

Financial problems bind Library

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Editor's note: The University Library is celebrating its centennial anniversary this year. This is the last of a three-part series.

The University Library is feeling the same financial pinch as many other departments.

"We're hedging all bets because of financial problems," says Librarian George Shipman.

The last library addition was built in 1966, and space has disappeared as new books continue to be shelved. The library has increased its 1966 collection of 900,000 volumes by almost 70 percent.

Shipman says he is currently working on a list of building inadequacies and staff deficiencies for discussion purposes.

"We need to build a case for substantial expansion of the physical facilities," Shipman says, adding that "the library is lacking from 30 to 40 classified staff positions."

"But there are a number of hoops to jump through. You can't solve these

problems overnight."

As for long-range plans, Shipman says "we have just about every problem you could name."

Despite the gloom, Shipman says the library is "surprisingly good" in quality and quantity. Gene Barnes, the acquisitions librarian who retired last year, "did a terrific job in building an outstanding collection," he says.

Shipman says he agrees with history Prof. Richard Brown, who said earlier this week that the library needs more benefactors like Henry Villard, a wealthy railroad magnate who donated money to the library in the early 1900s.

Shipman says private sources could raise needed money for the library. For example, a \$33,000 donation from former track and field coach Bill Bowerman was used to buy eight microfilm readers.

The library also received some funding from the Blackwell Group, a publishing firm in the United States and abroad, to celebrate the centennial. This funding is supplemented with grants from the Oregon Committee for the Humanities.

A series of lectures and exhibits will

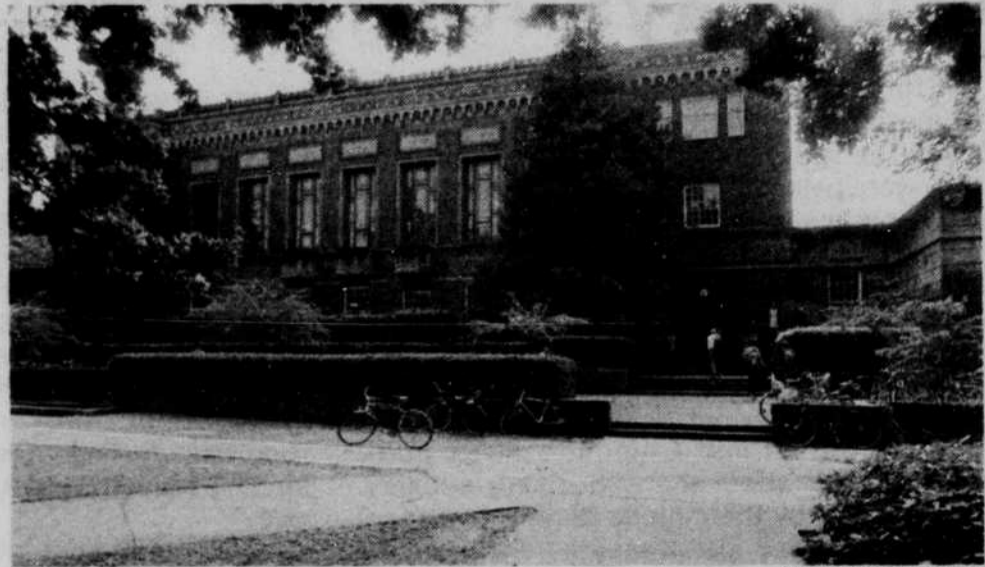


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The University Library's expansions lag behind its acquisitions. Since the 1966 remodeling, volumes have increased 70 percent.

commemorate the library's anniversary. One of the exhibits, "Treasures from the University Library," will be shown in the art museum March 21 to May 2.

The exhibits will range from a 1471 printing of the Letters of Cicero to the photographic works of Colonel Lee

Moorehouse. The Letters of Cicero is the oldest book in the library's collection.

Upcoming in the centennial celebration is archivist Keith Richard's show entitled "The University and its Library - 1881 and After," scheduled for November.

Acid rain talk slated

In Canada it has been called an "ecological holocaust," reports Chemical & Engineering News. In the United States, Office of Management and Budget director David Stockman has denied its existence.

A seminar today will discuss the political and economic problems posed by acid rain - wind-borne emissions that fall back to Earth as dry gases or particles and combine with precipitation to form acids.

Demands for immediate checks on industrial emissions are becoming highly vocal, particularly since state and national boundaries often are involved.

Yet high-acidity rainfall is being discovered in very remote locations around the globe, and acid-forming processes still are poorly understood.

David Albritton, program leader for atmospheric sampling at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Boulder, Colo. will speak on acid rain and current research being done to explain the phenomenon.

The seminar will be given at 3:30 p.m. in Room 123, Science I.

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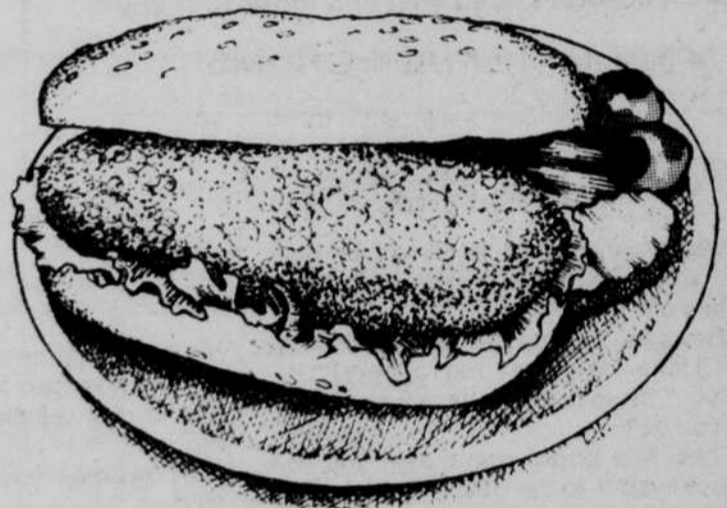
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