News from the Field

ACQUISITIONS

• ALFRED UNIVERSITY, Alfred, New York, has been presented with an extensive private library of modern British literature and social history by a longtime benefactor, Evelyn Tennyson Openhym of Wellsville, New York. The collection, rich in rare signed editions and valued at more than a quarter of a million dollars, was acquired by the donor between 1924 and 1978. Several hundred authors are represented including Virginia Woolf, D.H. Lawrence, T.S. Eliot, John Masefield, John Galsworthy, Siegfried Sassoon, Walter de la Mare, and Rupert Brooke.

• The UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA Library, St. Petersburg, has received the public and partially private papers of the late Nelson Poynter, chairman of the board of Times Publishing Company. Among other publications, the company has issued the Congressional Quarterly Almanac and the St. Petersburg Times newspaper. The Poynter Collection contains political correspondence, an extensive portfolio of photographs, and Pulitzer Prize commendation records.

• The UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI Library, Hattiesburg, has acquired for the Lena Y. de Grummond Collection of Children’s Literature the Robert L. Dartt Collection of over 1,800 books for boys from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. A major segment of the collection features over 500 volumes authored by George A. Henty (1832–1902). Other prominent authors represented are Horatio Alger, F.S. Bretton, Harry Castlemon, G. Manville Fenn, William H.G. Kingston, Oliver Optic, and Edward Stratemeyer.

GRANTS

• MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY, Sackville, New Brunswick, has received a major grant of $35,000 from the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. The grant will be used for the enrichment of special collections for the Alfreed Whitehead Memorial Music Library through the purchase of the collected works of 21 major composers.

• The OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Columbus, has been awarded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission up to $65,330 in partial support of a project to microfilm for preservation and research selected historically valuable records series from each of Ohio’s counties.

• WHEATON COLLEGE, Norton, Massachusetts, has been awarded a $100,000 grant from the Booth Ferris Foundation of New York to enrich its library collection. The foundation provides financial support to colleges and universities with high academic standards and effective leadership. The new collections will be housed in the space provided by a $4.3 million expansion project which was completed last year and which has increased library space by 50 per cent.

NEWS NOTES

• The LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA hosted a “Quarter of a Millenium” international symposium October 14–16 to commemorate its 250th anniversary this year. Scholars from six different countries presented papers on “The Intellectual World of 1731.” A special feature of the celebration was an exhibition of over 250 items from the Library Company’s collections, ranging from a tenth century Greek manuscript to the First Continental Congress’ address to King George III, and from the earliest known painting of Philadelphia to a first edition of Walt Whitman’s Leaves of Grass. The exhibition will be open in Philadelphia through March, 1982, and will then travel to the Grolier Club in New York for two months.
The library of the State University of New York at Buffalo commemorated the acquisition of its two millionth volume on September 17. The book, *Rerum Polonicarum*, was written in 1584 by Alexandra Guagnino, a knighted Polish soldier turned author. The program featured keynote speaker Oscar Handlin, director of the University Library at Harvard, a panel discussion on "The Book Collector, Rare Book Collection, and the University Library," and a formal opening of the Rare/Special Materials Collection of the Law Library.

The University of California, Irvine library hosted a colloquium on academic libraries on October 21 to mark the addition of its millionth volume, the Latin treatise *De Nuptiis Philologiae et Mercurii* by Martianus Capella in its first printed edition (Vicenza, 1499). The colloquium featured speakers Millicent D. Abell, university librarian at the University of California, San Diego; Richard M. Daugherty, director of the University of Michigan Library; and Stuart Forth, dean of university libraries at Pennsylvania State University. The colloquium was followed by an evening ceremony featuring historian and educator Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.

**People**

**ROBERT H. PATTERSON** has been named director of libraries at the University of Tulsa's McFarlin Library, effective September 1. Before coming to Tulsa, Patterson was director of the University of Wyoming Library from 1976. He also served as assistant director for collection development at Tulane University Library (1973-1976), head of special collections cataloging at the University of Texas at Austin (1970-1973), and in various professional capacities at Tulane from 1965 to 1969.

Patterson received his MLS from the University of California at Berkeley in 1965, and a master's degree in Latin American history from Tulane in 1963. He also attended the Institute on the Development and Administration of Programs for the Preservation of Library Materials at Columbia in the summer of 1978.

He now serves as chair of the ARL Resources and Technical Services Division's Education Committee and as president of the Western Conservation Congress. Patterson has also been vice chair of the Advisory Council to the Bibliographic Center for Research in Denver, and chair of the Wyoming Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee.

This month he is keynote speaker at the Allerton Institute at the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Patterson is also editor and publisher of *Conservation Administration News*, for which he received a $2,000 Officer's Grant from the Council on Library Resources for editorial support in 1980-82.

Other publications include articles on preservation for the *ALA Yearbook and Library Journal*, and other professional articles for *Colorado Libraries*, the University of Texas at Austin's *Library Chronicle*, and the *Journal of Inter-American Studies*.

Patterson is also reader/panelist for the National Endowment for the Humanities, and a consultant on conservation of library materials and establishment of special museum libraries to Gallier House Museum, the Historic New Orleans Collection, and to Koch and Wilson, Architects.

**JEFFREY HEYNEK** has been appointed by the Association of Research Libraries to head a two-year program designed to improve bibliographic access to microform collections in American and Canadian libraries. ARL has received $20,000 from the Council on Library Resources to initiate the project, and additional funds are anticipated from other sources this fall. Heynen is currently president of Information Exchange Corporation and has served as chair of the ARA Resources and Technical Services Division's Reproduction of Library Materials Section. The ARL Microform Project is based upon a planning study conducted for the association by Richard Boss of Information Systems Consultants, Inc. Its purpose is to stimulate and coordinate the work of libraries, microform publishers, bibliographic utilities, and regional networks in providing bibliographic access to millions of monographic titles in microform which are now inadequately cataloged.

David Morse of the University of Southern California's Norris Medical Library has been re-elected chair of the Pharmacy and Drug Information Section of the Medical Library Association for 1981-82.

Paul Wasserman of the University of Maryland College of Library and Information Services, has...