

barn in Whitehall, Wisconsin, in 1974 by David Wood, great grandson of his namesake. The diaries, which begin in 1865, give terse accounts of daily activities and observations by Wood, a man with deep New England roots, and his sons. According to James Cummings, a Stillwater, Minnesota, bookseller and appraiser who examined the diaries, "These form an unparalleled account of rural Wisconsin life in the generations following the first wave of settlers."

Grants & gifts

Arizona State University received two awards totalling \$200,000 for library acquisitions and fellowships in Southeast Asian Studies from the Henry Luce Foundation of New York. Library acquisitions of southeast Asian materials will be supported by \$150,000, and fellowships totalling \$50,000 will be awarded by the Program for Southeast Asian Studies over three years.

Harvard University has received \$1.5 million from the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation to endow an innovative librarianship in the Judaica Division. The gift will strengthen the library's ability to adapt technology to the needs of the library and of research at Harvard. According to Harvard's *Library Notes*, William Lee Front, president of the Littauer Foundation, stated that "Hebraica at Harvard has been in the forefront of efforts to use new technologies to enhance library service to scholars. . . . Endowment of this new position will not only strengthen Harvard's resources but also enable Harvard to maintain and enhance its efforts in the area of Hebraica librarianship to the benefit of scholars throughout the world."

The Hoover Institution was awarded \$953,783 by the National Endowment for the Humanities for the preservation of the Institution's European pamphlet collection. More than 60,000 pamphlets will be microfilmed and rehoused in acid-free enclosures. The pamphlets represent the countries of Western, Central, and Eastern Europe, as well as the former Soviet Union. Coverage for most countries begins in 1914 with the outbreak of World War I and concentrates on the fields of government and politics, revolutionary movements, the rise

of social democracy, the two World Wars, and the subjects of peace and neutrality. They include the writings of dissidents, tracts of political parties, government propaganda, and underground literature.

Rice University's Fondren Library received \$100,000 from the Hobby Foundation of Houston, Texas. The gift is to be used for enhancing humanities collections to support the work of faculty hired in disciplines not previously included in the Rice curriculum.

The University of Maryland Health Sciences Library was awarded a three-year \$442,677 grant from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to create an innovative Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) Searching Workstation. The workstation will make use of UMLS, developed at the NLM to make online searching easier for those in health care. Gary Freiburger, director of systems research, development, and services, is the principal investigator for the project. The UMLS has been developed by the NLM as a solution to the problem of multiple standard vocabularies in use by the various health care disciplines. The heart of the UMLS is the Metathesaurus, a massive database which links terms from a variety of medical vocabularies including MeSH, ICD-9, CPT, DSM-III-R, and LCSH. The UMLS Searching Workstation Project will allow a researcher to use any familiar vocabulary and the workstation will use UMLS to find the subject heading appropriate to the database being searched.

The libraries at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will receive \$300,000 of a \$3.65 million pledge the Educational Foundation made to the university in 1990. The money will be used by the Academic Affairs Library and count toward a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Challenge grant that will support the general humanities collection, special collections, and conservation laboratory and preservation projects.

Penrose Memorial Library of Whitman College has received an endowment of \$80,000 from the estate of Ilabelle Shanahan Morrison of Salt Lake City, Utah, who graduated in 1928 from Whitman College. The proceeds from this endowment will be used to acquire materials in American history according to Morrison's wishes. ■