

Over 156,000 Books, Periodicals Available in Cushing Memorial Library

Library Provides Everything Except Series on 'Super Man'

By LEITA FOSMIRE, READER'S ADVISOR

The Cushing Memorial Library located across the street from the Academic Building on the main campus houses a collection of approximately 156,000 books, documents and bound periodicals. Approximately 37 people are employed to complete the processes necessary to prepare these books for your use.

First, let me tell you a little of the history of the building and then we will take a tour of the departments, and I can tell you what each does to serve you.

The building was constructed at a cost of about \$215,000 and was finished and occupied in the summer of 1930. The name was chosen by the Board of Directors in recognition of the services rendered to the College by Colonel E. B. Cushing, a graduate of the class of 1899. Once in an emergency, Colonel Cushing, who was president of the Board, underwrote all college checks on his own personal account when the Legislature failed to appropriate funds on time.

New students on the campus can't miss the library. In large type on the outside are the words, "Cushing Memorial Library." On the same level with the name of the building are such famous people's names as Pasteur, Shakespeare, and Faraday. In order to be consistent with traditions on all buildings which have been built for the past 100 years, the letter "U" in Pasteur is made like a "V". Another mark of identification of the building is the large front steps. These are one of the favorite seats for the students. Some wait for the library to open; some wait for classes to begin; others sit there while studying for a hard examination which will be given the following period.

As you enter the building you find a large lobby which is used for exhibition purposes. It is here that the library shows new book jackets advertising the books. Also we see two oil paintings of two past presidents of A&M, Dr. T. O. Walton and Dr. W. R. Bizzell.

To your right you will find the newspaper room. Here are racks of 17 out-of-state papers including such recognized ones as THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES PICAYUNE, and THE ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH. Also here you find 26 Texas newspapers from every section of the state. Perhaps you can read your home-town paper, as many of the smaller cities and towns are represented. In this room are the more popular and general magazines of which LIFE, TIME, NEWSWEEK, ESQUIRE, and UNITED STATES NEWS are only a few.

Directly across the lobby from the newspaper room is the Technical periodical room in which we keep the current issues of technical journals for every field. There are about 1750 technical periodicals to be found on these shelves.

Back of the newspaper room is the Acquisitions department where Mrs. Gladys Sugareff and five assistants work constantly to order and receive all of the books, magazines and newspapers presented for your use. You can request books through the acquisitions department which you think should be included in the library.

Opposite the acquisitions department is the binder preparation room. In this room the magazines are prepared and sent to the bindery. The Library has bound each year approximately 2000 volumes of periodicals which form a permanent file of valuable material for your use.

Let us go on to the second floor of the Library and the main loan desk. It is here that you get most of the books, all documents bound periodicals, back issues of unbound periodicals, and newspapers. Also of interest here is the college catalogue collection and the map collection.

The Library has a file of some 550 catalogues from the recognized colleges, junior colleges and universities throughout the nation. The map collection is in a formative stage, but it promises to be a valuable addition to the Library.

Directly in front of you as you come up the stairs you will see the card catalog which lists all books in the Library. Entries are made under author, title and subject and are arranged alphabetically; therefore, you may find a book if you know only the title, or all the books the Library has by one author, or all the books the library has on one subject. Fill out the call slip as shown in the big poster above the card catalog and present it at the desk. One of the people there will get what you request and check it out to you either for use in the building or to take home.

Perhaps you wonder where the books are kept. On either side of the building back of the loan desk there are five levels of steel stacks on which the books are shelved. The basement and second level are filled with bound periodicals; the

top three levels are used for books and documents.

At the loan desk you meet Dwight Shannon, Assistant Librarian and head of the circulation department, who will be glad to help you in any way he can.

To the left of the loan desk is the Librarian's office. Here we find Paul S. Ballance, hard at work administering Library business and always striving to improve library service to you.

LIBRARY HOURS

Cushing Memorial Library
Monday-Friday 8:00 a. m.—10:00 p. m.
Saturday 8:00 a. m.—4:00 p. m.
Sunday 2:00 p. m.—10:00 p. m.
Annex
Monday-Friday 8:00 a. m.—12:00 (noon), 1:00 p. m.—5:00 p. m., 6:00 p. m.—9:00 p. m.
Saturday 8:00 a. m.—12:00 (noon)
Sunday (Closed).
Texas Engineers Library
Monday-Friday 8:00 a. m.—9:00 p. m.
Saturday 8:00 a. m.—12:00 (noon)

On the right of the loan desk is the Cataloguing room where Miss Octavia Rogan and her assistants do all sorts of technical things to books. Here the call numbers are determined for each book; the top number is assigned according to the subject of the book—the bottom one is in accordance with the author's name. When the books are placed on the shelves by call number this causes all books on a subject to be filed together, and within a number, the books fall alphabetically by author. Here too the cards are prepared for the card catalog and are filed. There are only a few of the technical processes that are done in this room.

The room in front of the loan desk is one in which you will find many things to help you throughout your college career. This is the Reference Room where Mrs. Billie Jo Pierce, Miss Sara Neal and Mrs. Ruth Krueger are always ready to help you.

It is here that you find the usual general reference tools—the Encyclopedias Britannica and the Americana, dictionaries of all sorts, the atlases, almanacs, and census reports.



PAUL BALLANCE

Also here are the indexes such as The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, The Agricultural Index, and The Industrial Arts Index. Then there are the technical reference books for each subject including Chemical Abstracts, Vernon's Texas Statutes and The Dictionary of American Biography.

On the ends of the two tables holding periodical indexes notice the two upright guides. These list alphabetically the titles and call numbers of each periodical to which the library subscribes. There is a file of pamphlet material on many authors not found in the biographical books. Something here that will perhaps be of special use to you is a file of the telephone directories from many of the cities throughout the state and nation. If you have forgotten that important phone number or address one of these may be the answer to your problem.

Now we investigate the third floor to see what is offered here. First to our left at the top of the stairs we have the music room. At present it is closed for re-



BOOKS, BOOKS, books fill the Cataloguing Room of the Library. The room, located just to the right of the loan desk, is an important part of the library. From left to right the workers are MRS. BETTY WEATHERSLEY, MRS. BEATY LEWIS, and MRS. NANCY McQUIRE.

modeling, but soon we hope to be able to announce the hours of opening. In here will be a fine record player and more than 200 albums of classical and semi-classical music. This will, no doubt, be one of the most enjoyable spots in the library where you can spend restful hours listening to beautiful music.

Then we come to the reserve book room where you meet Mrs. Leita Fosmire, our Reader's Advisor. She is here to help you select books for all types of reading; so do not hesitate to call on her. Behind her desk you see several stacks of books—these are the reserve books. They are placed there by the different professors for the use of their students. They are for use in the room and may be taken from the library overnight only. In this way the books are made available to more of you who need to study them. Also in the reserve book room you see two collections of books for required reading.

There is a study room back of the reserve book room on this floor. These books are also required reading collections; so now when the English professor assigns you a book report you will know where to come to get a book to read.

The reserve book room opens into the Asbury Browsing Room. Many books for recreational reading are to be found here, including a small but growing collection of mysteries which is sure to attract some of you; a collection of the most readable biography to be found in the Library; and all of the fiction books. The display case at the end of the room is filled with the latest additions to the collection; so look there for the current best sellers. The classics and others perhaps not so classic are arranged on the shelves by the author's name.

Approximately 500 books are included in the library collection at the A&M Annex. The Library is located in the Administration building. This is a general collection with emphasis placed on the required reading collections for English 103 and 104. You also find recreational and popular reading in the form of new fiction and biography together with a few general books on many different subjects. There is a small group of general reference books for your use as well as some of the more popular magazines. Mrs. Mildred Pryor, the librarian, will be glad to assist you when you visit that Library.

The Texas Engineers Library is a joint project between the college and the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. This library is located on the ground floor of the Mechanical Engineering Shops building.

Students and faculty have access to this library and may borrow books and use other library materials. However the library is being developed to primarily serve the registered engineers of the State, and this is done on a "mail order" basis. The collection of this library numbers around 15,000 volumes of books and periodicals. Miss Lila M. Foss is the acting librarian in charge at the present time, and has an additional staff of three persons to assist her.

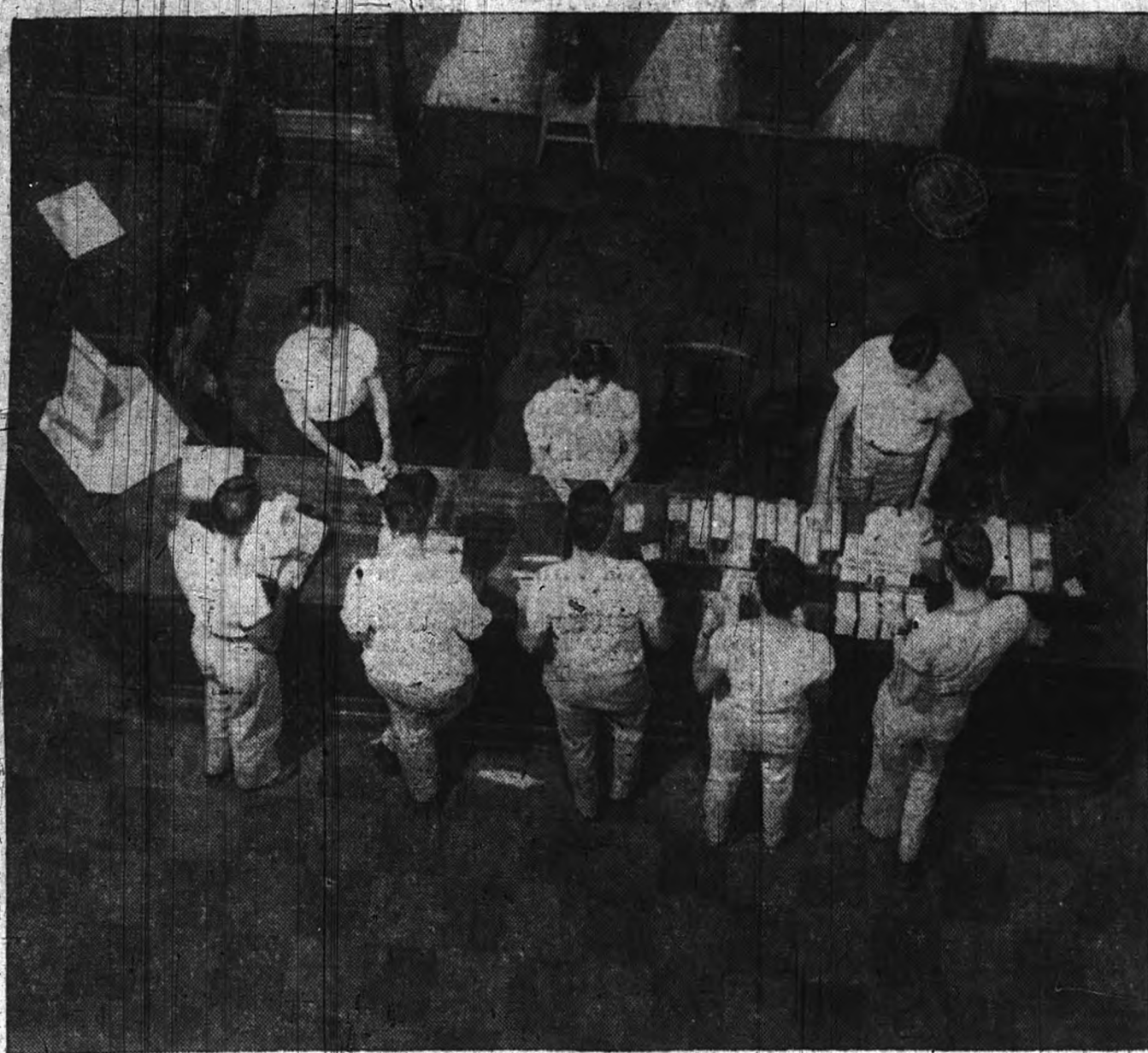
The Library and its departments welcome you to the campus. We feel that we have much to offer you and hope that we can be of assistance throughout your college career.



MRS. EDWARD FOSMIRE, reader's advisor, looks over the shoulder of MRS. C. C. MILLS. Mrs. Fosmire's husband is a senior majoring in Ag Engineering, and Mrs. Mills' husband is a junior taking Economics.



JOE E. OSMENT, a senior student taking business, looks for a book deep in the stacks of the library. The large books on the left of Osmont are Agriculture Experiment Station Bulletins dated 1893 to 1900. There are four such floors filled with books in the library.

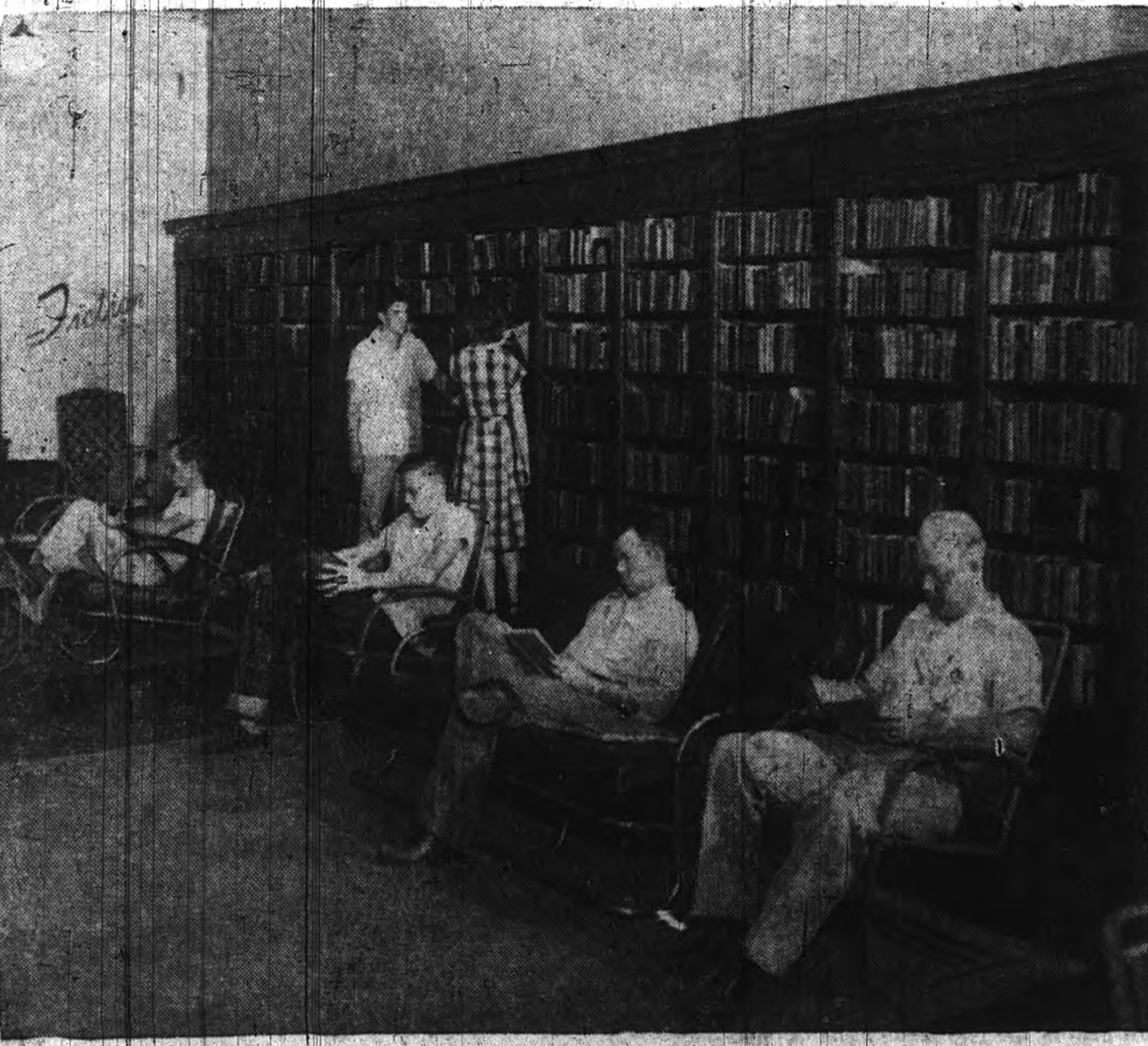


THE LOAN DESK is always busy. MISS IRMA LEE PICKETT, MISS GRACE MIDDLETON, and JOE OSMENT are taking care of the students who are asking for information and checking books out. From left to right, the students are FRED SEIDEL, senior agronomy student, D. N. FAULKNER junior architect student, EDWIN F. McFARLAND, agronomy student, FRANK R. WILLIAMS senior ME student, and JOE MEARS, agronomy senior.

Here's the clue TO THE CARD CATALOG

Be sure TO INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME & ADDRESS

KNOW HOW TO CHECK a book out of the library? A sign has been posted on the wall beside the loan desk for students, faculty, and others to use in filling out their cards. The poster even gives the prescribed color of the card for a particular book or magazine.



STUDENTS WHET THEIR intellects in the ASBURY BROWSING ROOM as MRS. EDWARD FOSMIRE, reader's advisor, gives information on the selection of a book. The students from left to right are Bill McNally, an agronomy senior; Walter Dingler, freshman in electrical engineering; E. L. Rabb, graduate in biology; and Alvin Tyler, senior in business. Tommy Murray, sophomore business student, is consulting Mrs. Fosmire.