to a central research library have probably thought in terms of their own needs

and not in terms of student needs." He cited the suggestion received from a student which protested, "I'm a chemistry major, not a track star. Will you for God's sake put all the collections in one building." Other prog All of the present West Wing, except for iously, he said.

the third floor, will serve as headquarters for the Undergraduate Libraries. The present stacks of Pattee will be a storage area for little-used books.

#### **Better Instruction**

Another service Jackson would like to offer is an improved system of instruction in library use for incoming freshmen. "Though 75 per cent of the freshmen come to the present tours, they are not successful—there is too much to cover and the student just-gets a sweep-ing impression of what the place looks like. It would help to have library use covered in a re-

quired class, such as Speech 200." In developing the resources of the library, Jackson said he hoped to reach the three millionth volume by 1980. "Ideally, we should have 7 million by then, but . .." The allocation for books in the budget has nearly tripled in the part three results for

nearly tripled in the past three years, from \$642,953 in 1964-65 to an estimated \$1,700,000 this year. To increase the collection appreciably, the allocation must rise by at least 20 per cent a year, since book costs rise at 10 per cent a year.

#### **Problems with Funds**

Asked if he could count on getting the funds required by these programs, he said thoughtfully, "We must look on the optimistic side. There is much that needs to be done, but there is also a great potential here. Pattee can become a library to reckon with nationally. "For one third we have transmission and

"For one thing, we have tremendous support from the administration. I've worked with libraries at six other universities where I got lip service and no money. Here, if the administration can possibly do it, the library will improve

He added, "It is essential to back up the annually given funds with special endowments. We would allow gifts to grow in an investment pool. The interest on one million dollars would guarantee support in years of crisis . . . like this

The budget delay in the legislature was the main reason for various economies now being practiced, he said. "We gambled on the bill's being passed when we took on more student help and opened for more hours. Now we're trying to find ways to cut back on hourly staff expenditures without laying anyone off."

Other programs were not suffering ser-

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### Weather Project Slated



**Collegian Notes** 

Club will present a color film entitled "The Mind Benders," at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Hetzel Union Assembly Hall. This recent film about LSD This recent film about LSD and other hallucenogenic drugs has been released by the Food and Drug Administration. It gives an objective view of the history, use and abuse of mindexpanding drugs. There is no admission charge.

'Creative Edge' Series Joseph H. F itton, professor of human development, will be of Adman development, win be the final speaker of the Winter Term "Creative Edge" series. He will speak on "The Science of Aging" at 12:30 p.m. Tues-day in the Memorial Lounge of the Holen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel. The meeting is open to the public and is sponsored

by the faculty committee of United Campus Ministry and the Office of Religious Affairs. with a Registration Issue on Friday, March 29. Regular publication for the Spring French Lecture April 2. Robert Champigny, research professor of French and noted literary critic from Indiana University, will give a lecture in French entitled "La Tech-nique d'Apollinaire—Le Temps The fifth in the series of monthly Water Resources Seminars will be held in Dining et les Temps" at 8 p.m. Tues- Room C of the Hetzel Union

The Penn State Food Science day in the Laurel Room of the Building at noon Thursday. Sub will present a color film Nittany Lion Inn. G. B. Engelen, director of the department of hydrology at the Free University of Amsterdam, partment, and the public has been invited atte<sup>-1</sup>. A coffee hour will follow.

Stu<sup>a</sup>ent Recital

will be the speaker. The pro-gram will begin at 12:30 p.m. and adjourn at 1:30 p.m. Engelen will discuss trends search Laborator, colloquium. in hydrological and hydrogeolo-gical education in universities

Philip Dettra (12th-piano per-formance-Mount Dora, Fla.) will perform works by Bach, of the idetherlands and other I uropean countries. A brief discussion period will follow his Mozart, Bartok, Chopin and Detalk, which will be open to the bussy in a piano recital at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Recital public. Hall of Music Building.

This Is the End-

The Daily Collegian ends publication for the Winter Term today. Publication will resume

**Philosophy Meeting** 

Chemistry Colloquium

nology, will conclude the Winter

Karl Gerold Schwarzenbach, professor of chemistry at the Swiss Federal Institute of Tech-

A. R. von Hippel, director of the Laboratory for Insulation Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will speak in the Mineral Sciences Auditorium at 4 p.m. Friday addressing the materials Re-

The subject of his talk, which will be open to the public will be "Principles of Molecular Materials Design.'

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Shaw 2+ Pavilion A one-act play by George Bernard Shaw, entitled "Pas-sion, Poison, and Petrification" has been scheduled in the Pa-Term Chemistry Colloquium Series with a lecture on 'Per-oxo Complexes of Titanium'' at 12:45 p.m. Thursday in 310 Whitmore. \* \* \* On Thursday, also at 5:20 and all have been invited to

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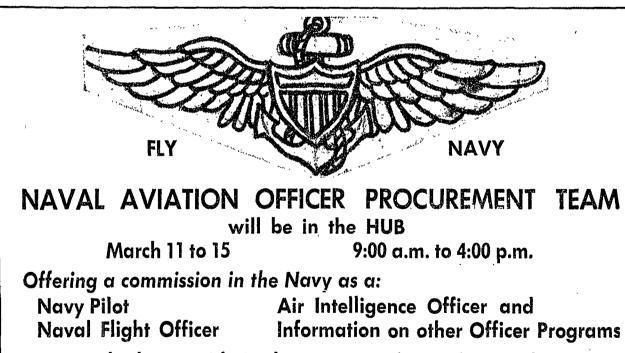
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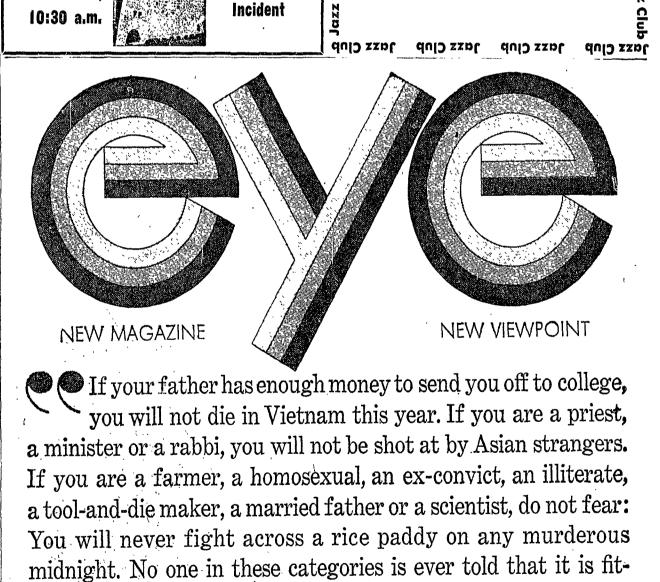
York University, will present a paper on "The Philebus" at a colloquium sponsored by the number choreography and dance tech niques have been staged for University's Depart ment of this presentation, including a Philosophy at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Assembly Room of the dance choreographed by com-puter. Again, there will be no Hetzel Union Building. admission charge.



Ask about a ride in the T-34 aircraft Tuesday - Friday

## Goodbye, HUB Committees

Hello, University Union Board



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