PRODUCTION NOTE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library
Weston Endowment Funds to Enhance UI Library

The University of Illinois Library and campus residents and visitors are the beneficiaries of a large planned gift program created by Dr. Janet L. Weston in memory of her father, the UI's first Dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration. Miss Weston, of Newport Beach, California, is providing her gift program through the UI Foundation's Campaign for Illinois, the five-year $100 million fund drive that continues through 1984.

A combination of current gifts and a deferred gift was used to establish the Janet L. Weston endowment funds. Income from one of the funds will be used by the Library for special acquisitions to enhance the book collection created by her father, Nathan Austin Weston. The works, numbering about 6,000 volumes, were donated to the UI Library in 1944.

Dean Weston's personal library is considered to be one of the most important and distinguished private libraries ever acquired by the University Library. It was recognized as the largest and most complete in its special field owned by any member of the UI faculty. Mr. Weston had acquired numerous foreign titles in economic subjects during his trips abroad.

The Nathan Austin Weston collection is particularly rich in economic theory and history, with more than half the volumes concerning this field. The remainder of his collection covers such diverse subjects as history, political science, sociology, literature, religion, science, horticulture and agriculture. Addition of these materials further strengthened the University Library in divisions in which its holdings were already strong.

The Nathan A. Weston memorial fund is earmarked for construction of a fountain on the west side of David Kinley Hall, where the late Mr. Weston taught. The building is directly south of the Main Library. The courtyard site for the fountain was studied and selected by University officials and is near a well-traveled pedestrian route and a main door to David Kinley Hall.

Miss Weston is emerita associate professor of economics at the University of Illinois. She received a B.A. from UI in 1927 and her master's degree in mathematics in 1928. In 1930, she was awarded a Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University. Prior to joining the UI faculty in 1934, she was an economist with the Federal Reserve Board and an agricultural economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 1930 through 1934. She has retained her interest in the Library's collections, and with her gift continues her valued support.

Her father received his bachelor's degree in 1889 from the UI, earned his master's degree in 1898, and acquired his Ph.D. at Cornell University in 1901. He began his teaching career in 1887 in Champaign County schools and became an instructor in economics at the UI in 1900. After rising to the post of assistant professor and assistant director of courses in business administration, Mr. Weston served as

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The University Needs Your Assistance

Dear Friend:

The University of Illinois is one of the world's top educational institutions. It is a vital national and state asset which is threatened by a growing fiscal crisis. As a result of the state's financial problems, the University of Illinois must cut $7.1 million from its current budget. The University now receives $9 million less in state support for students and programs than a year ago; there are 600 fewer faculty and staff members compared with 1981; it has strained to meet unavoidable cost increases and has had no funds to address urgent academic program needs.

The University of Illinois Library cannot keep up with the cost of books, periodicals, and other materials. Since 1976-77, the Library has eliminated 20 professional positions. Further cuts would seriously erode the quality of service. As the Library is central to the entire University program, reductions in its collections and services will affect the entire institution.

The University has tried to realign its resources. Tuition has been raised three times in the past two years. Through energy conservation, $83 million has been saved since 1971. In the past five years, the administrative cost portion of the University budget has been reduced by 14%. To increase private funds, the University is in the midst of a $100 million campaign.

The University of Illinois serves the entire state. It provides Illinois with a major supply of educated people in a variety of fields. Every dollar spent on research at the University generates approximately five additional dollars in economic activity throughout the state. Through higher education will come the means for a lasting economic recovery.

Ten years ago Illinois was among the top ten states in support for its college and universities. Today it ranks last among the fifty states in increased support for higher education over the past ten years. The General Assembly and the governor need our support for responsible tax reform and revenue increases necessary to restore financial stability to Illinois.

This is how you can help. If you live in Illinois, will you please contact your local legislators to convey to them your concern about the University? If you live outside Illinois, please write Governor Jim Thompson. Through the efforts of all our friends, we can help to ensure the quality of our preeminent University.

—Edwin A. Scharlau II
President, Friends Executive Committee

Japan Honors Dean Downs

In January, American Library Association conferencees in San Antonio visited the Alamo. Among them (at right) were Robert Downs and his cousin Jane Bliss Wilson, a retired school library supervisor and state library consultant. Mr. Downs, Dean of Library Administration emeritus, headed the UI Library and Library School for 28 years, has written over 30 books and won many professional awards.

Recently, Dean Downs received yet another honor. The Consulate General of Japan telephoned with news of an award from the Japanese government. Shortly afterward came a letter from Tokyo explaining that the Second Class of The Order of The Sacred Treasure would be conferred to him on the emperor's birthday, April 29. The letter congratulated him on the decoration, "which recognizes your significant contribution in establishing the Japanese National Diet Library." Mr. Downs was instrumental in organizing the Japanese equivalent of the Library of Congress in 1948.

Mr. Downs will be presented with the actual award by a representative of the Japanese government. As a key force in 20th-century librarianship, Dean Downs richly deserves this recognition; the UI Library joins the Friends in congratulations to him.

The Imperial Seal of China

The Asian Library has recently acquired a deluxe edition of the book, Tzu Chin Ch'eng Kung Tien (Palaces of the Forbidden City), edited by Cho-yun Yü, a senior staff member of the Palace Museum, Peking, and published by the Hong Kong branch of the Commercial Press in 1982.

Attached to the edition is a rice-paper page with the original imprint of the Imperial Seal, enclosed in a traditional Chinese book envelope. Because the seal imprint accompanying the Asian Library acquisition is not numbered, some skepticism on the authenticity of the imprint had arisen among Library staff members.

In an effort to resolve the debate, Asian Librarian William Wong wrote directly to the book's editor about the unnumbered imprint, and has been assured that the copy is in fact one of the limited copies produced.

In his response to Mr. Wong's inquiry, the editor also inscribed the Library's copy personally. The message, in brush pen, translates as: "To the Asian Library of the University of Illinois, for your safekeeping, [from] Cho-yun Yü, December 30, 1982." The Library is pleased to have the controversy resolved and to include the special volume and its companion imprint among its rich resources in Asian literature and culture.
From the Librarian's View

Who Borrows on Interlibrary Loan?

I was recently shown a study published in 1930 of a survey done in 1927-28 of land grant institutions which, among other things, discussed the patterns of interlibrary borrowing. The very perceptive writer, Charles Brown, one of America's leading librarians of the time, noted that the strongest libraries with the best collections made the most use of interlibrary loan. He pointed out that it seemed to him that the strongest libraries were the result of the strongest faculties and the best students and therefore, even though they were the foremost libraries, the intellectual demands of an elite clientele would require the use of materials from other institutions. He contrasted this to the poorer institutions where, he suggested, either the faculties were of a poorer quality or had become discouraged with the lack of materials locally and thus their intellectual curiosity had dimmed. He was talking of a day in which only 20 items per month or so were being borrowed.

Some 55 or so years later, we have a student in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science here writing a doctoral dissertation on the patterns of interlibrary loans, and he has come to much of the same conclusions. We discover that, in a world where we are borrowing many thousands of books each month, the same patterns occur. People at good libraries borrow more items than people at institutions with poorer libraries. While one hates to be overly smug, it probably is for the same reasons.

Interestingly, a large portion of the items borrowed by students and faculty on this campus are items that the Library already owns but which are unavailable for some reason or another—either because they are all checked out, because the journal is at the bindery, because the item is missing, or some other fortuitous circumstance. They are not items the Library didn't purchase. This does indicate a true resource sharing.

Furthermore, it leads one to postulate that large and active institutions ought to join with smaller, less active institutions rather than just their peers, thus providing the ability to become heavy users of other people's libraries, especially those portions which are of their very nature high use and duplicative of the items already held by the home institution. It is certainly true that we borrow as much from the smaller institutions with which we are partners within LCS as we do from the larger. It is again a bit of data that casts doubt on another of the popularly held beliefs, that large research libraries ought to join with other large research libraries for the most efficient networks. In fact, large research libraries ought to join both with other large institutions (to provide materials not owned by the institution), and also with smaller institutions who will have high-use materials available at times needed by those in the research institution.

—Hugh C. Atkinson, University Librarian

Responsive Friends Come to Library's Aid

The Library really has some special friends. Recently, Friendscript printed requests for items for the Biology, Modern Languages and Linguistics, Veterinary Medicine, Geology, and Undergraduate libraries, and their wishes have been granted. Mr. W. J. Chamblin of Robinson, Illinois, a Life Member of Friends, has donated funds to buy The Times Atlas of the World for the geology collections, a letter written by Sarah Bernhardt to augment the Library's holdings in French literature and culture, and a new microfiche reader in the Biology Library.

The Undergraduate Library will now be able to acquire an important documentary film, Some of the Presidents' Men, thanks to a recent anonymous gift of $200.

The Veterinary Medicine Library has received plants for its new quarters from Mrs. Suzanne Griffiths of Urbana, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dianis of Champaign. Miss Marian Estep of Urbana, Ohio, who served as UI's first Veterinary Medicine Librarian, also sent a check for purchase of additional plants.

Dr. William W. Lovett, Jr., of Geneva, Illinois, made a donation for the purchase of another important letter on the rare book market for the French collections. Modern Languages and Linguistics Librarian Sara Lo explains that the letter, an exceptionally interesting and historically valuable one, was written by King Louis Philippe of France in 1828 just after his son's death.

Dr. Lovett's efforts on behalf of the languages collections are joined by a generous gift from Dr. John D. Peters of Fairfax, Virginia. His support will enable the Library to acquire handwritten letters by Anatole France and Jean Cocteau.

Without the support of these special friends, the Library would be the poorer for having missed important opportunities to enhance its collections and services.

We Need Your Help

You can ensure the UI Library's continued excellence by:

- telling others about the Library Friends and encouraging them to join
- sending us lists of potential members and contributors
- helping the Library solicit grants from foundations
- obtaining your company's or organization's participation in a matching gift program
- passing the information about Library Friends membership on in your newsletter or publications.

The Benefits of Membership

As a Friend of the University of Illinois Library, you receive:
- Special circulation and stack privileges for Library materials
- Friendscript, the quarterly newsletter
- Non Solus, the annual bulletin
- Invitations to exhibits, lectures and receptions
- A 30% discount on University of Illinois Press publications

The Friends welcome everyone interested in the continued excellence of the University of Illinois Library. There are now over 1000 members of Library Friends.

YES, I/We wish to become members of the U of I LIBRARY FRIENDS

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A Lasting Remembrance
The Power of Memorial Book Giving

Memorial giving can offer so many rewards. You have the personal pleasure of honoring a valued colleague, friend, or loved one in a tangible way, coupled with the satisfaction of knowing that your memorial gift to the Library will offer benefits to future users of the collections.

The UIUC Library has established a diverse memorial funds program which is administered by Library Friends. There are more than 30 memorial funds currently set up by and for those who have recognized the necessity of individual commitment to Library support and the importance of books in a person's life.

Among the major memorial funds recently established is the Waco Worthy Albert Memorial Fund for acquisitions in the veterinary medicine and animal science fields.

Mr. Albert joined the UI faculty in the Department of Animal Science in 1934, the year he was awarded his doctorate by UI. Until his death in 1981, he served as counselor, teacher and adviser of many young people at UI, and shared his knowledge with hundreds of students through his years as coach of the highly respected UI livestock judging teams. Dr. Albert gained his colleagues' admiration as "a stockman's stockman." His research interests on nutrition led to improvements in animal production efficiency and better agricultural practices nationwide. Many of his former students hold prominent positions today in all areas of the livestock fields.

Mrs. Albert noted that the book fund established in her husband's memory will have a widespread value for those who enter her husband's professional field. "All will have access to these books," she said, "whereas, by design, a scholarship or award would benefit only a few."

Over $4000 has been contributed to the Waco Albert memorial to date, and the benefits of this gift program are already being noticed at the Library. Veterinary Medicine Librarian David Self was recently able to order an important title on equine anatomy with donations made to the Albert memorial.

Books and materials purchased with memorial donations of $25 or more carry a special Library bookplate naming the donor and the person honored, and enhance the collections in the subject field designated. When a large number of books can be purchased with contributions to a particular fund, a special bookplate may be created for this purpose. Mrs. Albert is now in the process of designing such a plate for use in acquisitions made with her husband's memorial fund.

Memorial giving is very easy to do. Memorial fund cards, which simplify the inclusion of all the needed information, are available on request from the Friends Office. These cards can be mailed with a check to the Library Friends, and the donor (as well as the honored person's family) will be notified as soon as a book has been purchased with the memorial contribution.

Memorial gift provisions may be made through bequests set up in a will, as well as through outright contributions. Endowment funds offer another option. In fact, there are many, many ways of honoring someone who has been very important to you and, at the same time, helping the Library. All memorial contributions made to the Library are, of course, tax deductible. If you would like further information about this type of giving, please contact Sandra Batzli at the Friends Office, 415 Library, 1408 W. Gregory, Urbana, IL 61801 or call 217/333-7480.

The Library is Looking...

For funds to purchase The Garrick Collection of Old English Plays: A Catalogue with an Historical Introduction (London, British Library Bibliographic Services, 1982). This annotated catalogue by George Kuhrl represents the Garrick Club of London collection of English plays of 1500-1800. The Library’s collections in Shakespeare, theater history and drama would all be augmented by acquisition of this work. The price is about $75. For more information, please contact Melissa Cain, English Librarian, 217/333-2220.

For the fifth edition of the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology for the Biology Library. This is an excellent reference resource for general-level questions and would be heavily used were it available, but the acquisitions budget cannot afford the $800 price. For more information, please contact Elisabeth Davis, Biology Librarian, 217/333-3654.

For copies of several books with a Champaign-Urbana connection—either through author's residence or book's setting—for the University Library's collections. Since these books are out-of-print and no longer available, efforts to purchase them have been unsuccessful. A donation of any of the following titles would help to fill gaps in the "local" collection and would be greatly appreciated:
- Lynn Montross and Lois Seyster Montross, Fraternity Row. (New York: George H. Duran, 1926)
- Odette Newman, So You Think Sex is Dirty. (Paris: Olympia Press, date unknown)

For more information, please contact Diane Carothers, Assistant Acquisitions Librarian, 217/333-1055.

If you can help the Library with a donation or gift, please call the number above, or contact Sandra Batzli at the UIUC Library Friends Office, 415 Library, 1408 W. Gregory, Urbana, IL 61801 (217/333-7480).
A Special Library in an Academic Setting

The Veterinary Medicine Library on the south end of the UIUC campus offers an impressive combination of current and historical research resources in a thoroughly contemporary facility. The library, headed by Mr. David Self, has a collection of 26,000 volumes with about 500 current serial titles, and is the only veterinary medicine resource in Illinois. It is one of three departmental libraries on campus whose holdings are listed in the Illinois Health and Science Libraries Serial Holdings List, and is a member of the Greater Midwest Regional Medical Library Network.

Veterinary medicine has a long tradition at UI; the first course in the subject was offered in 1870. The specific subject collection traces its origins to a modest $1000 allocation for veterinary medicine books made in 1947 for the following year. The next spring, 14 cases of books on veterinary medicine were transferred to Urbana from the UI College of Medicine Library in Chicago. By 1951, the year Marian Estep was appointed UI's first Veterinary Medicine librarian, the collection had grown to 130 journal titles and a total of 4339 items.

The library collects primarily in the areas of veterinary medical sciences, immunology, parasitology, pathology, anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, and toxicology. Collection development efforts are shared with other departmental libraries to avoid unnecessary duplication with agriculture, biology, health sciences and natural history materials. Data bases which can be searched as a service of the Veterinary Medicine Library include MEDLINE, BIOSIS, AGRICOLA, TOXLINE, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau (CAB), and MEDLARS. Mr. Self notes that computer literature searching “is one of the fastest-growing user services provided by our library.”

He also points out that the materials and services of the UI Veterinary Medicine Library are available to all Illinois residents through ILLINET, the statewide interlibrary cooperative network. A request made at a local library can be referred through the ILLINET system for the information source needed. Nonresidents of Illinois can also borrow materials from the collection by using standard interlibrary loan procedures. Search services can be performed on request for non-university users on a cost-recovery basis.

The Veterinary Medicine Library maintains a close working relationship with the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine, and its proximity to the classrooms and research facilities of the College is viewed as ideal, distant though it may be from the Main Library. Mr. Self points out that one disadvantage in the library’s remoteness is that he is unable to provide a microfiche reader/printer service to users of his library, in spite of the growing numbers of items in the collections available only in fiche format.

Mr. Self is generally very pleased with the new facilities for his collections and hopes to maintain the excellence of the holdings—because of the library’s great importance to the people of the state—despite severe budget restrictions and escalating expenses for journals and recurring publications, which make up the vast majority of the collections.

Formally dedicated in ceremonies and an open house for the public on April 15, the Veterinary Medicine Library welcomes visitors and users to its excellent holdings and facilities.

Treat Yourself

The Library Friends Office now has lovely note/gift cards available for purchase. The 3" x 7½" ivory cards with matching envelopes feature an eighteenth-century engraving from John Flamsteed's 1712 Historia Coelestis, the Library's magnificent six-millionth volume. A description on the back of the card explains the work's significance.

Packaged in sets of five, cards may be ordered for $3.75 plus $0.50 postage and handling. They make wonderful gifts, and are perfect for thank you notes or personal stationery. Send your order to the UIUC Library Friends Office, 415 Library, 1408 W. Gregory, Urbana, IL 61801. Checks are payable to the University of Illinois; all profits will support the UI Library collections.

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State Association Donates Insurance References

Earlier this spring, representatives of the Illinois Life Underwriters Association visited the Champaign-Urbana campus to present to the UI Library a series of important publications about insurance.

Mr. Gerald R. Allen, Education Chairman of the ILUA, and Ms. E. Ruth Lynn, Executive Vice-President, indicated the association was pleased to make the five gift books available for the users of the UI Library. Titles included in the gift, which will be added to the collections of the Commerce Library, are: Life Insurance, Sylvia Porter’s New Money Book, Dictionary of Insurance, Life and Health Insurance Handbook, and Marketing Life Insurance.

Commerce Librarian Madhava Balachandran noted that the books will be valuable references for patrons. The ILUA donation is greatly appreciated, and offers a perfect example of the close relationship between the academic research and business communities.

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the first Dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration from 1915 to 1919. He continued his 33-year career at UI until his death in 1933.

The Library’s resources in economics thus continue to be enriched by the efforts and interest of the Westons. Miss Weston’s generous gift represents one of the key means of enabling the UI Library to serve the nation as one of its premier research centers.