Oberlin College Library and six other academic libraries have received a $500,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to continue their cooperative program designed to encourage undergraduates, including those from diverse backgrounds, to pursue careers in librarianship. The new grant builds on three grants awarded by the Mellon Foundation in June 2003, December 2004, and December 2006. It brings the amount awarded for the various phases of the librarian-recruiting program to a total of $2,075,000. The grant will continue to encourage the participation of students from the four federally defined minority groups (African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans) that are significantly underrepresented in the profession. Members of the consortial program—libraries at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina; Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio; Occidental College in Los Angeles, California; Saint Augustine’s College in Raleigh, North Carolina; Swarthmore College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and the Atlanta University Center in Atlanta, Georgia, which serves Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College—will take part in all aspects of the project. Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, will participate through summer internships.

Acquisitions

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company has donated more than 70 years of photography, providing a panoramic, insider’s look at the people and products involved in the rise of the company, to the University of Akron. The collection, valued at more than $1.1 million, features more than 83,000 individual photos covering the period from 1912 to 1984. The collection provides historic, social, and industrial documentation, featuring images of products, workshop and factory scenes, facilities, company events, company-sponsored celebrities and the development of the Goodyear Blimp, according to Goodyear officials. Among the highlights of the photo collection: the first home for Goodyear on the banks of the Little Cuyahoga River; construction of the blimp hangar; baseball legend Babe Ruth on the Goodyear Blimp; and images of other notable figures, including President Herbert Hoover, President Richard Nixon, President Dwight Eisenhower, Arnold Palmer, and Jack Nicklaus. The collection, which reflects the work of several photographers, was started in 1912 by Goodyear founder Frank Seiberling and stands as one of the first corporate photograph collections ever established.

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