

A&M Included In Library Survey

A strong correlation between doctoral programs and library resources is shown in a newly-released national survey. Texas A&M as a member of the Association of Research Libraries received the findings and is included in the tabulation by Robert B. Downs, dean of library administration, University of Illinois.

"An institution outstanding for its graduate offerings is almost invariably equally notable for the strength of its library resources," Dean Downs reported.

Each of 186 universities, colleges and other institutions conferring five or more doctoral degrees during 1953-62 was surveyed. Library holdings as of 1962 and expenditures for books were tabulated.

The survey showed A&M conferred 352 doctorates. A total of 226 were in the biological sciences and 113 were in the physical sciences. The social sciences accounted for the balance.

Volumes in the A&M library system totaled 434,117. Book expenditures for 1962 were \$134,915. Library holdings have since reached approximately 500,000 and beginning September 1, 1965, the book budget will have nearly doubled the 1962 figure, increasing to \$265,585, while the total library budget for 1965-66 will be \$652,582.

In his study, Dean Downs noted that of the 36 institutions granting between 300 and 700 degrees each, 18 held library collections in excess of 500,000 volumes. Two were over one

million and three others have gone above the one million since 1962.

"Among the 37 universities which awarded more than 700 degrees each during the decade,"

Dean Downs reported, "only ten held less than one million volumes, and none possessed less than one-half million volumes; two of the ten have gone past the million mark since 1962."



STORY-TELLING ENCOURAGES READING

Mrs. Betty Coody, a reading consultant, conducts a Texas A&M workshop demonstration with the aid of local youngsters. Demonstrations were held for 20 elementary school teachers completing a workshop in reading enrichment. The youngsters pictured are, left to right, Debra Spies, Jose Valenzuela and Donna Noak.

5 Couples Studying Here Before Going Overseas

"Almost like being in the first grade," the scholarly scientist said ruefully.

"Only you can't run home to mother now," another said.

These comments came as a group of educated, professionally skilled people commenced special language studies at Texas A&M University. The five couples now in the first week of training will be at overseas posts in the Dominican Republic, East Pakistan and Tunisia early in 1966.

Now they are in the first days of orientation including the intensive language studies. Upon completing this phase, they will go into overseas programs operated under contract by Texas A&M as part of this nation's program of assisting developing nations.

Two of the couples are studying French for assignment to Tunisia. A&M is helping there to establish an agricultural school.

Two other couples study Spanish. They will fill posts with an educational program in the Dominican Republic.

The fifth couple will go to a university in East Pakistan, so they are studying Bengali.

"This is the first time we have had students beginning in all three languages at the same time," Dr. Jack A. Dabbs said. He heads the A&M Department of Modern Languages and also supervises the language part of the orientation.

E. Paul Creech, veteran of an East Pakistan assignment, directs the orientation. He is assistant director for Dr. Jack D. Gray of the A&M International Programs Office.

The five men just beginning orientation for overseas service come from several states. They have been serving in state agricultural extension services, on university faculties and in industry.

Creech said the "students" now are attending seminars in addition to language studies. He teaches a seminar concerning methods of planned technological change. Professors Dan R. Davis and I. O. Linger of the A&M faculty teach, respectively, seminars in cultural adjustment and the economics of developing nations.

"We use native speakers of the language, tapes and written materials in helping the student learn Bengali, French or Spanish," Dr. Dabbs said. He has considerable experience himself in each language.

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Dr. Kadyrov is senior research associate of the Institute of Chemistry of Plant Substances, Academy of Sciences of the Uzbek SSR. He specializes in organic chemistry and organic synthesis of plant regulators.

"The Chemistry of Plant Regulators" will be the topic of Dr. Kadyrov's 3:30 p.m. address in Room 112-113 of the Plant Sciences Building.



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