

Library walls encourage metamorphoses

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They pass through the cold metal turnstiles like moths emerging from a book-lined cocoon. In a poignant effort to make sense out of their scrambled notes, bleary-eyed students shuffle the pages of their embryonic term papers, straining for the light of understanding — or at least a "B" grade.

"If only I had started earlier!" sighs one young mothlet in tennis shoes. "If only I had asked one of the librarians for research advice!" cries out another. Sadly they pause at the Reserve Book Room entrance, wondering if one more reference could salvage their papers.

But they are not alone in their desolation. Without a basic knowledge of library layout, the cataloging system and the use of microfiche and microfiche readers, the University Library can become a labyrinth of useless information for the uninitiated researcher as well as for students beyond the larval stage.

"We are more than willing to help students learn to use this library," says Juan Sandoval, reference librarian at the Catalog Information Service desk on the first floor of the Main Library.

Since the microfiche system is the "wave of the future" in cataloging, Sandoval stresses that students "come in early to learn how to get along with the "complex

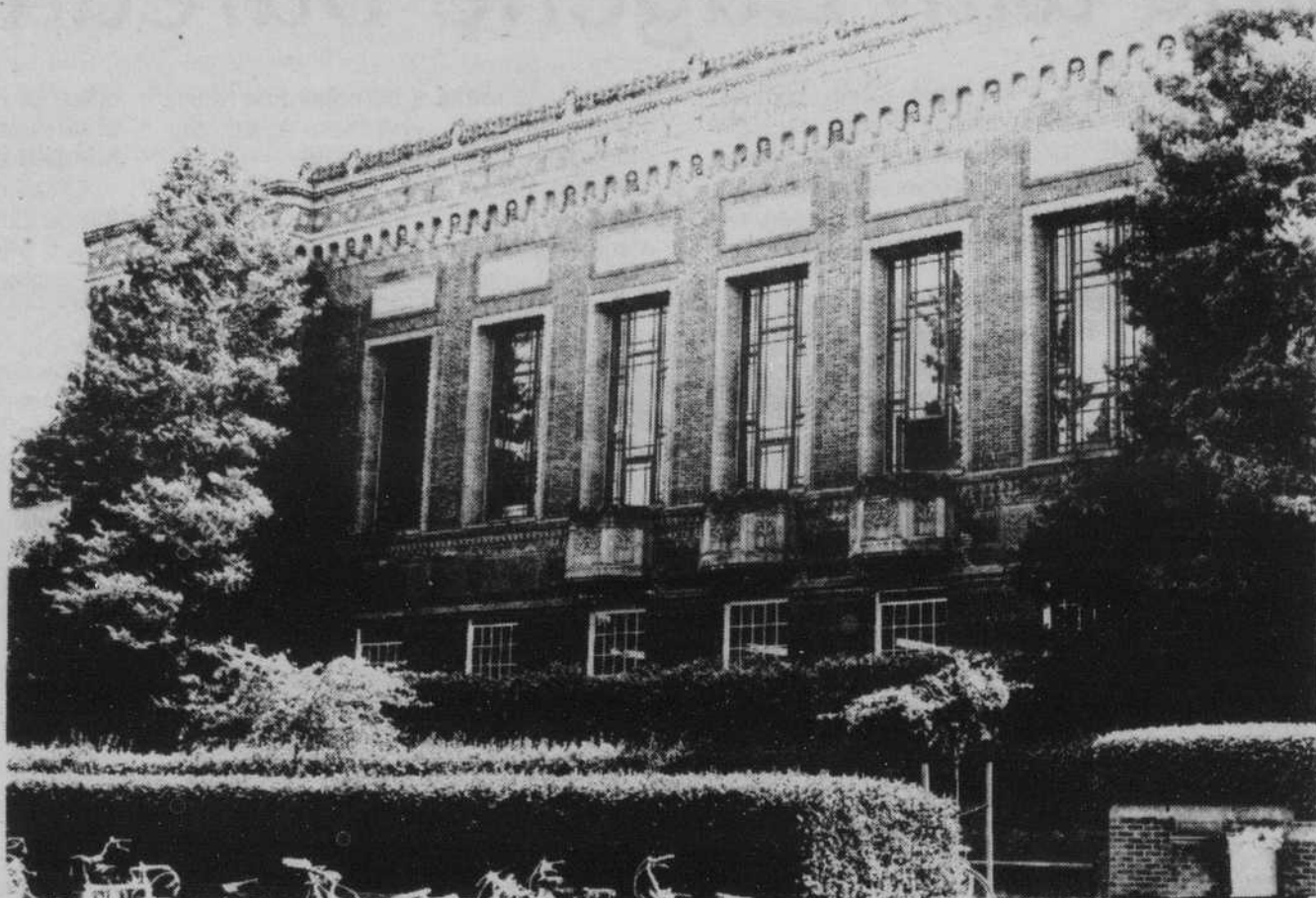


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Only one building on the University campus is known as "The Library" but the books themselves spread from PLC to the Drug Information Center.

nuances" of microfiche catalogs.

Besides the main card catalog and microfiche carousels on the first floor, there are microfiche subject, author and title indexes and carousels on each floor. The Reserve Book Room microfiche are also on each floor so that the student can check a reference

that is not on the shelf without having to fly from floor to floor.

For materials not available from the University Library, there are microfiche catalogs on the first floor from other state schools such as Portland State University and Oregon State University. These materials can be ordered through

the Inter-library Loan service available at the Science Library and the first floor of the Main Library.

Since inter-library loans take time, about five days for in-state schools and up to three weeks out-of-state, it is usually graduate students doing specialized research who use this service.

For most undergraduates, the Main Library and its branches have something for everyone. And if a student is doing research at the Main Library, for instance, and needs some material from the Law Library, the student may use what is known as the "intra-library connection" — the phone marked "Plains" at the main desk of the Library.

The other "hotlines," labeled "Moscow" and "Peking," can save a student the long and often fruitless trip over to the Architecture Library or the Science Library, and a "hold" can be placed on checked-out material without an unnecessary jaunt in the rain.

Armed with these basic time-saving research techniques, the student will soon feel the urge to test her or his paper-wings on a short but thrilling research project.

Using the Main Library as a launching point and branch libraries such as the Map Room in Condon Hall or the University Archives on the second floor of Fenton Hall as additional resources, the student may see the need to follow an informational trail out into the community.

But it is within the solid, stately walls of the University Library that the student first begins to grow wings of understanding. Safely hidden behind stacks of pre-19th Century French literature one is sure to find groups of ardent scholars intensely discussing the in-

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Other small but informative libraries abound

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Are you doing research? If so, Prince Lucien Campbell Hall offers resources which may not be found in the main library.

If you are doing research in the field of political science, you should know that the department has its own resource center, the E.S. Memorial Library. Hidden away on the 9th floor (905 PLC), the library has available recent journals, periodicals, dissertations and books.

Small, but informative, is the economic department's C.W. Memorial Room. Available from that library are major journals and doctoral dissertations.

The philosophy department does not have a formal library, but journals and dis-

sertations are obtainable on request.

Located four stories up and a half-dozen rooms down (730 PLC) is the sociology graduate studies library. Dissertations, back issue journals and a cross section of books on sociological theory and method are available for those interested in this field.

Established in 1977 by the Oregon Legislature and new to PLC, is the Labor Education and Research Center (LERC). The center, the only one of its kind in Oregon, was mandated as a resource center for unions and employee associations.

LERC offers workshops, conferences, summer residential programs and research. For the student of the labor movement, the center offers bibliographies and pamphlets for those researching labor his-

tory, the economy's effect on working people's lives, technological change and the problems of special sectors of the labor force such as women, minorities and public employees. The center is located in Room 154.

Students interested in the effectiveness of social policy may find the Institute of Community Studies helpful. The institute specializes in designing methods to evaluate social programs such as criminal rehabilitation and alternative schooling. The center can be found in Room 837A.

The ethnic studies library is literally closeted away in the office's closet. As small as that may sound, the library covers America's ethnic groups from a wide range of disciplines. The ethnic studies department expects to expand its library through

the addition of audio-visual equipment by mid July.

Operating under the administration of the sociology department is the Center for the Sociological Study of Women. The center offers research assistance and provides study and conference facilities.

The library contains approximately 350 volumes which range from biographies and history to current investigations into sex-role development and novels by women. The CSSW also maintains a growing article and reprint file.

Additional resources available at the center include professional journals, assorted government documents, a large number of bibliographies, abstracts of current women's studies programs and some dissertations. CSSW is located in 605 PLC.

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