Michigan State librarian named acting library dean

William Miller, who recently was appointed assistant dean of libraries at the University, has been named acting dean of libraries and learning resources, effective July 30.

Dr. Miller, currently the head of the reference and government documents departments at the Michigan State University libraries, succeeds Dwight L. Burtman, who has been named acting vice president for University relations.

A graduate of Temple University, Dr. Miller earned both master's and doctoral degrees in English from the University of Rochester, where he specialized in Restoration and 18th century English literature. In 1976 he received a master's degree in library science from the University of Toronto.

Dr. Miller joined the Michigan State faculty in 1978. At Michigan State he has served on numerous library-wide committees in addition to his administrative responsibilities in the reference and government documents departments. He has concentrated his activities in the public service area of library work, recently chairing a library User Needs Task Force and serving as a member of a team which examined the libraries' public service activities.

Prior to joining the Michigan State faculty, he was a reference librarian and an assistant professor of English at Albion College, where he developed an instructional program in the library in cooperation with academic departments.

He also designed the college's technical writing specialization.

While a graduate student, he held various positions in the libraries at the universities he attended.

An active member of numerous state and national library associations, Dr. Miller has written extensively for professional publications, and he has served in various editorial capacities for journals and newsletters. He has also been a consultant on collection development and staff training, and he is a frequent speaker at national and regional conferences, including meetings of the Modern Language Association and the Michigan Library Association.

Commenting on his Bowling Green appointment, Dr. Miller said, "I have any number of major challenges facing us in the library field during the next decade. I was inspired to go with Bowling Green initially because I believe the University has the people to deal intelligently and successfully with those challenges and to set examples for the rest of the library profession."

Business law text helps combat 'dumbing of America' trend

A professor of legal studies has co-authored a comprehensive business law text published recently by Random House. But with publication of the book, Bartley Brennan's work is not done. Modern Business Law, the text which Dr. Brennan co-authored with five colleagues from other universities, is unique, he says, because the authors have contracted by the publisher to provide a series of "updates" to everyone who uses the text. And, the first updates were in process only weeks after the text was on the market.

In a field that changes as rapidly as business law, the updates are a must, Dr. Brennan said, noting that the 1,200 page text would become quickly outdated without the supplements, to be issued by Random House every six months.

"It is really a very evolutionary process," he said. "It never stops changing."

Dr. Brennan, who wrote eight chapters in the book, collaborates with some of the nation's most prestigious law professors in producing the text. Co-authors are Thomas W. Dunfee of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania; Frank F. Gibson and John D. Blackburn of Ohio State University; Douglas Whitman of the University of Kansas and F. William McCarty of Western Michigan University.

Although the authors were previously acquainted, their joint efforts are entirely the result of the publisher, Dr. Brennan said. They were approached in November 1981 about writing a high level, research- and policy-oriented business law text," he said. And the request for such a text was somewhat astounding, he added.

Modern Business Law is actually an attempt by Random House to combat a trend that Dr. Brennan calls the "dumbing of America," Dr. Brennan said. Noting that the trend in recent years has been "dumbing down," he said, "We have any number of major challenges facing us in the library field during the next decade. I was inspired to go with Bowling Green initially because I believe the University has the people to deal intelligently and successfully with those challenges and to set examples for the rest of the library profession."

As scholars and authors we were all pleased to be a part of that movement," Dr. Brennan said, adding that Random House has apparently met with success in its attempt to reverse the trend. The text has been adopted at such prestigious institutions as Purdue University, the universities of Pennsylvania and Wyoming, the University of California at Berkeley and Ohio State University.

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Dr. Brennan, who was on leave from the University during the spring semester while he was teaching at the Ethics Resource Center in Washington, D.C., has begun his second book, to be co-authored with Nancy Kubasek, legal studies.

Guidelines for on-campus professional development activities were approved by Administrative Staff Council at the June 14 meeting.

The guidelines, proposed by the ASC's Professional Development Committee, will be forwarded to the Office of Administrative Staff Personnel Services for implementation.

The statement adopted by ASC provides that "all programs to be sponsored by the University should fall within the following guidelines:"

- Programs that enhance effectiveness in specific University assignments and responsibilities.
- Programs that serve the general interests of the University.

The statement identifies the Office of Administrative Staff Personnel Services as responsible for implementing University-wide professional and educational development programs and further acknowledges that the Professional Development Committee of ASC should work closely with the personnel office to identify topics and schedules for sponsored programs.

Staff members may submit suggestions for professional and educational development programs to either the personnel office or the ASC. Participation in programs scheduled during regular work hours will be at the discretion of individual staff members and their supervisors.

Wayne Colvin, residential services, reported that 143 administrative staff had returned the survey on evaluation distributed by ASC. Although analysis of the survey has not been completed, Colvin said responses indicate that administrative staff are concerned about evaluation, that very little evaluation currently takes place and that methods of evaluation currently used vary widely across the University.

Final results of the survey will be presented to ASC in September.

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Faculty & Staff

Presentations
Mary Biggs, library, presented a paper entitled "How Do You Call and Why the Post Publishes" May 11 as part of the annual lecture series of the University of Chicago Graduate School Library.

Douglas Blandy, art, presented "Pinting Poetry in Braille: A Research Report on an Arts-of-the-Book Apprenticeship for Four So-Called "Handicapped" Students" at a spring meeting of the National Art Education Association in Miami, Fla.

Patricia J. Buckwell, music education, presented "Music and Movement: Appealing to the Neurological System" at the 36th annual conference of the Council for Exceptional Children in Washington, D.C.

Vernice P. Cain, Writing Center, presented a paper entitled "DBMS-20 Hashing Patterns" at the 1984 spring DECUS Symposium in Cincinnati.

Edmund J. Dazler Jr., history, presented "Canada's Urban Indians: The Detroit-Walpole Island Connection" at a spring conference on "College Teaching Art" at the State University of New York — College at New Paltz.

Darrell Fyffe and Evan McFae, educational curriculum and instruction, presented "Use of the Apple Computer in the Science Classroom" at the annual convention of the Ohio Academy of Science in Cleveland.

Employment Opportunities

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Indicates that an individual candidate from the department is bidding and being considered for the position.

NEW VACANCIES

Posting Expiration Date: 5 p.m., Monday, July 23, 1984

7-23-1 Plumber 1
Pay Range 1
Plant Operations and Maintenance

CONTINUING VACANCIES

Posting Expiration Date: 5 p.m., Monday, July 16, 1984

7-16-1 Account Clerk 1
Pay Range 4

7-16-2 Clerk 1
Pay Range 2

7-16-3 "Library Media Technical Assistant 2" Pay Range 26
Library/Cataloging Dept.

7-16-4 Typist 2
Pay Range 4
Residential Services

Facility/Staff Positions

The following facility positions are available:

- Computer Center: Visiting lecturer. Contact chair, Search Committee (2-2337), Deadline: March 1, 1985
- College of Education: Associate dean. Contact Trevor Phillips, chair, Search Committee (2-0151), Deadline: July 16, 1984
- Journalism: Associate professor. Contact John Huffman (2-0429), Deadline: Dec. 15, 1984
- Music Performance Studies: Teacher/performer. Contact David Meile (2-2175), Deadline: July 20, 1984
- Sociology: Visiting instructor/assistant professor. Contact chair, Search Committee (2-2294), Deadline: July 20, 1984

University Writing Center: Instructional assistant, part-time (four positions). Contact Veniece P. Cain (2-2221), Deadline: Aug. 9, 1984

The following administrative staff positions are available:

Athletic Training: Assistant football coach. Contact Denny Stolz (2-2401), Deadline: July 16, 1984
Environmental Services: University safety officer. Contact Susan Caldwell (2-2558), Deadline: July 20, 1984
Student Health Center: Medical office assistant (two positions). Contact Susan Caldwell (2-2558), Deadline: July 20, 1984

Sylfa Huntley, educational curriculum and instruction, presented a paper entitled "Why Not Practice What We Preach: Using Nonverbal Communications in the Classroom: "Secondary Classrooms" at the annual meeting of the Central States Speech Association in Chicago.

Edward Marks, music performance studies, performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra at the annual rally of the State of Michigan.

Benjamin N. Mosque, professor science/Engineering, served as a coordinator for "Home Government" at the 1984 National Model United Nations Conference in New York City. Representives from 144 colleges and universities met with students from Puerto Rico and Japan attended the conference.

In Brief

RETIREMENT RECEPTION SET
A reception for Otis Block, who is retiring July 31 after 20 years at the University, has been planned for Monday, July 30, the date of his 65th birthday.

All University appointees are invited to attend the reception, to be held from 3-5 p.m. in the Ice Arena Lounge.

CSAC TO MEET
The Classified Staff Advisory Committee will meet at 12:00 noon Wednesday (July 18) in the Taft Room of the University Union.

LIBRARY MOVE SET
The Government Documents and Popular Culture library collections will be moved this summer, raising the question of the temporary closing of those sections.

Government Documents will be moved from the fourth floor to the first floor and the Popular Culture Library will be moved from the first floor to the fourth floor.

The collections will be closed to library patrons from July 30 through Aug. 12, reopening on Aug. 13.

Anyone needing to access information from the collections during that time should complete an Information Request Form at the reference desk on the first floor.

NO STEAM, NO STEAM!
The Central Heating Plant will be shut down for necessary repairs from 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, until 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21.

During this period there will be no steam available in the campus, this will affect building heating, air conditioning, pool temperature, laboratory cleaning, dish washing and any other activities that require hot water.

The steam supply will be limited from Sunday, Aug. 12, until the shutdown on Aug. 17. Some steam will be available throughout most of the campus, but there will be no air conditioning in the technology building, Offenhauer Towers or the business administration building.

The heating plant shutdown will not affect any buildings east of Mercer Road, south of Wooster Street or north of the technology building. All other buildings on campus should prepare accordingly.

Undergraduate Council

Followings the agenda for the Wednesday (July 18) meeting of the Undergraduate Council at 1:30 p.m. in 116 Business Administration Bldg.:
- Call to order
- Review of the minutes
- Announcements
- Discussion of curriculum modifications by the School of Art (Maurice Sevyngy)

- Other business
- Adjournment