

Paperback books now offered by library

A collection of paperback books ranging from documentaries to Westerns has been made available for circulation at the A&M Library.

Titles, many duplicated in hardback editions in the library's

regular holdings, are displayed in a drug store type rack across from the first floor checkout desk.

"The collection will be circulated on a regular monthly checkout basis," announced John B.

Smith, director of libraries.

An experimental service, the paperback circulation was suggested by a graduate student. The 974 items were procured through library gift funds.

Selections include fiction, my-

series, science fiction, Westerns and popular documentary paperbacks, such as the Pentagon papers. The collection assembled by separate acquisition librarians Hal W. Hall and Miss Vicki Anders is not cataloged.

"If the paperbacks hold up for several checkouts and the experiment appears successful, additional items may be added," commented Henry L. Alsmeyer Jr., assistant director for technical services.

POLICE CHIEF ED POWELL end his law enforcement career today. He has served as the head of campus security for the past seven years.

Chief Ed Powell to retire today

University Police Chief Ed E. Powell will end 33 years in the law enforcement field today at A&M.

He will be succeeded by retiring Texas Ranger O. L. Luther. Powell said his seven years as campus police chief has been a rewarding and challenging experience.

It has been rewarding, he said, because the university staff and students have been cooperative.

"A&M has one of the best student bodies in the nation," he commented. "If a police force is to operate well, it must have help from citizens. We've gotten it from the staff and students."

"Another thing," the chief said, "is that the administration from Dean (James P.) Hannigan on up has given us a free hand with the operation. It has been a big factor in getting the job done."

Powell noted the office has increased from 11 personnel in 1964 when he was named security chief to a present force of 20. This includes 13 patrolmen, four sergeants, a lieutenant and assistant chief. Other personnel include clerks and fulltime student operators of radio equipment installed

in police quarters in Room 17 of the YMCA.

Powell indicated the biggest challenge has been improving the force and working out campus parking.

Before becoming A&M's police chief, Powell taught law enforcement over the state seven years with the Police Training School. He is past president of the Texas Association of College and University Traffic and Security Departments.

Ten employees to retire today from Food Dept.

Retirement certificates, service pins and gifts have been presented to 10 Food Service Department personnel retiring today at A&M.

Retirees include James C. (Popcorn) Stewart and Willie Howard, cooks with 46 and 28 years service; Marion D. Garcia, assistant catering steward with 38 years; John D. Tubbs, maintenance foreman, 32 years.

Also, maintenance worker Willie C. Clark, 26 years food service worker Ignacio Navarro, 20 years; watchmen Jesse S. Walker, Ed E. Blackmon and Jesse G. Gibson, and cook Simmie L. Figures.

Retirement certificates signed by President Jack K. Williams were presented by Tom D. Cherry, vice president for business affairs.

"These good folks have 208 years experience in Sbis, Duncan and other campus food service areas," commented Fred W. Dollar, department director. "If I could laugh enough or cry enough to keep any one of them I would, because these are all delightful people."

Cherry, who spoke to 70 people assembled for the retirement ceremonies, praised the Food Service Department and A&M employees who work in it.

"It's said nobody is indispensable, but people who work are," the vice president commented. "I'm proud of our food service. I'll match it against anyone's anywhere. Others recognize the superiority of Texas A&M's food service by coming here to learn from it."

Engineering center to open by Nov.

Engineering students at A&M will be attending classes in the new \$10 million Engineering Center by late fall, construction officials reported Monday.

Project inspector Joe Zemanek said the building will be completed by November or early December, depending on delivery and installation of equipment.

Telephone systems are currently being installed and the exterior work is expected to be completed within two weeks, Zemanek said.

He noted landscaping will begin in early September, under the direction of the A&M Grounds Maintenance Department.

Engineering Dean Fred J. Benson stressed classes will be held in the new four-story structure as soon as the building is accepted by the university.

Included in the center are a sub-basement, basement and four floors. There are 373 rooms in the building.

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