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Hooked on books
Harner 'pages' through history

"If it's good enough to read, then it's good enough to own, you may as well get the best copy," says Harner, English, who collects and exhibits books. Most of his collecting revolves around his interests in teaching and research. At the University he teaches Shakespeare and Renaissance literature. He currently brings into his classroom some samples from his collection and uses the examples of writing in those times.

"In his study of Thucydides in The Book of Homilies, a collection of sermons that shows the state and morality of the Renaissance time period and had a great influence on Shakespeare's writing," Dr. Harner said. "It really helps students to get a flavor of what it was like in literature." Dr. Harner became interested in book collecting while in high school when a local bookstore owner taught him the basics of the trade. "I discovered the store one day because it was beside the barber shop and I was waiting to get my hair cut," he said. "I really became interested in collecting by buying copies of the books and talking to the owner." Although there has recently been great interest in book collecting, as a vocation, as a hobby, as a vocation, or as an estate or library, "It's a real hobby for me," he said. "It only takes me five minutes to look through a book and say whether or not it's worth evaluating, but to actually do the evaluating takes a good amount of time." Books are evaluated based on their condition, marketability and the presence of an author's signature or inscription.

"Condition, more than anything, determines its value," he said. Dr. Harner suggests. For example, he said a first edition of Hemmingway's For Whom the Bell Tolls in fine condition might sell for $200-$400, whereas the same book in poor condition might sell for only $10.

"Not too long ago, one of the earliest copies of the Declaration of Independence showed up in someone's attic and turned out to be worth $250,000," he said. "There's really a lot of luck involved."

"I buy a book just so I can trade it to another dealer," he said. "It's a way of making what I want to buy." Dr. Harner says that most collectors are scholars who specialize in particular literary works or books. He collects by period, author, subject, or press. For example, he currently is collecting works on Shakespeare and Renaissance literature, and he frequently brings readings on his Interests in Literature. At the University he teaches Shakespeare and Renaissance literature, and he frequently brings readings on his Interests in Literature.

Richard Conrad, director of University Computer Services, is concerned about a crime that he believes is fairly widespread on campus. It is never reported on the campus police "blotter," but nonetheless, it is difficult to stop. It is a violation of the Federal law, and it could be grounds for termination of employment at the University.

Dr. Conrad is concerned about software piracy -- the illegal duplication and distribution of computer programs. According to Dr. Conrad, who quoted from an article in a recent issue of "PC Week" magazine, approximately 50 percent of all software is copied illegally. In other words, PC users illegally copy a version of business software for each version on the market. And if illegal copying has cost the business micro-software industry about $1.3 billion since 1981.

Dr. Conrad has issued a reminder to the University community that all computer software is protected by federal copyright laws. "Departments should clearly state to their students and employees that it is University policy to honor software copyrights and license agreements," he said, adding that employees who violate the copyright laws are in violation of the University policy.

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'Star Tracks' opens in new planetarium

The University's planetarium and WBGU-FM Radio have joined forces this semester to present a new planetarium show.

"Star Tracks: A Journey Through Space on the Wings of Music" will be shown each Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 p.m. through March 6. Shows also are scheduled each Sunday through March 3. All week-long shows will be followed by public stargazing on the rooftop observatory when the weather permits.

In addition, two Saturday shows have been arranged for 2 p.m. on Feb. 16 and 23. There will be no admission charge for the shows, but a $1 donation is suggested.

According to Dale Smith, planetarium director, "Star Tracks" combines a soundtrack of space music with narrative and the planetarium stafflight. The first half of the 50-minute program is narrated by the narration of the stars and planets and the stars and planets as well. A spring show, entitled "Springtime Tracks," is set for the open in the planetarium in late March. That show will focus on the evolution and fate of the Universe, Dr. Smith said.

In the University laboratory, will be designed for administrative and classified staff. Topics to be covered include word processing, budgets and time processing. There will be no programming for the second session, to be offered on March 3. The second session, to be offered on March 3.

Free courses offered to faculty, staff

University Computer Services will offer two three-week courses on computer literacy for faculty and staff.

A course designed especially for faculty who are not familiar with microcomputer technology will be held from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the microcomputer laboratory in the University Union. Emphasis in this course will be on practical applications of microcomputer technology for faculty, including word processing and other applications.

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Advance registration is required for both sessions and should be completed by calling Sharon Reuss, computer services, at 372-2911.

Later in the semester University Computer Services will offer sessions on Multimate and LOTUS 1-2-3.
Undergraduate Council

Undergraduate Council approved a policy for the Distribution of Artistic Achievement. The proposal was developed by the Art Programs Committee, and the Council approved the following statement on Jan. 18.

"The proposal for the Distribution of Artistic Achievement would establish a process for the recognition and celebration of student achievement in the arts. The proposal includes criteria for selection, procedures for nominations, and a method for the allocation of funds to support the arts on campus. The Council has determined that this policy is necessary to support the arts and to recognize the contributions of students who participate in artistic activities. The policy will be implemented as soon as possible, with the first round of nominations due in Spring 2023."

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Finally, in response to student demand, the program will be reinstated for the fall of 1985.

For more information or to register contact the Office of Continuing Education at 373-0181.

It’s ‘war’ in the classroom with computer management game

Developed for an IBM system, the game is still too cumbersome for a personal computer, but Dr. Dickson plans to have the program rewritten for a personal computer within the next year.

“Multinational Corporate Management” has been played and tested at schools such as Ohio State University, the University of Michigan, and University of California, Los Angeles, as well as the University of Illinois and the University of Hawaii.

The University of Minnesota also recently discussed the possibility of Dr. Dickson serving as a visiting professor for the sole purpose of introducing the game into their school curriculum.

As a learning tool, the game’s potential is limitless, Dr. Dickson maintains.

The game’s campus is in a little uncertain because of Dr. Dickson’s retirement in December, but he will return to the University in the summer to help other business faculty in their courses or in their research programs.

Dr. Dickson has accepted a new position as a consultant to a prestigious American giant, which has given him the opportunity to introduce the game to that school.

The final goal of the game is to remain in the real world because Dr. Dickson believes his ultimate use will be as a training device for students.

Don’t be surprised if some day, you even see the simplified version of computer players in business.

Faculty/Staff Positions

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