

R E S E A R C H A R C H I V E S

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This past year saw a change of managers. Richard Zettler, who operated this department for three years, left in January to do additional work in Iraq and then work full-time on his dissertation. For the past year and a half I had been a student part-time employee. It was quite a step to full-time status!

As Dick said in last year's annual report, the Archives are heavily used and this year they are even more so. We have more students than last year, and we have had many visitors from other departments in the University and from other colleges. We are also seeing additional docents and members visit and use the facilities—all are welcome! The space problem may be alleviated somewhat this summer by using one of the side rooms as an area for a "Special Collection." This will include the older volumes whose bindings have deteriorated. It is hoped that this will save space in the main room and help preserve some of the beautiful bindings on our older holdings.

On February 4, 1980, the volunteer Docents toured the Archives to learn the arrangement of the books, journals, series, and reference works. Many questions were asked; and, as an outcome of a conversation with Peggy Grant, a monthly column on the Archives was written for the *Docent Digest*. It focused on specific topics as well as specific books. I hope to continue this in the fall when publication resumes.

The Archives holdings as of June 1, 1980 are as follows:

Books	5345
Series	2924
Journals	4163
Pamphlets	6667

The total number of books acquired—777—is an increase from last year and reflects a sizeable bequest received in December from the late Professor Raymond A. Bowman. His bequest to the Archives reflects his life's work with many books on biblical studies, Hebrew and Aramaic lexical studies, and especially inter-testamental material. Some of the reference works include Young's *Analytical Concord-*

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ance to the Bible, *The Interpreter's Bible* (both Old Testament and New Testament), and Hastings' *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics*. We also benefited by additions to our journals and pamphlet file.

Other acquisitions this year included a set of the *Corpus Inscriptioinum Semiticarum* (all the volumes published to date), *Lachish (Tell ed-Duweir): The Wellcome-Marston Archaeological Research Expedition to the Near East*, the *Palmyra* volumes published by the University of Warsaw and the Centre d'Archéologie Méditerranéenne de l'Académie Polonaise de Sciences, and L. W. King, *Babylonian Boundary Stones and Memorial Tablets in the British Museum*. Also completed in the past year was the acquisition of part of the Gordon Library from the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem with a number of out-of-print and/or hard-to-come-by publications in Assyriology and Mesopotamian archeology.

Thanks must go to those who donated time, advice, and books to the Archives. Among them are John Brinkman, Klaus Baer, McGuire Gibson, Charles Nims, and Albert Haas. Robert Biggs has been of great help, especially in helping to set up several new exchange programs with the following: Institut des Belles Lettres Arabes, Tunisia; Instituto Español de Arqueología, Madrid; Drs. K. van Dam and W. J. de Jong, Amsterdam; *Sicilia Archeologia* of the Ente Provinciale per il Turismo di Trapani; and *Atlat* from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. We are also grateful to Mrs. Sanger Robinson, who donated several important books on ancient glass and on Egyptology from the collection of her late husband.

Staff members this year included David Testen, Jonathan Goodman, and Elizabeth Garner. The hours for the Archives are as follows:

Summer Quarter:	9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday
Autumn through Spring Quarters:	8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday noon to 5 p.m., Sunday.