Annual Report of the UWM Library Committee, 1964-65

The Library Committee has met five times to date during the academic year 1964-65. Among the more important items discussed were the following:

1. Departmental allocation of funds from the capital budget.

2. Statement of circulation policy for the faculty. The statement as finally approved was subsequently distributed to all faculty members.

3. Plans for the new library building. Representatives of the architect, the State Bureau of Engineering, the Campus Planning office, and the faculty Library Building Committee met with us and discussed the plans for the new library building.

4. Problems associated with interlibrary loan service from the UW library at Madison. At its meeting on March 29, 1965 the Committee passed the following resolution:

Until the UWM Library has amassed a collection sufficient to provide for all the instructional and research needs of the faculty and students, it will be necessary to use interlibrary loans to meet some of these demands. However, there are limits to what the UWM Library can do with its present staff and budget. For this reason faculty members should be reasonable in their requests and be willing to cooperate with the Library. For example, if someone wishes to check through twenty-five volumes of bound periodicals to see whether he may possibly find a reference to a restricted problem he is working on, the Library might justifiably suggest that it would be more economical for him to make a trip to the libraries in Madison or Chicago for a first hand check. The researcher can be reimbursed for travel expenses for such purposes, and the overall expenditure of time and money would be considerably less. To repeat -- researchers should be reasonable in their requests for interlibrary loan materials.

Also, if mutilation or damage to interlibrary loan materials persists or increases, the Librarian has the right to require the borrower to use the materials in the Library.

As positive action to improve the servicing of interlibrary loans from the Memorial Library in Madison, the UWM Library Committee recommends to the Administration:

A. An increase in the frequency of delivery service between Madison and Milwaukee.

B. The placing of a UWM library clerk in the UW, Madison, Library to service UWM library loan requests.

5. Meeting of members of the Library Committee with the UWM Committee to discuss the structure and function of the All-University Library Committee. Communications were also received from the All-University Library Committee itself on this subject.
An important development during this year has been the establishment of an Area Research Center by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in cooperation with the UWM Library. This Center is under the direction of Professor Donald Woods and is located in the Chapman Library.

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