

Library Round-up

Davidson's E. H. Little Library

Two Davidson College trustee committees will recommend in May that the college's new E. H. Little Library be located beside Chambers Building, the main classroom building on campus, so that the two structures would be closely inter-related in a new "academic center complex."

The trustee committee on buildings and grounds and the trustee executive committee met on campus Thursday (March 25) with representatives of the college staff, faculty and students, and with the architects, to consider the various site proposals. Their recommendation must be approved by the full board of trustees at their meeting on campus in May before it becomes final.

The site approved by the committees was also endorsed by a faculty-staff-student Library Planning Committee, by college officers, and by all related architects. The site is currently occupied by the David Ovens College Union.

Library architects Clark, Nexsen and Owen say they should have blueprints ready for bidding by contractors before June of 1972 once a site is approved. The new library would be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1974.

The College Union building would be razed before construction begins, and its activities would be dispersed about the campus and town during the construction. After the new library is occupied, union activities would be recentralized, possibly in the present Grey Library building.

The primary reason cited by all parties who recommended the site is its close proximity to Chambers and to other academic buildings on campus.

As one consultant expressed it, "I have a very strong feeling that the library should be in the very heart of the academic area and that student life should be focused in and around it. Here we could create an educational complex of a personal and intimate character which would lend itself to reading and study. Here the architects would be given freedom to design an informal building to meet present day demands of both students and faculty."

Estimated cost of the proposed 100,000-square-foot building is \$3.8 million, of which some \$1.8 million has not been raised. College officials say that a fund drive will be launched in September to secure the remaining funds as soon as possible.

NORTH CAROLINIANS ATTEND ALA's SCHOOL LIBRARY AUTOMATION TUTORIAL

F. D. Bluford Library of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Mrs. Lucille B. Smiley, Assistant Serials Librarian at the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, has assumed charge as Associate Reference Librarian. A graduate of Stillman College with a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Alabama, Mrs. Smiley had previously held the position of Librarian in the Public School System of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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Mr. John T. Thomas, Assistant Catalog Librarian at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, has assumed charge as Acting Head, Reference Department. Mr. Thomas has his B. A. from the University of Travancore (now University of Kerala), India; National Diploma in Commerce from the All India Council for Technical Education; LL. B. from the University of Bombay, India; A. C. I. S. from the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, England and M. L. S. from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. Before joining the profession of librarianship Mr. Thomas worked as accountant in Bombay, India and Canada.

North Carolinian's attending ALA's School Library Automation Tutorial in Atlanta, Georgia, February 25-26, 1971 included: Miss Cora Paul Bomar, Assistant Professor in Library Education, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Mr. Mell Bushin, Assistant Professor, Department of Library Science, Appalachian State University; Dr. Doris Cox, Chairman and Professor, Department of Library Science, Appalachian State University; Mrs. Vergie F. Cox, Chief Consultant, Materials Evaluation, Department of Public Instruction; Mrs. Lois McGirt, Assistant Professor, Department of Library Science, Appalachian State University; Mrs. Pauline F. Myrick, Director of Educational Media, Moore County Schools, Carthage, North Carolina; Miss Jane Snyder, Librarian, Library Science Professional Library, Appalachian State University; Miss Hazel Stephenson, Librarian, School of Library Science, North Carolina Central University; and Mr. Herbert Ingle, Associate Librarian, Carrie Rich Memorial Library, Campbell College.

Some seventy-four persons associated with the library professional in one way or another attended the tutorial.

NCASL Scholarship Awarded

Mrs. Marjorie J. Whitaker, whose husband is Mr. James Douglas Whitaker, has been selected by the Awards & Scholarship Committee of the North Carolina Association of School Librarians as recipient of the N. C. A. S. L. scholarship for \$500.00. The award is to be used for educational improvement in the field of Library Science.

Mrs. Whitaker, a native of Franklin County, was educated in the Louisville public schools, received her B. S. Degree from North Carolina Central University in Durham, and is currently working towards her master's degree at N. C. C. U. where she will attend this summer. A member of the First Baptist Church of Enfield, she belongs to the Order of Eastern Star, and to the North Carolina Association of School Librarians, and is the mother of a baby son. She is employed by the Halifax County Board of Education as a school librarian.

SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE SELECTS NEW DEAN University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dr. Edward G. Holley, 43, Professor and Director of libraries at the University of Houston since 1962, has been named Professor and Dean of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He will assume his new post on January 1, 1972.

One of the nation's top librarians, Holley is president-elect of the Texas Library Association and a member of the state advisory board for the Library Systems Act. He has written and lectured extensively in the field of library science, and is the author of *Charles Evans*, *American Bibliographer*, and of numerous articles in the field of professional library administration.

During his tenure at Houston, Holley built the library to 600,000 volumes, double the number of books on hand before his arrival, making it one of the leading university libraries in the Southwest.

Holley received his B.A. from David Lipscomb College, and his M.A. from George Peabody College for Teachers, both of Nashville. He received his Ph.D. degree in library science from the University of Illinois, in 1961.

Prior to taking his position at the University of Houston, Holley served eight years at the University of Illinois, as librarian of the Education, Philosophy and Psychology library. From 1949 to 1951, he served as assistant librarian of David Lipscomb College.

In announcing his acceptance of the deanship of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina, Dr. Holley noted that he had been interested in the education of professional librarians for some time, and had given consideration to redirecting his energies in that direction.

"Therefore the invitation to become professor and dean of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill presents a new professional challenge of the highest order, and one which I accept with enthusiasm.

"I am aware of the tremendous development of the University of North Carolina and its leadership role in the South. To become a part of the University of North Carolina's efforts to strengthen and expand the programs of the School of Library Science should prove as rewarding in its own way as building the research library at the University of Houston.

"I look forward to my new assignment."

Holley is a member of the American Library Association, the Southwestern Library Association, the Texas Library Association, the Texas Gulf Coast Historical Association, and Beta Phi Mu, professional library society.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We are undergoing a very important phase of our association year—the annual membership drive. We should like to encourage all librarians in the state to join your professional organization and to work to improve it. If it is not doing what you want, then you must be the ones to bring about change. We urge that you talk with your friends who are not members and encourage them to join, also. Nor is it too late to join the ALA!

Very important legislation is being considered both in the General Assembly and in Congress concerning continued support of libraries and education. Make your voices heard by writing to your state representatives and national Congressmen. Someone has said that only a few words are necessary, such as "Please support House Bill # ..." The

members of the Association should know of the work of the Executive Secretary, Evalyn Allen, with one committee in the state legislature. She has made library support and services visible in the halls of the State House!

I do not know about the rest of the state, but National Library Week had more impact in Watauga County than at any time previously. We congratulate Vera Melton, the state committee, and especially the local committees.

If you are planning to attend the ALA Convention in Dallas in June, perhaps we will see you there or even be able to get the North Carolina delegation together.

Best wishes for a happy summer, whether at work or on vacation.