

The Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village,

Dearborn, Michigan, has received a \$75,000 general operating support grant from the Skillman Foundation, a private grant-making organization founded by Rose P. Skillman in 1960. The grant supports the museum's formal and experiential learning programs, which include an award-winning partnership with Detroit's Woodward Elementary School (in cooperation with the University of Michigan-Dearborn) and mentorships for at-risk students in western Wayne County.

Memorial University of Newfoundland,

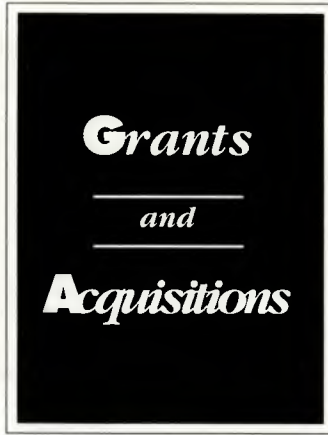
Canada, has received grants totalling \$34,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada in support of its maritime history and Irish studies collections. The funds will be used to purchase 19th-century Irish newspapers and manuscript census material for parts of New England.

Northwestern University Library, Evanston,

Illinois, has received grants totaling over \$6,000 from the Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Coordinating Committee to fund purchases of materials within Illinois in cooperation with eight other Illinois university libraries. Acquisitions will include expensive polymer titles not held by Illinois lending libraries, preservation photocopies of important 19th- and early 20th-century mathematics books, a 35-reel microfilm set entitled "American Indian Correspondence: The Presbyterian Historical Society Collection of Missionaries' Letter, 1833-1893." The grant will also support production of a preservation microfilm of the *Illinois Brief*, a newspaper published by the Illinois Chapter of the ACLU.

Norwich University received a \$28,000

grant from Digital Equipment Corporation to acquire a computer system for the new Kritzberg Library. The system will significantly improve the services to the library's users and will support the growing needs for computing in library research and administration. Norwich



is a charter member of the Vermont Automated Library Network, which connects the university with Middlebury College, the University of Vermont, the four Vermont State colleges, and the Vermont State Library system.

The Center for Electronic

Texts in the Humanities, headquartered at the Alexander Library at **Rutgers University**, New Jersey, has

received a \$300,000, three-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to identify, disseminate, and preserve texts in electronic, or computer-readable, form. The funding will allow the phased development of a consortium of member institutions that will mark the beginning of a global electronic library. The center, a joint project of Rutgers and Princeton universities, was established in 1991 to provide a national focus for the creation and use of electronic texts in the humanities.

The University of Alberta, Edmonton, has

received three grants for specialized collections from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. The awards include \$20,000 for acquisitions in native studies, \$8,000 for Chinese studies, and \$6,400 for Japanese studies.

The University of Missouri-Columbia has

received a new \$97,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Strengthening Library Resources Program of the Higher Education Act to continue cataloging a special collection of rare books about the social, religious, economic, and political history of 19th-century Great Britain. About one-fourth of the collection relates to critical and economic issues and conditions in Ireland. About 75 percent of the materials are not listed in the catalogs of any other American libraries. The project was initiated with a \$101,975 grant last fall.

The School of Information and Library

Science at the **University of North Carolina** at Chapel Hill has been awarded a total of \$168,400 for student fellowships by the Department of Education under the Library Career

Training Program. The awards will support a year of full-time study for seven doctoral students and six master's degree students. Recruiting for the master's fellowships will emphasize three specialty areas—cataloging, systems analysis, and children's services. The professional school currently offers two master's degrees, a post-master's certificate of advanced study, and a doctoral degree in information and library science.

The University of West Florida Library, Pensacola, has received a \$9,976 grant from the Florida State Historical Records Advisory Board to compile and publish a new comprehensive guide to Special Collections and West Florida Archives.

Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries, Richmond, have been awarded a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to process the manuscript collection of a prominent Virginia suffragist. The \$30,720 grant will fund a full-time, one-year position to process the Adele Goodman Clark papers. Items in need of preservation treatment will be identified and a guide to the collection will be produced.

The Wayne State University Library System, Detroit, has been awarded a \$90,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to add records of manuscript collections and oral history holdings of the Walter P. Reuther Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs into the OCLC database. The archives contain one of the most important archival collections in the United States on the history of the North American labor movement. The Reuther Archives and Wayne State University Library System are partners in this venture and will share staffing and expertise to complete the project.

Acquisitions

A collection of more than 8,500 books, 1,100 periodicals, personal papers, and other materials has been acquired by **Abilene Christian University Library,** Texas, from the family of Dr. LeMoine Gaunce Lewis, a biblical studies professor at the university from 1949 to 1985. An omnivorous reader and collector, Lewis spe-

cialized in early church history. His collection includes materials written in a variety of languages, among them German, French, Hebrew, and Latin.

The papers and professional library of John Eliot Allen, professor emeritus of geology and author of more than 240 monographs and articles, have been acquired by the Branford Price Millar Library at **Portland State University.** Allen's library consists of over 900 pieces, including books, serials, pamphlets, and maps. Among the papers are geologic field manuals, typescripts of Allen's articles and books, and his professional and personal correspondence.

The book collection of John Beaufort, for many years the international drama and film critic for the *Christian Science Monitor* has been acquired by **Teikyo Post University's** Traurig Library and Learning Resources Center in Waterbury, Connecticut. The collection, consisting of approximately 1,900 volumes of drama and literature, was donated by Beaufort's widow, Francesca Bruning.

An extensive collection of literary and historical first editions in English and American literature has been acquired by the **University of Delaware Library.** An especially rare item is the Audubon edition, *The Birds of America from Original Drawings*, published in 1860. It has chromolithography by Julius Bien and contains 105 double elephant plates depicting 150 species of birds. Only 49 copies of the volume are known to exist. The gift was given by C. Porter Shutt of Montchanin, Delaware. ■

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President Hardy Franklin wrote to Vice-President Gore to tell him of ALA's concerns about the printing recommendations. Franklin said the radical restructuring of the Depository Library Program called for requires evaluation and thorough examination before going forward, and pointed out that the proposed decentralization would result in increased costs and less efficiency for all participants: "There would be neither a single point of access to publications for depository libraries, nor a single mechanism for administering the Depository Library Program." ■

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