

Archives Grows Through Aquisitions

Growth of Archives holdings at A&M in the last two years provides broader service to the university and public.

Major acquisitions have been made that enable research in government, political, technical and social fields.

Dr. Charles Schultz enters his third year as TAMU archivist

with a clearcut acquisitions program, planned new activities and service he stresses is available to the public as well as TAMU faculty and students.

"The biggest change in Archives in the last two years is in

the scope of activities and materials collected," explained Schultz, TAMU's first full-time archivist.

It still maintains such items as old uniforms, a vial of Kyle Field soil bottled in 1925 and bricks from former buildings.

More space is devoted, though, to papers of Cong. Olin Teague and Graham Purcell, Washington journalist Bascom Timmons and nuclear physicist Paul Aebersold.

TAMU records and memorabilia provide sources for answering questions about the background of Texas A&M people, the campus and programs. A full set of "AggieLand" and "Longhorn" yearbooks are the most frequently consulted materials, to identify individuals people are seeking, Schultz said.

A clip file on special subjects including the Aggie Band, Corps of Cadets, and mascots run a dead heat race with the yearbooks.

Photographs, catalogs, committee minutes, sports information, department and college newsletters, University Information news copy and the "Battalion" are shelved in Archives.

The collection's new acquisitions and other to be obtained will be cataloged in three major areas. These are the Texas Archives of Agriculture, Southwestern Archives of Technology and Archives of Modern Politics. The

latter includes the Teague, Purcell and Timmons papers. "We hope there will be others," commented Schultz, a Texas native with varied archival experience.

A unique archival program involves acquisition of records of several A&M Mothers Clubs and local women's organizations. It concentrates on Bryan and College Station.

"It makes possible," Schultz said, "a master's thesis in sociology on the role of women's organizations in society."

Archives has been formally declared the depository of university records by W. C. Freeman Jr., TAMU vice president and controller. By his memo, the archivist is responsible for forwarding requests to destroy records to the State Auditor and State Librarian. Law indicates no state records may legally be discarded without their approval.

Such records from college and departmental levels must necessarily be reviewed for content because of Archives space limitations, Schultz said. A move to the first floor of the Cushing Building is being considered.

Student Arrests Lead to Deaths

The National Education Association charged that the arrests of student leaders during demonstrations last Nov. 16 at Southern University were responsible for the subsequent deaths of two students.

"All evidence points to the conclusion that the untimely and extraordinary arrests robbed the demonstrations of much of their effective student leadership . . . and were the immediate cause of the confrontation that ended in death on the morning of Nov. 16," the NEA concludes.

The NEA's findings are contained in a 62-page report summarizing the organization's six-month investigation of last year's violence at Southern.

The decision by university officials to initiate action which led to the arrest of student protest leaders and the firing of two teachers stems from a tradition of authoritarian control and exemplifies the nature of Southern's deeply rooted problems, according to the NEA report.

In making the report public, NEA President Dr. Helen D. Wise described the problems at Southern, outlined recommendations for changes at the university, and indicated how the NEA can help students and teachers bring about change on the campus.

The NEA report points to control of Southern University by an all-white State Board of Education and inadequate financial support as the underlying causes of student unrest on the campus.

The opinion has been expressed by the governor of Louisiana and others that the tragedy at Southern was a controversy where blacks were protesting against blacks.

The conditions of all-white control and inadequate financing reflect the tradition and the continued reality of institutional racism at Southern, according to the report.

Also, these conditions distinguish the student protest movement at Southern from protests of white students at predominantly white universities.

"For when Southern University students complained about their exclusion from the policy determination that save university life, they were speaking to administrators who are themselves excluded from full and effective participation in those determinations that shape universals," the report says.

"They were speaking to a generation of Southern black educators whose entire life experience has taught them that subtle diplomacy, accommodation, and at least outward deference to a white power structure are the key components, not only of the advancement of black education, but of its very survival," the report adds.

The report charges that historically the all-white State Board of Education has operated Louisiana's black colleges on an "irreducible minimum of tax support."

Speaking for the NEA on the question of its continued commitment to its student and teacher members at Southern University, Dr. Wise said every effort will be made to make sure the NEA's recommendations are implemented.

Dr. Wise said staff assistance in the areas of political organizing, legal counseling, public relations, and others are available upon request through the NEA's state affiliate, the Louisiana Education Association.

NAHB to Attend '74 Convention

The Student Chapter of the National Association of Home Builders welcomes students considering a future in home building, apartment construction, land development or light commercial construction.

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The NAHB offers members the chance to attend the NAHB National Convention in Houston in January, 1974. Convention reservations for builders are \$150 but active dues-paying members will be charged only \$5.

In the past, members of the chapter have found job contacts through this convention.

Senate to Overhaul 'Top Secret' Actions

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee is urging the overhaul of secrecy classification procedures for government documents in the wake of the Pentagon Papers disclosures.

The special committee named to study the subject recommended that Congress withdraw broad

authority given to the executive branch to restrict circulation of government papers and instead set up guidelines defining areas of national security.

Machinery was proposed for questioning executive decisions on classification of documents for national security reasons.

Meanwhile, the committee recommended that individual senators possessing secret documents consult with the Senate Ethics Committee before deciding whether to disclose them.

The special bipartisan 10-member committee was established in August 1972 after Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, made public portions of the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of U. S. involvement in the Vietnam war, which previously had been leaked to the press.

Balked in his effort to read the papers on the Senate floor, Gravel called a midnight meeting of a Senate subcommittee and read the documents into the record.

The Special Committee to Study Questions Related to Secret and Confidential Documents is headed by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., and Minority Leader Hugh Scott, R-Pa.

Drawing from Supreme Court decisions, the committee said Congress has given the executive branch, in an exemption under the Freedom of Information Act, total authority to require secrecy in the interest of national defense or foreign policy.

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