Library receives \$10,000 grant of Canadian books, newspapers

Canadian consul Alan Rowe presented a \$10,000 donation of books and newspapers to the University Library at a ceremony Monday.

Rowe, consul for political and economic relations in Seattle, presented the gift on behalf of the Canadian government. The grant is the second by the Canadian government; the previous gift was a series of Canadian films.

The books and newspapers are intended to strengthen the library's holdings and to support the Canadian studies program, said Larry Jones, associate professor of planning, public policy and management.

The gift is part of a grant award initiated by Jones and John Shepherd, a speech professor, through the University Library. Through the grant the library receives materials and books in exchange for the promotion of a Canadian studies program.

Jones said the grant allows the University to expand its curriculum through the accessibility of more information. He said the grant allows for both faculty research and the expansion of an existing Canadian studies curriculum.

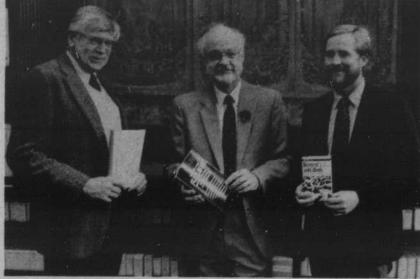


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Alan Rowe, center, presents a collection of Canadian books and newspapers worth \$10,000 to University professors John Shepherd, left, and Larry Jones.

The University currently offers several courses in Canadian studies. Jones and Shepherd would like to increase the current courses available, especially in the fields of U.S.-Canadian issues and Canadian economy, industry, and politics.

Jones said he would like to see the program become interdisciplinary by having Canadian studies courses available through different departments, such as English and economics.

The gift of materials includes books on Canadian government; energy and environmental issues; economics; history, including native Canadian history; Canadian cities; and more. It also includes microfiche copies of the Vancouver Sun newspaper that were missing from the University collection.

Uncertainties

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Feher talked out his problems with his fraternity brothers and they assumed everything was all right, Stewart said. But the house president believes Feher's troubles began piling up again.

Apparently, these troubles weren't so evident when Feher was a student at Mariner High School in Everett, Wash.

Elaine Bilbao, assistant principal of the school, remembers Feher as a good student who stayed out of trouble. Feher graduated from Mariner in 1983 and enrolled at the University last fall as a freshman majoring in psychology.

"This whole situation is so shocking that it is hard to relate this incident to Michael," Bilbao said in a telephone interview Monday night. "He was a good student. He was a nice kid who did what he was supposed to do."

Feher had no criminal record in Eugene or in Everett.

As a high school student, Feher's major interest was playing the guitar, and he continued his interest in music at the University, Stewart said.

"If I was to name any goal of his, it would be to become a rock 'n' roll star of some kind," he said. Attaining his musical goal and other goals in his life had been a problem for Feher. Under a facade of pleasantness



Jim Stewart

and amiability, Feher was troubled and overly concerned about his future, Stewart said.

About two weeks ago, Feher stopped going to his classes. He did not withdraw because he never had officially registered and had not paid his fees, said University Vice Provost Dick Hill.

Feher had intended to stay at the house and re-enroll winter term, but his anxiety about the future got the better of him, Stewart said.

Feher's uncertainty about his future often showed in his penchant for becoming involved in fads then losing interest in them, Stewart said. One such fad was his interest in militarism.

Feher had belonged to ROTC but quit after only two months. Occasionally he read copies of Soldier of Fortune, a mercenary magazine. But Stewart said he never saw anything real unusual about Feher's interest in the military.

Several weeks ago, Feher bought a rifle, saying he wanted to use it for hunting. Stewart did not approve of guns in the house but agreed to allow it if Feher removed the firing pin and kept it locked in the fraternity's treasury. Feher checked out the firing pin sometime over the weekend.

"We don't think he went out there to kill anyone but himself," Stewart said. "He got into the military kick again, wanted to go over to the stadium, play with his guns and kill himself."

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