

Library Brightened By Re-Decoration

Approximately two hundred thousand books are available to students, faculty, and staff members in the Cushing Memorial Library.

Newly-redecorated this year are the reserve book room and the required reading room on the third floor. The addition of new wooden shelving in these rooms almost has doubled their book capacity.

Fluorescent lights will be installed in the second floor reading room sometime this year. Also planned are three additional floors of book stacks.

Located immediately east of the Academic building, the library was completed in 1930 at a cost of \$215,000.

Besides the above mentioned rooms, the library also has a newspaper reading room, a scientific and technical periodical room, the Asbury Browsing Room, and

lobby space for exhibits and displays.

An identification card is required for checking out books. Robert A. Houze is librarian.

The library will be open this year from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturdays, and 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays.

Shivers to Speak To Aggie Ex Club

Gov. Allan Shivers will be principal speaker at a gathering of A&M Former Students in Beaumont September 18. The meeting will be held in honor of Walt (Buddy) Davis of Nederland who captured the Olympic high jump crown at Helsinki last summer.

Presiding at the meeting, which honors one of A&M's top athletes who has graduated in the last few years, will be Tyree Bell, member of the A&M System Board of Directors.

President M. T. Harrington will attend the meeting.



DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS—Dean John R. Bertrand (second from right) confers with his Basic Division staff on plans concerning conferences with members of his school. Leaders of the Basic Division are: (left to right) Dr. A. J. Kingston, director of remedial reading; Dr. Robert Jacobs, director of counseling; Dean Bertrand; and C. H. Ransdell, assistant to the dean.

Begins Third Year

Basic Division Established To Help 'Unsure' Students

The necessity of aiding students who are unsure of their objectives in college led to the establishment of the Basic Division at A&M. Many faculty members have hailed the Basic Division as the greatest thing that has happened here since the school was founded.

John R. Bertrand has been Dean of the Basic Division since it was organized in 1950. The Basic Division is the fifth school of the college, on an equal standing with the others. However, it does not grant degrees.

Three Classifications
The division's program is divided into three general classifications: administration, testing and counseling and group guidance.

Clifford H. Ransdell, assistant to the dean, is in charge of administration, which is the office work of running the division. Ransdell also teaches.

Testing and counseling is under the supervision of Dr. Robert Jacobs, director of counseling. His department handles vocational and aptitude tests, as well as some of the individual counseling.

Dr. A. J. Kingston is the director of guidance. Group guidance takes the form of classroom work, offering courses on choosing a career, library work, and similar subjects. The remedial reading program is also under Kingston.

Other Staff Members
Other members of the Basic staff are Austin Kerley, assistant guidance director, A. E. Denton, remedial reading and vocational

counselor, and W. Dee Kutach, vocational counselor.

The operation and function of the Basic Division are best given in the aims declared when it was founded:

- To give first year students closer supervision than is ordinarily given.

- To assist students who have not definitely decided on a field of study in making this decision during their first year of college work.

- To give beginning college students the benefit of guidance by people professionally trained to operate a guidance program.

- To supply the various schools of the college with a highly selected group of students fully prepared to carry on specialized training necessary for a profession and outstanding citizenship.

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