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PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Gail Duesbury	Reference, Information Services
Dale Gresseth	Chairman
Edwin Hill	Special Collections and Reference
Nancy Humphreys	Reference
Eugene Millich	Reference
John Robson	On leave
Herbert Searcy	Cataloger
Sandra Sechrest	Documents
Suzanne Shaw	Cataloger
Orvin Shiflett	Collection Development
Orin Thompson	Microforms and Reference
Roy Van Note	Interlibrary Loan and Reference

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Katherine Arenz	Chairperson's Office
Marcella Averkamp	Special Collections
Kathryn Beane	Serials
Cristine Berg	Circulation
Patricia Clark	Documents, Microforms
Janice DuCharme	Technical Services
Connie Grosskopf	Technical Services and Interlibrary Loan
Tom Haag	Technical Services
Anni Hauth	Special Collections
Karen Highum	Technical Services
James Holtz	Circulation
Yvonne Hyde	Technical Services
Mary Johnson	Documents

Carol Kaufmann	Serials
Irene Kleist	Technical Services
Helen Leide	Circulation
Kathleen Lemke	Special Collections
Sam McKay	Circulation
Barbara Nord	Serials
Viola Oertel	Technical Services
Laureen Otto	Circulation
Dolores Peter	Reference
Joe Robertson	Special Collections
Mary Kay Rowe	Technical Services
Linda Sondreal	Technical Services
Ada Stowe	Technical Services
Ruth Thome	Reference
Hanna Traastad	Technical Services, Interlibrary Loan
Barbara Waindle	Circulation
Pamela Woods	Special Collections
Frances Young	Technical Services

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT CHANGES

A new carpet was installed on the stairway to the basement.

New equipment acquired during the fiscal year includes:

4 ranges steel shelving for the Bibliography/Reference area

Literature display rack near the Information Desk

2 Microfiche cabinets (Watson)

Electronic calculator (TI)

IBM Copier II, coin-op, replacing Xerox 2400

Magazine and literature display stand - Documents

Microfilm newspaper reader - Information Design 201-1 (credit from Card Set cancellation)

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS, CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES, ETC.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Gail Duesbury examined the library orientation program at UW-Parkside, December 15-16; attended the 8th Annual Conference on Library Orientation for Academic Libraries at Eastern Michigan University, May 3-5.

Dale Gresseth attended COWL meeting at UW-Madison, July 8; attended COWL meeting at UW-Madison, July 13; attended COWL meeting at UW-Stevens Point, August 25; attended WLC Advisory Committee meeting at UW-Madison, September 1; participated in OCLC workshop at UW-Madison, October 11; attended WLC Advisory Committee meeting at Madison, December 1; examined Library Orientation program at UW-Parkside, December 15-16; attended Indianhead Higher Education Media Council meeting at UW-Stout, April 26; attended WLA Technical Services Section Spring meeting, UW-Oshkosh, April 27-28; attended special and regular WLC Advisory Committee meeting, Madison, May 4; attended DUWL meeting, UW-Platteville, May 19.

Edwin Hill attended ARC-Archives conference for UW campuses, UW-Parkside, September 16; attended Advisory Board meeting of Kickapoo Valley project, Soldiers Grove, January 12; attended UW-Archives Council meeting, UW-Stevens Point, January 13; attended meeting with state archivist and ARC coordinator regarding Area Research Center at La Crosse, Madison, January 20; attended meeting of State Records Board, Madison, March 10; attended conference with State Historical Society about personnel and transfer of papers, Madison, April 21; attended WCWC planning session for Historical Society-Museum-Media grant proposal, UW-Stout, April 26; attended ARC Network-UW Archives Council, UW-Milwaukee, May 11-12.

Nancy Humphreys attended WACC Wise workshop, Madison, October 13.

Eugene Millich attended WACC Wise workshop, Madison, October 13.

Herbert Searcy attended OCLC workshop, UW-Madison, October 11.

Sandra Sechrest attended WACC Wise workshop, Madison, October 13; examined the Library Orientation program, UW-Parkside, December 15-16; attended Census Pre-conference and ALA Convention, Chicago, June 21-28.

Suzanne Shaw attended OCLC workshop conference, Madison, September 12; attended Conference on Management Issues in Automated Cataloging, Chicago, November 2-6; attended WLC Peer Council meeting, UW-Madison, February 28; attended WLA Technical Services Section Spring meeting, UW-Oshkosh, April 27-28.

Orvin Shiflett attended COWL meeting, UW-Madison, July 8; attended OCLC Workflow conference, UW-Madison, September 12; attended OCLC Workshop, UW-Madison, September 30; attended Wisconsin Library Association conference, Eau Claire, October 21-22; picked up books in Madison, February 29.

Orin Thompson attended Indian Head Higher Education Media Council meeting, UW-Stout, April 26; attended WLA Technical Services Section Spring meeting, UW-Oshkosh, April 27-28.

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Marcella Averkamp, Kathleen Lemke, and Pamela Woods attended ARC-Archives conference for University of Wisconsin campuses, UW-Parkside, September 16.

Yvonne Hyde and Mary K. Rowe attended OCLC workshop, UW-Madison, October 11.

Viola Oertel and Fran Young attended an OCLC workshop, UW-Madison, Sept. 30.

TITLE II-A GRANT

The grant for 1977/78 was \$3,855.

BILLIE BATCHELOR TRUST FUND

The amount spent for English literature books in 1977/78 was \$214.

STAFF INFORMATION AND CHANGES

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

O. L. Shiflett resigned May 1. He will devote full time to completion of his dissertation.

John Robson asked and received permission for an additional year's leave of absence. John has completed all course work and has passed his qualifiers and is now engaged on his dissertation.

Gail Duesbury joined our staff in September. She was hired to develop a library orientation program and to build the allied health collection. Her MLS degree is from the University of Pittsburgh. Her previous experience includes public service work at libraries in Guam and North Carolina.

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Cristine Berg, Library Technician in Circulation, requested and was granted educational leave, June 25-August 14, 1978.

Connie Grosskopf, Typist II, 75% position, replaced Patricia Granger in Interlibrary Loan and Technical Services, April 26, 1978.

Janice DuCharme, Typist II, took maternity leave August 29-October 31, 1977.

Patricia Granger, Typist II, replaced Hanna Traastad in November. Ms. Granger transferred to Financial Aids on March 28, 1978.

Mary T. Johnson, Library Assistant, was on maternity leave May 31-September 6, 1977.

Linda Sondreal was reclassified from Library Assistant to Library Technician in Acquisitions effective June 18, 1978.

Hanna Traastad, Typist II, transferred to Student Activities in September 1977.

Pamela Evans Woods, Library Technician, took maternity leave March 13-September 5, 1978. Ms. Woods resigned her position July 21.

CETA

Patricia Clark worked on the Wisconsin Documents project until her assignment terminated January 27, 1978.

Thomas Haag began work on inventory and statistical analysis February 6, 1978.

Anni Hauth, doing research indexing in ARC, began February 7, 1978. She also works on the Martindale collection.

Karen Highum, acquisitions and cataloging, concluded her CETA assignment May 12, 1978. She continued on LTE for about three weeks.

Carol Kaufmann was employed January 6-July 21, 1978 on the serials printout project.

Kathleen Lemke, assigned to the Steamboat Project (ARC), left on November 18, 1977 to take another position. She was replaced by Joseph Robertson who started December 14, 1977.

Samuel McKay and Laureen Otto began work on the Copyright Project February 28, 1978.

Dolores Peter, assigned to the Reference printout project, accepted other employment November 30, 1977. She was replaced on the project by Ruth Thome who began work December 27, 1977.

LTE

LTE personnel employed during the year included Vicki Aronoff, Interlibrary Loan and Technical Services; Marcella Averkamp, Special Collections; Lois Coyne and Helen Ormsby, Interlibrary Loan; Brenda Hemstock and Catherine Murak, typists in Technical Services; Kathleen Mattison, Circulation; and Karen Highum, Cataloging.

1977/78 EXPENDITURES

Library Self-Sustaining Accounts

	ERIC	Fines	Copy Vending
Salaries			
Classified		\$1,941.20	
LTE		980.89	
Student Help		3,657.07	\$1,260.71
Fringe benefits		965.95	
Travel		320.35	
Services & Supplies	\$366.78	138.00	7,668.26
Equipment		52.95	
Total	*366.78	8,056.41	8,928.97
Revenue collected	401.24	9,124.00	\$11,739.03

*Total ERIC expenditure from all accounts was \$2969.45, most of which was absorbed by the University Library Account 102/025900

1977/78 Expenditures: University Library
102/06/025900

Salaries			
	Classified		\$144,276
	LTE		5,263
	Unclassified		203,417
	Student help		16,051
	Work study (state share)		<u>5,287</u>
Total personal services			\$374,294
Fringe benefits			86,320
Travel			771
Postage			1,822
Telephone and Telecommunication			2,853
Dues and Memberships			3,457
Equipment rental and maintenance			8,157
Miscellaneous services			8,546
Supplies (incl. AV Photo Lab \$5314)			14,250
Equipment			5,676
Library materials			314,816
	Books	189,481	
	Periodicals	101,880	
	Photographs	720	
	Microforms	22,735	
Binding and rebinding			<u>15,480</u>
Total operational expenditures			<u>375,828</u>
Total department			\$836,442

COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	<u>1976/7</u>	<u>1977/8</u>
Total volumes in library	376,417	402,170
Bound volumes	293,375	307,239
Government documents	80,756	92,148
Serials (college catalogs and telephone directories)	2,286	2,783
Total volumes added	24,600	30,356
Bound volumes added (cataloged)	14,868	16,599
Total microforms in library	336,823	371,047
Microfilm (reels)	21,937	22,866
Other microforms (pieces)	314,886	348,181
Periodicals - current	2,818	2,856
Newspapers	56	55
Titles in library-bound		
Book	208,706	219,074
Periodical	2,305	2,341
Titles in library - microform		
Book	4,702	5,008
Periodical	1,364	1,399
Total collection converted to volumes (ACRL)	461,331	494,672
Interlibrary Loan	3,476	3,587
Computer Assisted Searches	381 (3mos.)	147
Circulation (Main & Reserve)	137,914	149,237
Turnstile tally	531,844	555,516
Days library open	316	321
Hours per week (academic year)	101.25	101.25

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY, 1977-1978

Mr. A. E. Atkins	Chancellor Kenneth Lindner
Mr. Dave Bartolini	Mr. Eugene Millich
Mr. Robert Benson	Dr. Bruce Mouser
Mr. Jack Burke	Dr. Patricia Muller
Dr. Karel O. Cejpek	Mr. & Mrs. Eugene W. Murphy
Dr. Leslie F. Crocker	Dr. Ruth Nixon
Mr. James Curtis	Mr. Larry A. Nutter
Dr. Lyle B. Gangsei	Ms. Viola Oertel
Ms. Alice Hagar	Mr. Frank Pokrop
Mr. Harold R. Harding	Mr. Robert Wallace Russell
G. Heileman Brewing Co., Inc.	Ms. Anna Hong Rutt
Ms. Nancy Humphreys	Ms. Ada Scholz
The Institute for the Study of Human Knowledge	Ms. Sandra Sechrest
Ms. Florence K. Kane	Mr. Orvin Lee Shiflett
Mr. G. Mitchell Kane	Dr. Daphne Stassin
Ms. Irene Kleist	Mr. John C. Storlie
Ms. Armina Marshall Langner	Dr. Douglas Sweetland
Dr. Joel Lazinger	Dr. David Witmer
	Ms. Frances Young

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

The position of instructional services was created to oversee the AV services and the library department. Dr. Dale Montgomery was hired as director.

ERIC/CIJE

ERIC/CIJE was installed March 1977 and was run to June 1977 at no charge to the user. During this period there were 381 searches. In the 1977/78 academic year a charge of \$3.50 was levied for each search. The total searches for this period were 147. Because of the low usage, the cost per search was \$20.20. The actual cost to the library per search was therefore \$16.70. Because of its low use and high cost, the library was forced to reconsider its value as a service and on June 1978 this service was discontinued and the equipment removed from the library.

OCLC

An OCLC terminal was installed November 9 and was operational by December 7. The television-like terminal with a keyboard and an attached printer provides instant on-line access to a data base of over 3,000,000 bibliographic records which describe books, periodicals, musical scores, maps, manuscripts and other library and audiovisual materials. The primary current use of the system will be to provide printed, ready-to-file catalog cards, but it also provides ordering information for acquisitions as well as identification and possible sources of books requested on Interlibrary Loan.

TOURS

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE	PARTICIPANTS	GUIDE
8/25/77	Calvin Helming	New Student Orientation	37	Millich
8/25/77	Calvin Helming	New Student Orientation	33	Sechrest
8/25/77	Calvin Helming	New Student Orientation	31	Humphreys
8/25/77	Calvin Helming	New Student Orientation	29	Van Note
8/29/77	Anne Winter	Educational Foundation 730 ERIC demonstration	46	Sechrest
9/1/77	George Starner	Economics 375	12	Sechrest
9/6/77	Judith Green	English 110	25	Sechrest
9/6/77	Judith Green	English 110	23	Thompson
9/8/77	Karin Bast	Elementary Education 490	100	Sechrest
9/8/77	Karin Bast	Elementary Education 490	100	Woods
9/8/77	Karin Bast	Elementary Education 490	100	Humphreys
9/13/77	Lyle Grooters	Educational Media 433	12	Sechrest
9/14/77	Jeanne Reed	English 110	20	Hill
9/14/77	Jeanne Reed	English 110	28	Millich
9/14/77	Jeanne Reed	English 110	23	Van Note
9/15/77	Genevieve Koenig	English 110	18	Hill
9/15/77	Ada Lord	English 110	25	Sechrest
9/15/77	Margaret Hocker	Educational Media 206	9	Thompson
9/15/77	Genevieve Koenig	English 110	23	Millich
9/16/77	Margaret Hocker	Educational Media 206	25	Humphreys
9/16/77	Allen Birchler	History 101	30	Thompson
9/16/77	Allen Birchler	History 101	30	Van Note
9/28/77	Calvin Helming	Secondary Education 101	15	Millich
9/29/77	Calvin Helming	Secondary Education 101	7	Van Note
9/28/77	Jack Starr	University Debate Team	6	Sechrest
9/30/77	Calvin Helming	Secondary Education 101	11	Hill

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE	PARTICIPANTS	GUIDE
9/31/77	Calvin Helming	Secondary Education 101	8	Humphreys
10/4/77	Roger Parsons	English 110	23	Thompson
10/7/77	Joan Yeatman	English 110	22	Humphreys
10/6/77	Esther Stineman	U.W. Madison Librarian	1	Humphreys
10/11/77	Keith Shaw	Speech 101	25	Millich
10/12/77	Keith Shaw	Speech 101	20	Thompson
10/13/77	Robert Treu	English 110	23	Van Note
10/14/77	Colleen Walsh	Academic Skills	8	Hill
10/19/77	Lane Goodwin	Adapted Physical Education	30	Sechrest
10/21/77	Vivian Munson	History 101	6	Sechrest
10/26/77	Margaret Hocker	Educational Media 301/501	10	Sechrest
10/28/77	Jim Singer	Trowbridge R.A.	4	Humphreys
10/31/77	Goldie Johnson	English 110	23	Hill
11/3/77	Terrell Beck	English 110	20	Thompson
11/3/77	Terrell Beck	English 110	20	Millich
11/4/77	Terrell Beck	English 110	21	Van Note
11/4/77	Terrell Beck	English 110	14	Humphreys
11/9/77	Linda Maik	English 110	32	Hill
11/9/77	Linda Maik	English 110	17	Millich
11/9/77	Linda Maik	English 110	17	Humphreys
11/15/77	Joseph Heim	Political Science 302	25	Sechrest
11/17/77	Frederick Leshner	English 303	16	Humphreys
11/17/77	Frederick Leshner	English 303	16	Sechrest
11/28/77	Gordon Mennenga	English 110	22	Sechrest
11/20/77	ARC 2 hour tour		15	Hill
11/29/77	Gordon Mennenga	English 110	16	Hill
12/1/77	Margaret Hocker	Educational Media 206	23	Hill
12/1/77		WWTI Geneology Class	6	Hill

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE	PARTICIPANTS GUIDE	
12/2/77	Gordon Mennenga	English	20	Van Note
12/2/77	Calvin Helming	Secondary Education 101	2	Duesbury
12/7/77	Margaret Hocker	Educational Media 206	20	Sechrest & Hill
1/12/78		Boy Scouts (ARC only)	9	Hill
1/20/78	Stephen Ramocki	Marketing 230 (Docs. only)	30	Sechrest
1/21/78	Burt Altman	Elementary Education 761 (ARC only)	25	Averkamp
1/25/78		Research Team from Kickapoo Valley Association Project (ARC only)	6	Hill
1/26/78	Bruce Mouser	History Seminar (Bibliography)	5	Shiflett
1/26/78	Judith Green	English 110	20	Duesbury
1/27/78	Bruce Mouser	History 102	20	Duesbury
1/27/78	Bruce Mouser	History 102	20	Van Note
1/27/78	Bruce Mouser	History 102	20	Sechrest
1/27/78	Bruce Mouser	History 102	20	Duesbury
1/27/78	Bruce Mouser	History 102	20	Humphreys
1/27/78	Bruce Mouser	History 102	20	Millich
1/30/78	Nancy Butts	Physical Education 730 (ERIC demonstration, Docu- ments and Business Ref. Sources)	10	Sechrest
1/31/78	William Wehrs	Marketing 230	40	Sechrest Humphreys
2/2/78	Lyle Grooters	Educational Media 433 (ERIC demonstration)	12	Sechrest
2/9/78	Fred Leshner	English 303	20	Thompson Sechrest
2/21/78	J. Schilling	Viterbo Home Ec 275 (Documents only)	6	Sechrest
2/22/78	A. B. Culver	PE 204 (ARC only)	15	Hill
2/22/78	A. B. Culver	PE 204 (ARC only)	18	Hill

2/23/78	Calvin Helming	Secondary Education 101	12	Millich
3/1/78	Kerry Nelson	Special Ed 761 (ERIC demonstration)	20	Humphreys
3/7/78	S. Schrag	English 303 (Docs. only)	20	Sechrest
3/7/78	S. Schrag	English 303 (Docs. only)	20	Sechrest
3/7/78	S. Schrag	English 303 (Docs. only)	20	Sechrest
3/8/78	S. Schrag	English 110	20	Millich
3/13/78	Joan Yeatman	English 110	18	Van Note
3/15/78	C. Stasy	High School English Class from La Crescent	18	Duesbury
3/16/78	Charles Hosler	Chemistry 331	10	Thompson
4/5/78	Linda Maik	English 110	23	Van Note
4/5/78	Linda Maik	English 110	22	Millich
4/5/78	Linda Maik	English 110	22	Humphreys
5/8/78	Margaret Hocker	Educational Media 461 (ERIC demonstration)	6	Sechrest
5/8/78	Margaret Hocker	Educational Media 206 (ERIC demonstration)	10	Sechrest
6/15/78	Stephen Ramocki	Marketing 230	12	Sechrest Humphreys

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During the 1977-1978 year, there was a slight decline in use of ARC and supporting materials. The total number of registrants for ARC materials, thirty-seven, matched that of last year. Daily registrations were down to 125 from last year's 200.

The supporting collections of books, oral history, vertical files, and photographs received 1,102 registrations, down from last year's 1,201.

In these same supplementary collections, we now hold 1,169 folders in the vertical files, 2,421 catalogued books in local and state history, 479 reels of taped interviews, and 15,655 photographs.

Subjects receiving special attention by patrons included La Crosse's quality of life, local architecture and building history, city redevelopment, university history, Kickapoo Valley history, Mississippi River steamboating, and genealogy.

Two multi-screen slide programs on local history were prepared for public presentation to various groups. The curator made slide or lecture presentations to the Monroe County Historical Society, Trempealeau County Historical Society, La Crosse Women's Club, Great River Festival of Arts dinner, Midwest River Buffs, senior citizens' club, La Crosse Preservation Society, La Crosse Camera Club, UW-La Crosse alumni reunion, and a local cub scouts' meeting.

Several pictorial displays were mounted for special off-campus events. The "River City" color film was shown to several groups and aired twice on Wisconsin's educational television network. Some of the

aforementioned societies and clubs held meetings at the Center.

The curator provided assistance and cooperation to the Kickapoo Valley Association (KVA) history project. Through this cooperation, the ARC is acquiring copy prints of photographs of Valley towns and farms. KVA personnel toured this Center early in the project, and continue to use the resources here.

A researcher in San Francisco managed through liberal use of the mails to complete a detailed history of La Crosse's legitimate theatres. Emphasis was on the physical structures and their evolution.

Dr. George Gilkey completed his history of the University. Plans are being made to publish this history locally. Dr. Gilkey is currently writing summary histories of other area institutions.

Personnel

The ARC now employs three CETA persons, one of these through a State Historical Society grant. Virginia Kreyer was hired through the latter grant in March, 1978. She provides indexing and research in local history resources. The two campus CETA positions, held by Joseph Robertson and Anni Hauth, deal with the steamboat history project and the Martindale collection, respectively. All three also provide routine service to patrons as needed.

Pamela Woods, library technician, took maternity leave in March, 1978. A temporary replacement, Marcella Averkamp, was hired by Murphy Library in Woods' absence. Averkamp had previously worked as a student assistant here and as a CETA employee during last year's State Historical Society grant program.

Along with four student assistants during the regular year and one student during the summer term, these staff members have provided a degree

of service and research previously unattainable. With CETA personnel, for example, the Center has been able to index printed histories, newspaper obituaries, oral histories, and newspaper holdings. Deteriorating maps and documents have been deacidified and encapsulated. The collection of steamboat history and data continues steadily. The Martindale collection (see below) received inventory attention immediately after its receipt. The CETA grants have permitted us the luxury of accomplishing tasks of great value to our program without jeopardizing our obligations to patrons and colleagues. The CETA experience here has been a very positive one. These persons have made genuinely useful contributions.

During the present summer term, Mrs. Elinor Kofta is assigned to the department as a student intern. Mrs. Kofta provides some routine patron attention and is compiling a brief history of a local Scandinavian publishing office. She is also writing a unit on local history for elementary schoolchildren.

The Martindale Collection

Katharine Martindale, a long-time resident of La Crosse, died in October, 1977. The Martindale house, one of the oldest residences in the city, was sold under protective covenants to a local citizen. The house is now being restored and renovated.

Through the cooperation of the executor and his associates, the Martindale library was given to Murphy Library and the Area Research Center. This gift included approximately 1,500 printed books, 1,600 photographs, several volumes of family business records, a half-dozen maps, and about twenty cubic feet of correspondence and personal papers. These records date back to 1699 and terminate with Martindale's death.

The books are being added to the library's collections according to their categories. All will carry a special bookplate. Photographs are being arranged by Anni Hauth of the ARC staff. On July 26, 1978, Sara Leuchter and Sister Annette Gallagher, representing the State Historical Society, visited this ARC to discuss the collection and transfer the papers to Madison for processing. The papers will be returned to the ARC when this processing is completed.

A 100-page summary report on the Martindale collection has been prepared and distributed to appropriate agencies, including the State Historical Society.

Summary

The year has been a very satisfactory one in terms of tasks undertaken and accomplished. With an excellent staff situation, we have been able to maintain our routine services while providing such luxuries as indexes, conservation of materials, inventories of miscellaneous collections, and finding aids. The addition of staff through the CETA program has been extremely helpful. The eventual loss of these positions will require a return to more modest aspirations.

Our efforts in field services have improved as a result of the larger staff. Still, the field work receives rather short shrift in the overall program. We hope that through cooperation with the State Historical Society's Field Services staff, more attention can be paid to this increasingly important area.

Physical space for both storage and working area is in short supply. Increasingly, the staff occupies more of the public area, often to the detriment of those patrons who need a quiet and untrafficked space. Most shelving is filled and there are more materials stacked on the floor and

in unused corners. Certainly any large addition of archives or papers would create difficulties. Any consideration of problems facing the Center must include this shortage of space.

Although there is still no scheduled exchange of materials to Madison or other Centers, our irregular transfers have been accomplished this year with a minimum of inconvenience to researchers. This had more to do with the coincidence of timing than with astute planning. Kay Thompson of the Madison staff provided some transportation of materials in conjunction with personal trips.

We have had to limit the amount of research we will do in response to telephone and mail requests. Some of these requests required an excessive expenditure of staff time. Our policy now is to treat such requests according to the amount of time involved. Most requests that require more than a couple of hours of any staff member's time are diverted with the suggestion that a private searcher or researcher be hired. We also provide the names and approximate rates of recommended researchers. Genealogists from other sections of the country are the most frequent candidates for this arrangement.

The problems and rewards of Center administration are many. The problems themselves are evidence that the system is working. The curator is in his tenth year of association with the La Crosse ARC, and the experience continues to be a very satisfactory one. The growing strength of the ARC network has depended to a great extent on the competence and hard work of the other ARC curators and archivists and the Madison staff. The La Crosse ARC is indebted to all these, and to the University and the La Crosse community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daily registrations for the year indicate a slight decrease in overall use of special collections. The catalogued Wisconsin collection received the heaviest use, and showed an increase over last year's figures. The photograph files also got heavier use, but most other categories remained the same or decreased. The comparative figures are as follows:

	This Year	Last Year
State Hist. Soc. Registrants	37	37
State Hist. Soc. Daily Registrations	125	200
Wisconsiniana	650	522
Rare Books	320	456
University Archives	302	371
Photographs	131	91
Oral History Interviews	19	20
Tours	30	47
Newspaper (La Crosse <u>Tribune</u>)	169	120
Total (excluding newspaper)	1547	1660

As in last year's report, the visits of Ralph DuPae have been excluded from the registrations. DuPae's almost daily visits involving the steamboat collection project are primarily as a donor.

Additions to the collections and total holdings are as follows:

	Added	Total
Theses	30	251
Seminar Papers	77	1030
University Archives (catalogued)	22	

	Added	Total
Rare Books	230	8043
Wisconsiana	65	2421
Vertical Files	86	1169
Oral History Interviews (reels)	91	479
Photographs	4376	15655
Color Slides	266	746

There were no total class projects similar to last year's Main Street effort, but interest in local architecture and businesses has continued. Of passing interest was the discovery by a researcher this year that the original La Crosse city hall, built in about 1868, is still standing in a much-altered form. The same researcher has done considerable work in the history of the prairie style of architecture in La Crosse, especially those buildings designed by local architects Percy Bentley and Otto Merman.

There was more than customary activity by students in the assessment of La Crosse's quality of life. The issues of urban redevelopment, shopping center construction, freeways, and marsh development all received special attention.

The Center for Contemporary Poetry portion of our effort saw the successful publication of volume seven in the Voyages to the Inland Sea series. For the first time in our publishing experience, we submitted copies of Voyages to a distribution service: Plains Distribution Service of Fargo, North Dakota. This cooperative effort is intended as an experiment which we hope will increase sales of the series.

Voyages VIII is in preparation. Edited by John Judson, it will feature poets James Hazard and Felix Stefanile.

Major effort continued in the steamboat collection project. Although no precise count is available, the photographs in this enterprise now total approximately 6000. Work on the data compilation has progressed steadily with most of Frederick Way's directories already searched. We have borrowed the George B. Merrick files from the State Historical Society for the invaluable information contained therein. The sources for boating records seem endless.

With additional staff available this year, we have been able to take definite steps toward the preservation of certain items. Deacidification and encapsulation of documents and maps is progressing nicely.

The major acquisition in terms of size was the Martindale library. Katharine Martindale, a long-term resident of La Crosse, died in October, 1977. Her executor, Dr. Adolf Gundersen, gave the extensive library of books, papers, photographs, business records, and correspondence to Murphy Library. Dr. Robert Voight, Dean of Arts, Letters, and Sciences at UW-La Crosse, was a substantial factor in the negotiations for this gift.

The Martindale papers cover almost three hundred years of family history, and the photograph and book collections each totaled over 1500 items. The papers will be housed in the Area Research Center, with the other portions of the collection to be divided into their respective categories within the Special Collections room and the circulating collection.

STAFF AND SERVICE

Pamela Woods, library technician, took maternity leave on March 11, 1978 for a minimum period of six months. Marcella Averkamp, previously employed here through a State Historical Society CETA

grant, was hired as a limited term employee (LTE) in Woods' absence. Woods and Averkamp were responsible for daily maintenance of the collection, student assistants, and general reference work. Averkamp began her LTE position on March 13, 1978.

Kathleen Lemke, hired under a Murphy Library CETA grant, resigned her position in November, 1977, to take a permanent position in social work in Wisconsin Rapids. That CETA position was renewed and in December, 1977, Joseph Robertson of La Crosse was hired to continue the grant project in riverboat research. Robertson has also provided indexing for the oral history transcripts.

Another CETA grant, originally written for research and indexing, was approved in early 1978. Anni Hauth of La Crosse was hired on February 7, 1978, for this project. However, with the deposit of the Martindale collection, Hauth was assigned to inventory that collection and provide initial analysis. At this date, most of the work with printed and visual materials has been completed. Hauth's efforts are evidenced in the thoroughness and detail of the completed Katharine Martindale Collection: a Summary Report. On completion of this inventory, Hauth will be assigned to other research and indexing projects.

The State Historical Society won approval of another CETA project proposal in early 1978. As a result of this, an archives assistant position was awarded to the La Crosse Area Research Center. In March, 1978, Virginia Kreyer was hired for this position. Kreyer has begun indexing the obituaries in the La Crosse Tribune from 1905, and has nearly completed a name index for one of the most valuable local history sources, Bryant's Memoirs of La Crosse County (1907).

The additional assistance provided by these various CETA grants has been of immense value to our effort. All of the above-mentioned staff have contributed work of permanent worth to this collection. They are an unusually capable group.

Student assistants who worked all or part of the year include Jill Stenfors, Lori Blockel, Evelyn Haefs, and Donna Rumppe. The latter two students have been with the department for over a year, and have accomplished responsible tasks in collection maintenance and photographic archives.

For the summer, 1978 term, student Elinor Kofta was assigned to Special Collections as an intern. Mrs. Kofta worked under the guidance of her intern advisor, Dr. Lyle Grooters of the Educational Media department. Mrs. Kofta contributed ten hours per week in departmental tasks, and another ten hours on a project involving a local history unit for La Crosse elementary schools.

Hours of service continued as in recent years, with 56 hours per week when school was in regular session.

SUMMARY

Most of the department's work seems to deal with local history matters in response to patrons' interest and in the processing of materials acquired by the department. With more staff members assigned here, individual projects take up more work space. Patrons and staff have frequently found themselves working side-by-side, a situation that creates some problems. Storage space for unprocessed materials is at a premium. The establishment of a University of Wisconsin Archives Council suggests

that a better campus-wide archives program will be developed, although the present Special Collections facility would be ill-equipped to cope with such a large addition.

Steady growth continues in the areas of particular attention: Mississippi River steamboats, local and state history, contemporary poetry and private presses. Donations of materials have increased, largely, it appears, because with each year, more people learn of our efforts. Word-of-mouth seems to play an important part in these donations.

We are grateful to all our friends and colleagues whose support, assistance, and donations mean so much.

Respectfully submitted,

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