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Prior to September 1963 the Library of the Huntsville Extension of the University of Alabama was a library in name only. Approximately 3,500 books were housed in a 3,500 sq.ft. area in Morton Hall. The doors of the library were open all day and only for a few hours in the evening was an attendant available. All purchasing and cataloging of library materials was handled at the Main Library in Tuscaloosa. In September 1963 the first professional librarian was hired and two part-time assistants added at an early date. The Library was then open 56 hours a week and an attempt was made to initiate appropriate library service.

Today, almost three years later, the library staff consists of 4 professional librarian with master's degrees, 5 library assistants with bachelors degrees in a subject area and minors in library science or extensive experience in library work. This trained library staff of 9 is supported by 3 clerk-typists and 9 student assistants. The Library now occupies the original 3,500 sq.ft. in Morton Hall and a Reading Room of 1275 sq.ft. is located in the Research Institute. Total floor space: 6,540 sq.ft..

By October 1966 it is anticipated that the Library will occupy an additional 10,000 sq.ft. in the Graduate Studies Building. At that time the library will have to be split in order to house all materials acquired during the 1965-66 fiscal year.

The proposed split is as follows: Morton Hall will house about 25,000 books in the area of history, English literature and related areas. The book collection, the main card catalog and the cataloging department will be housed in 3,500 sq.ft. and two classrooms to be made available. One extra classroom will be provided for seating space for library users who can make use of a study hall away from the main book collection. The 17,650 sq.ft. in the auditorium will be given up very reluctantly by the library for the incoming music program.

The Graduate Studies Building will house all books, journals and the scientific and technical areas and it is feared that early in 1967 Morton Hall will be at capacity, and all materials purchased for the library will be housed in the Graduate Studies Building regardless of subject matter. (1/3 of space - 2/3 collection and visa versa)

The Reading Room at the Research Institute houses current scientific journals and technical reports purchased under the Redstone Graduate Contract. It is felt that this material must be moved to the Graduate Studies Building and be made available to the graduate students at the Huntsville Campus. Members of the Research Institute are presently contemplating what library materials will need to remain in the Research Institute and if it will be economically feasible to have three areas of library activity on our campus.

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At the present time the Library of the University of Alabama in Huntsville offers to its users a book collection of close to 20,000 volumes. Approximately 1/3 of these are in the sciences and technology and the remaining 2/3 in the social sciences and humanities. This figure includes bound journals and journals purchased on microfilm. In addition to books, the library subscribes to 676 periodicals and newspapers, and has a total of 902 journal titles in the various academic disciplines. Miscellaneous collections include college catalogs, filmstrips, maps and transparencies, and an audio-visual department. During the past two years several special collections have been added-

1) In November of 1964 the Huntsville Campus Library became a depository of government documents - this material is provided free of charge by the Superintendent of Documents. Today we have approximately 10,000 items. The Huntsville Campus Library is the official government depository for this region. The nearest one is about 60 miles from here in Florence, Alabama.

2) In March of 1965 the Huntsville Campus Library was added to the distribution list of all unclassified technical reports published by and under the auspices of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. We have approximately 4,420 technical reports in hard copy and over 32,000 reports in microfiche form.

3) Also during 1965 the Library acquired a complete set of the Library of Congress Catalog, a 16 mm microfilm copy of the card catalog of the Restone Scientific Information Center (up-dated every six months), and a 35 mm microfilm copy of the shelflist holdings of the Undergraduate Library of the University of Michigan.

4) Late in 1965 a special purchase of 708 rare volumes relating to the Jeffersonian Era was made for the history department. These materials were available in microfiche form for the price of \$600.00 and since the offer included a free microfiche reader, it was particularly attractive.

5) About 4 weeks ago the library received a grant of \$5,000 under Title II-A of the Higher Education Act. With matching funds we purchased a collection known as the EARLY AMERICAN IMPRINTS in microcard form. These 38,000 items represent all the materials printed in the United States between the dawn of printing in 1620 and 1800. The items are indexed in Charles Evans American Bibliography and should be quite useful to the English and History departments, and scholars in general. (No reader - growth too fast, samples- HCR story)

6) Last, but indeed not least, during the past fiscal year the Library has purchased approximately 27,200 books.

The Library has been fortunate to obtain a copy of the New Campuses List which is a bibliography of 30,000 titles compiled in 1963 for the use of three new California campuses, San Diego, Irvine and Santa Cruz. This list is similar to

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the working collection of the Lamont Library at Harvard and the Undergraduate Library of the University of Michigan. A major objective was to select a book collection which "should be able to stand alone to meet the needs of undergraduate college students, (it) ... should support teaching programs which depend heavily on the library, and as far as possible should provide books ~~for books~~ for exceptional undergraduate students, many of which should also be useful to graduate students and faculty." Library Journal, May 15, 1965, p.2205. (The article is attached to the fact sheet for the members of the committee). Added on your fact sheet is a table indicating approximate subject allocations for monographs in the undergraduate collection of the New Campuses List, The Lamont Library, the University of Michigan and the Huntsville Campus Library in November 1965 before the purchase of the New Campuses List.

Approximately 25,000 title of the New Campuses List have arrived and it appears that the total purchase price will be around \$165,000. At the beginning of this purchase the books were purchased already cataloged and processed from the Alanar Processing Center in Williamsport, Pa., however, problems developed. Since the company was not able to meet our rigid specifications, we are just buying the books from them now. A few additional staff members have been added and we are attempting to clear out the backlog as rapidly as possible.

A look at the users of the library and its facilities shows that the student body perhaps does not make use of the library in the way it would on a resident campus. Very lenient loan period are available to encourage the use of books & journals. Statistics show that heavy use is made of the library in Morton Hall between 4 P.M. and 8:30 P.M.. On the other hand many users find the library convenient as a study hall and never use or refer to the material housed in the Library. The reason for this, is that no lounging or study areas have been available on the campus. This should be remedied with the event of the Graduate Studies Building. A study of the users of the Reading Room shows that the main emphasis is on the examinations the new issues of professional journals, and infrequent use is made of backissues.

At the present the Library seats 100 students in Morton Hall and an additional 130 in the Graduate Studies Building. This is not sufficient, but must be limited due to existing space problems. During the 56 hours which the library is open, a qualified librarian and a student assistant are available for assistance to the patron. No organized library orientation has been made available, however, I have worked closely with the history and English faculty to provide adequate introduction to the library and its facilities.

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During the quarter a two hour seminar is made available to the librarian to work with graduate students who are about to begin their thesis research. The Huntsville Campus Library does not attempt to provide complete library service to the graduate student in the natural and physical sciences, but tries to work very closely with the Redstone Scientific Information Center. This is the technical library located at Redstone Arsenal and open to all graduate students, and University faculty & staff. The book collection numbers close to a million volumes and is supposed to be the best library in the aero-space sciences. Other libraries which lend support to the University are the Main Library in Tuscaloosa, the Huntsville Public Library, the A & M Library and Oakwood College. Active interlibrary loan service has been established with these institution as well as Joint University Library in Nashville and many other libraries in the country.

Statistics show that the Huntsville Campus Library circulates between 1,500 and 2000 books a month and that approximately 4000 to 5000 patrons use the library in one way or another during the period of one month.

The budget of the Huntsville Campus Library began with almost nothing and has taken a sharp rise upwards. (Show chart) The most astonishing increase is in the book budget. If the \$300,000.00 for next year is available, the library book budget will have increased 8,400%. We hope to spend wisely the \$300,000.00 for library materials in 1966/67. This will be a most delightful, but a tremendous problem will also develop. A bibliography such as the New Campuses List will not be available and the burden of the book selection will fall unto the shoulders of the faculty. My experience in the past three years has been that the faculty provides the same old book lists every year (with the exception of a few faculty members). I would welcome any suggestions how the faculty might be encouraged to be more active in a worthwhile way toward book selection. The faculty does participate in library activity through a library committee and a building committee.

Other funds which have been available to the Huntsville Campus Library includes a grant under the Redstone Graduate Contract. The first year we were given books by the Redstone Scientific Information Center on a consignment basis. These books have in the meantime become the property of the University. For the past two years funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 have been allocated to the library. In the past this has been spent-\$7,500.00 for current journal subscriptions housed in the Research Institute due to a lack of space in Morton Hall and \$12,500.00 for the purchase of books relating to graduate courses taught at the Huntsville Campus. It is hoped that this source of income will continue for at least one more year.

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A few weeks ago we began plans for the construction of the first phase of a permanent library building for the University and the Research Park. Mr. Bob Severance of the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base has agreed to serve as our building consultant for the library. Recently the location for the library was selected. It is to be in the middle of a cluster of academic buildings between Morton Hall and Holmes Avenue. Since the past three years have shown the library grows faster than we have been able to anticipate, it appears to be best to plan a modular, easily expandable building for about 20 years in the future. Since the funds allocated for this building, will only build 40,000 or 50,000 sq.ft. it will only be possible to build a small portion of the permanent library. I am quite certain that two years hence, when we move into the new building, it will probably be too small to house the growing library - at least this has been our experience in the three years in which I have been the librarian of a very challenging situation.

P.S. Theses

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HUNTSVILLE CAMPUS LIBRARY

FACT SHEET

Collection:

Books:

On shelves	15,569
Bound journals	1,991
Microfilm	532
In process	27,200*
	<hr/> 45,292 Total

Journals (unbound):

Total titles	902
Current subscriptions	676

Government Documents 10,000

Special collections:

Technical Reports (Hard copy)	4,420
Technical Reports (Microfiche)	32,050
Early American Imprints	38,000
<u>Jeffersonian Americana</u>	708
	<hr/> 45,178 Total

APPROXIMATE SUBJECT ALLOCATIONS
FOR MONOGRAPHS IN UNDERGRADUATE COLLECTIONS (November 1965)

SUBJECT	*NEW CAMPUSES (Titles in print 27,200)		LAMONT		MICHIGAN		HUNTSVILLE CAMPUS		
	%	Vols.	%	Vols.	%	Vols.	%	Vols.	
Literature & Language	35	21,000	38	14,820	31	16,430	Literature & Language	21	2,184
History	17	10,200	18	7,215	17	9,010	History	15	1,560
Social Science	17	10,200	17	6,825	18	9,540	Social Science	14	1,456
Religion			4	1,560			Religion		
Philosophy	6	3,600	3	1,315	12	6,360	Philosophy	5	520
Psychology	8	3,600	2	650			Psychology		
Fine Arts	7	4,200	7	2,730	8	4,240	Fine Arts	1	104
Science	7	4,200	11	4,485	8	4,240	Science	36	3,744
Misc.	5	3,000			6	3,180	Misc.	8	832
		<hr/> 60,000		<hr/> 39,600		<hr/> 53,000		<hr/> 10,400	

Audio-Visual Equipment:

- 2 16mm film projectors
- 6 Slide projectors
- 2 Tape recorders
- 1 Record player
- 3 Overhead projectors

plus various screens and accessories

(Fact sheet, continued)

Microfilm Readers:

- 1 Recordak microfilm reader-printer which
 - (1) reads cartridge microfilm
 - (2) reads microfiche
 - (3) reads 16mm and 35mm microfilm
 - (4) makes prints at 8¢ per copy
- 2 Microfiche readers
- 5 Various types of reader-printers to be housed at the Graduate Studies Building are currently on order

Space:

3,500 sq. ft. in Library at Morton Hall
1,765 sq. ft. Working space in Morton Hall (Auditorium)
1,275 sq. ft. at the Research Institute - Reading Room
<u>10,000 sq. ft. in the Graduate Studies Building</u>
16,540 Total

Staff:

- 4 professional librarians with M.S.L.S.
- 5 library assistants with B.S. degrees (minor in Library Science and/or previous library experience)
- 3 clerk-typists
- 10 student assistants

Hours:

Morton Hall:	
Monday-Thursday	10:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.
Friday	10:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.
Research Institute - Reading Room	
Monday-Friday	8:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.

Seating Capacity:

Morton Hall	100
Graduate Studies Building	132

Book Budget:

1963/64	\$ 3,800 (plus 2,000 books from the Graduate Contract)
1964/65	\$ 29,000
1965/66	\$219,000