

New School to Meet Librarian Need

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Imagine a federal program with substantial funds for both materials and salaries suffering from a lack of qualified people to administer it.

Strange as the situation may sound, this is the problem which is currently besetting the nation's libraries.

Due to the increasing interest in education and libraries and the resulting availability of federal funds, librarians are in great demand. To meet this demand the University has set up a School of Librarianship.

Academically, there is little to distinguish the present school from the old Department of Library Science at the University, but administratively there is a major difference. His name is Leroy C. Merritt.

Merritt is dean of the School of Librarianship, but admittedly his job is a challenge. More important to him, however, his job is "exciting."

"Days come to an end too soon," he says, leaving much to be done.

Despite the fact that the courses being taught this year are basically the same as those of the old department, there is much work involved in starting a separate school.

For instance, Merritt, who served as Associate Dean of the School of Librarianship at the University of California at Berkeley for five years, must start thinking about what changes are

to be made in the future curriculum.

At present the courses offered are considered standard for a library school, but Merritt has some ideas for improving them.

A current graduate student in the school can center his interest on librarianship in schools, public libraries or as an academic librarian. The new dean would like to allow for more specialized study if the student desires it.

Merritt also talks of "sort of a dream I have" for study in the field of archives administration. He says no school in the country gives a full year's study tie-in between history, political science and librarianship, but there is a demand for this.

One reason no other school offers this might be because there are so few accredited schools of librarianship in the nation. Only 38 schools in the entire country have been accredited by the American Library Association.

Merritt would like the University's to be number 40.

Most of what the Association looks for when accrediting a school, Merritt says the University has. These things include its own academic office and budget, a well-organized and taught curriculum, large enough an area for the school, and admission requirements which allow the entrance of only those who will truly benefit.

The basic thing Merritt feels the school now lacks is a graduating class, for it's necessary to have graduated at least one class to become accredited.

This means that if all goes well, earliest accreditation could

come in 1968. Since he knows of one other school which has already applied for accreditation, Merritt feels that leaves the number 40 spot open for the University.

Another first-year activity which fills much of Merritt's time is the proposed home of the school. This will be the old Browsing Room on the main floor of the library.

The dean feels the area is "pretty nearly ideal." It is right in the middle of the library operation, and is visible to others in the University. He feels this alone will create an interest in the school.

The site is also ideal for the librarianship students because they will be inside their workshop. In fact, Merritt says, it may be better located than any in the country.

The school now has 70 students which means it could graduate 30 or 40 in its first class. From there, Merritt expects a

growth of 10 per cent each year.

Adding to the newness of the school are two new faculty members, Robert E. Kemper and Caroline Feller, both associate professors.

With this type of newness it isn't hard to see why Merritt is "excited," or why he says, "It is going to be a fine experience, I'm sure."

University Passes \$18,000 UA Goal

The University has exceeded its goal in contributions for the 1966 United Appeal Campaign.

As of early last week University gifts totaled \$18,307.50 for 102 per cent of the goal, which had been set this year at \$18,000.

This is the fifth consecutive year that the University has given more than its goal in the campaign.

Conference Calls Poverty Specialist

Clyde E. DeBerry, poverty specialist at the University, has been invited to attend a national conference to evaluate summer and fall institute programs of the Equal Educational Opportunities Program.

DeBerry directed a summer Institute on School Desegregation Training and Research at the University this year.

The national conference to which DeBerry has been invited will be at Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia, Wednesday through Friday.

Conferees will discuss changes in Equal Educational Opportunities Program policy and examine criteria for determining project priorities.

The meeting is sponsored by the Grants and Institutes Program staff of the Equal Educational Opportunities Program, U. S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

'Y' Gift Fair Opens Today

Elephant hair jewelry and kangaroo soup, along with hundreds of other imported items from throughout the world, will be on sale today through Saturday.

A particularly wide selection of imports will be included in this year's gift fair, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily in the Student Union.

Holiday gift shoppers may choose from such goods as wooden carvings from Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda; stuffed koala bears from Australia; toys from all over the world; Korean brassware; Italian glassware; and jewelry from Tanganyika, Spain, Korea, Japan, Thailand, France, and Germany.

Many of the foreign wares are hand-crafted.

Special foods will also be featured, along with chocolate candy from 15 different countries.

Over 2,000 persons were attracted to the 1965 Gift Fair, when the YM-YWCA realized an approximate \$1,200 profit to support community and campus projects by the YWCA.

Dominican Film Lecture Tonight

An illustrated lecture on "The Dominican Republic" will open the 1966-67 World Around Us film-lecture series at the University at 8 p.m. today in 150 Science.

Admission to the program is by season ticket or by single admission at the door at 50 cents.

The lecture, illustrated with documentary color motion pictures, will be given by Jack Currey, who has just returned from the Dominican Republic where he filmed many current scenes.

Currey was a close associate of Robert E. Moran, originally booked to give the lecture. Moran was assassinated in Guatemala just before his lecture tour was to start.

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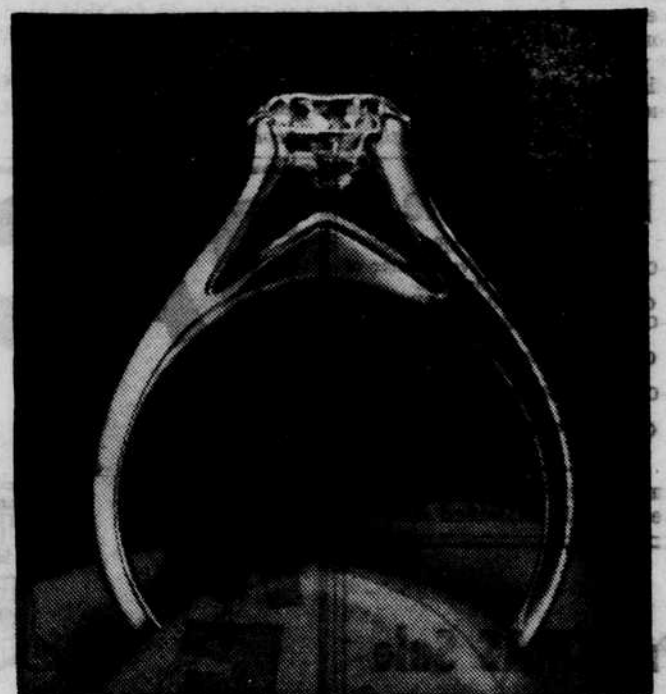
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