

INCOMING UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN HAS PLANS

Applying New Technologies Vital

Is an engineer-librarian an answer to the challenges of the computer age?

During the organization meeting of the Associates last year, President Fujio Matsuda remarked: "The state of Hawaii cannot continue to build more libraries every few years to contain bound books. I don't know the answer to this problem, but one must be found." Himself an engineer, Dr. Matsuda is doubtless pleased that the incoming University librarian, Don L. Bosseau, has a background of technical knowledge and experience that may help to meet this problem. Bosseau assumed the post last September to succeed Dr. Stanley L. West, who had come to the age of retirement.

Born in Pittsburg, Kansas, on November 28, 1936, Bosseau earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering at Kansas State University at Manhattan in 1958 and a master of science degree in nuclear engineering at the University of Kansas in 1961, after working for two years as an engineer in the Allis-Chalmers nuclear division in Milwaukee. For four years he was a nuclear engineer at the John Hay Hopkins Laboratory for Pure and Applied Research at La Jolla, California, and became an assistant librarian in its technical information center in 1965. This experience advanced his transition into librarianship, as he attended the University of Hawaii and received his masters in library studies here in 1966. He served as head of the library systems department at the University of California, San Diego, where he was involved with the development of computer application, including a computer-assisted serials processing system, a subject-heading authority system, and a computer-based book catalog for the medical library. He was appointed as assistant university librarian in 1970 for the public-service departments in the central research library at the University of California, San Diego, where he also had responsibilities for budgeting and planning.

Bosseau became university librarian at the University of Texas, El Paso, in 1972, and on January 1, 1974, was named director of libraries at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. At this library, in size comparable to the University of Hawaii libraries (one and a half million volumes), Bosseau's achievements made him the most outstanding candidate to succeed Dr. West. His qualifications were perhaps enhanced by the fact that he had attended the University of Hawaii and hence knew something of the Honolulu environment and the challenges to be faced here.

Librarian Bosseau has supplemented his on-the-job experience by teaching on three university summer faculties and by carrying out consulting duties at half a dozen other institutions. Professional activities include his editorship of the *Journal of Library Automation - Technical Communications*, and participation on a number of American Library Association committees. He has also been active as a member of four regional associations

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Don L. Bosseau

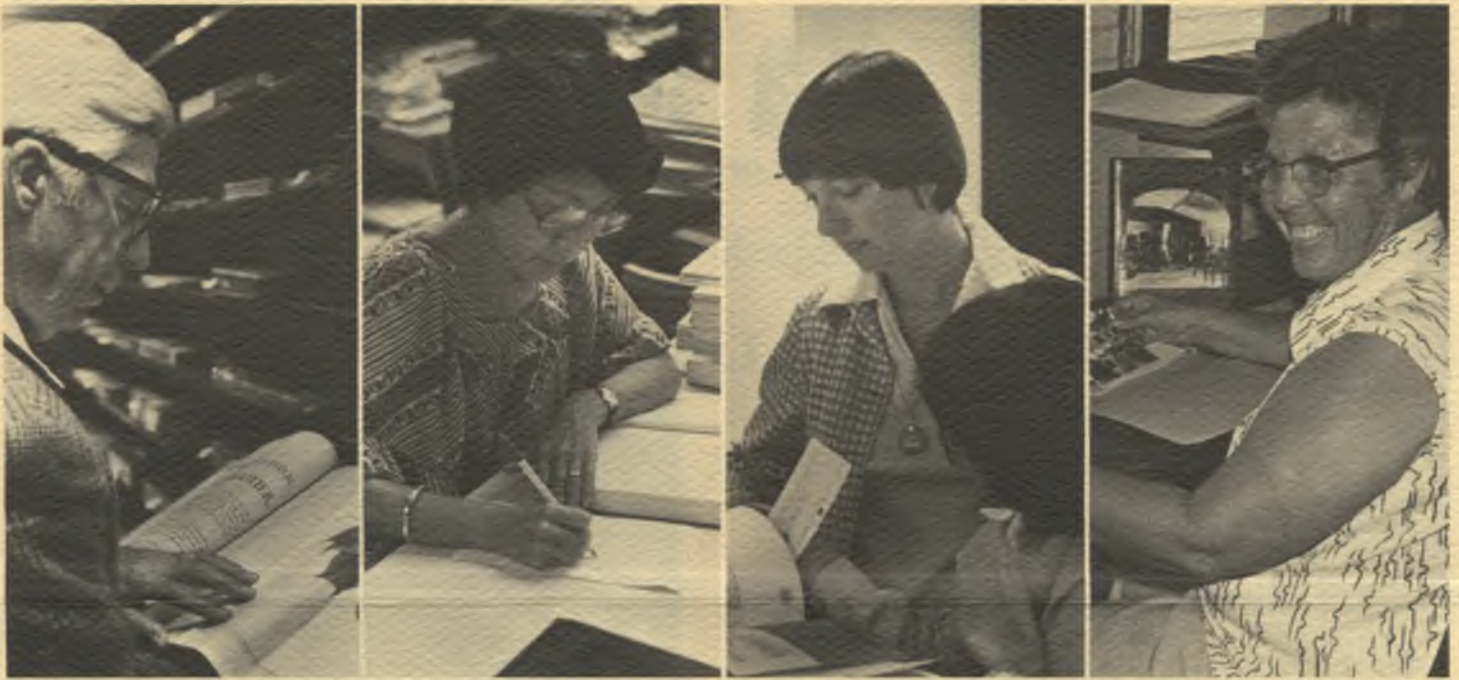
ANNUAL DINNER APRIL 28

University Librarian Don L. Bosseau will be the featured speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Associates of the Library on April 28 in the International Ballroom of the Pagoda Hotel.

Bosseau will speak on the future of the University libraries. Another feature of the meeting will be the presentation of the Associates' annual award for outstanding service. The first award was presented last year to Stanley L. West.

The evening will begin with no-host cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. The price, including tax and gratuity, is \$7.50. Diners have a choice of sauteed mahimahi or baked stuffed chicken breast, and persons making reservations should indicate their choice of entree. Parking for 50 cents will be available at the Hawaii Manufacturing Center, located at the corner of Keeaumoku and Kanunu streets.

Dinner chairman Millie Jue Tsui asks that you mail the enclosed reservation form as soon as possible to assist with making final dinner plans.



Helping out: Frierson, Matsuda, Moelzer, Martin at work.

VOLUNTEERS GIVE PRECIOUS TIME AND ENERGY

Many faculty, student and community members support the University library, all in ways that suit their special talents and schedule. Coordinating these volunteer efforts is a job of Kathee Hoover, a staff member at Hamilton Library.

Faculty and students may help in the selection of library materials, says Hoover, or they give books that they feel might see more use in the library than in their home or office.

Most volunteers have a special interest in a particular collection or service, or have a special talent they wish to contribute. All share an appreciation for and desire to help the library. Hoover and the library staff try to match the background and preferences of a prospective volunteer as closely as possible with the library's needs and programs.

Often times, a special project can be undertaken with volunteer help, where tight schedules and maintenance of essential services may keep staff members from important but non-urgent projects.

"The volunteer's gift of time and energy is a special contribution to any institution, and is most appreciated at the library," says Hoover.

Here are some of the ways that the present corps of volunteers lend a hand:

Janet Moelzer is a science & technology reference librarian who is currently taking classes at the University. She provides reference services two half-days per week, which gives the staff a little time to work on other assignments which need attention. At the same time, Moelzer maintains a current awareness of new reference materials. She also occasionally does a special project which provides the staff with information on which to make decisions about the efficiency of current procedures.

Esther Mookini, who recently completed her master's degree in the Pacific Islands Program, assists the Hawaiian & Pacific collections staff one half-day per week. Her contributions include the paging (retrieving) of materials from the collection for users, and shelfreading, which involves checking the order of books on the shelves to ensure that the call number arrangement of the books is in proper sequence.

With a special interest in photography and especially in

historical photographs, B. Jean Martin helps the University archivist with the photo collection which visually documents University history. Ms. Martin spends about three half-days a month at her work table, which offers a treetop view of middle Manoa, where she sorts photos, devises subject headings, and prepares preliminary description which will eventually result in a guide to the photographic materials in the UH archives.

Gail Urigo, a student in the Graduate School of Library Studies, volunteers two mornings a week at the Sinclair reference office. She has been weeding the undergraduate collection's pamphlet files of outdated materials, assisting with the curriculum guide collection, checking on outstanding orders, bibliographic checking for ordering books, and making an inventory of missing music materials.

Retired UH English professor James Frierson volunteers about an hour each day in the literature section of the rare books vault in special collections. He is systematically surveying the physical condition of these valuable materials, which is essential to ensure their proper conservation and preservation.

Amy Matsuda, better known in her role as the wife of the University president, has been working about two mornings a week with the gifts & exchange unit in acquisitions since June of 1977. She did a considerable part of the processing preparation of the von Bekey art and early science collection. She also assists the librarian there with maintaining order among the duplicate serials so that they may be offered to other libraries.

Edna Nishimura also works with the duplicate serials in gifts & exchange. She makes telephone calls and writes letters which solicit the materials needed by the library.

And Kathryn McKee, member of the Retired Senior Volunteers Program, has been volunteering at the listening center in Sinclair library since 1975. She provides counter service and loans materials to users. She also provides technical assistance and instruction in the use of audio-visual equipment.

"There are as many jobs as there are people willing to help," says Hoover. "We're always glad to see new faces."

If it sounds appealing, give her a call. Her number at the library is 948-7853.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Associates of the Library of the University of Hawaii, Manoa, was established in mid-1976 by a group of public-spirited "founding members."

Those who joined prior to July 1, 1977, were designated "charter members." Together with the founding members, they soon numbered more than 100. Many of these, with their guests, attended the first annual dinner meeting at the Ala Moana Americana Hotel. Among the guests were J. S. Bixler, former president of Colby College and, appropriately, author of material on William James, for the principal speaker was Dr. Leon Edel, author of the definitive biography of Henry James.

The ensuing year, which officially dates from July 1, 1977, has been a productive one for the newly established association.

During the 1977-78 year, a grant of \$300 was received from Michael Markvich for the purchase of materials on Israeli aquaculture as a memorial to his grandmother. A grant was made to Chris Tomoyasu to attend a workshop on Women in Library Management, and books were presented to the library in memory of Amos P. Leib, an active and beloved member.

Your chairman was a member of a committee set up to search for a new University librarian upon the retirement of Stanley West, and the Associates participated in receptions for the candidates under consideration.

Aside from these items, the year was one in which the purposes of the association were minutely scrutinized and spelled out in greater detail. At the request of Jerry Dupont, chairman of the program committee, a sub-committee composed of the members of the executive committee further defined the goals and established priorities based upon the by-laws. The resulting recommendations were received and forwarded to the board, which accorded them its approval at its meeting on the first of December.

They included, in priority order, the following: publication of *Ka Nuhou*, stimulating greater understanding and appreciation of library resources and services, group activities, meeting professional travel needs, attracting gifts and bequests, searching out and acquiring rare and unusual books, recognizing library service, developing membership, securing volunteers and providing forums for the exchange of ideas.

Your directors have wisely been disinclined to conduct the affairs of the association in a desultory manner, nor have they fallen undisciplined prey to whatever disassociated projects that might be presented to them. They felt strongly that the members and the public at large had a right to know what might be expected of the association. In pursuing this course of consolidation, the directors knowingly opened themselves to the charge of being responsible for apparent inactivity. But I am convinced that their course was a correct one, which I am sure the future will confirm. I commend them and the chairmen and members of our committees and am grateful for their support.

Now that the air has been cleared, now that our aims have been made manifest, I foresee an active and productive future for the Associates. At the same time, I call upon the members and the public to make demands upon the board within the guidelines that have been established. I am confident that the directors will deal fairly with such demands, always with an eye to priorities. And so it is that I depend upon you, the members, the staff, and the general public, to bombard the directors with enlightened proposals. Do not disappoint me! Only in this way will the Associates prosper. Thank you.

THOMAS NICKERSON

Associates Welcome Members

The purpose of the Associates of the Library of the University of Hawaii at Manoa is to stimulate greater understanding and appreciation of the resources and services available at the several libraries of the Manoa campus, and to attain excellence in the library's collections, facilities and services.

The association welcomes new members. To enroll, send your name, address and telephone number, along with your membership contribution, to the Associates, Hamilton Library, 2550 The Mall, Honolulu 96822. Categories and charges for membership in the Associates are as follows:

Student, \$5	Institutional, \$75
Regular, \$15	Sustaining, \$100
Contributing, \$50	Patron, \$500

Membership in the organization is tax-deductible. The Associates is affiliated with the University of Hawaii Foundation.

Members are also invited to participate in various organizational activities and committees.

OPEN HOUSE THIS FALL

"Phase II" of Hamilton Library was completed in 1977, adding 174,000 square feet, more than doubling the size of the University's research library, and providing adequate room for the library's 1.5 million volumes. After two and a half years of moving collections, service units, and installing new equipment and furniture, the project will be completed this summer.

To say "mahalo" to patrons for their patience with the chaos, and to set aside a day which will be devoted to familiarizing students, faculty, and the community with its services and collections, Hamilton Library is having a Grand Open House on Friday, September 15. The open house idea was the brainchild of the Associates' program committee.

University librarian Don Bosseau has appointed a group of staff members and two members of the Manoa library committee to make the plans and arrangements. There will be a brief ceremony and remarks in the morning, followed by open house activities for the remainder of the day. The various units of the library will be explaining their materials, functions, and services, both in the public and technical service areas. Tours will provide visitors with a physical orientation to the library's layout and locations of service units.

The executive committee of the Associates has authorized the expenditure of funds to help defray the costs of the open house. Associates members will be receiving invitations during the summer, and more information will be forthcoming in the Honolulu newspapers and the *University Bulletin*.



Hamilton Library, University of Hawaii at Manoa

WEST RECEIVES AWARD

One of the purposes of the Associates is "to recognize achievements of persons who have served the community in library affairs."

Last year, at their first annual dinner meeting, Stanley Leroy West, retiring University librarian, was so honored. He was presented with a certificate printed by Dr. A. Grove Day at his White Knight Press in green ink, the University's official color, reminiscent of "green Manoa Valley."

The certificate stated that the Associates wished to express "their deep appreciation for the high level of services he has rendered as University librarian between July 1, 1968, and June 30, 1977, during which time he was instrumental in establishing the Associates." It awarded him an honorary life membership in the organization and extended to him "warmest wishes for happy and healthy retirement years."

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and the American Society for Information Science, and was president of the Library Automation Research and Communications Association in 1975. He was a member of the board of directors of SOLINET and chairman of the college and university libraries section of the Southeast Library Association before he resigned both offices to come to Hawaii. He is currently a member of the Association of Research Libraries task force on membership criteria.

Don L. Bosseau will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Associates on April 28, with an address entitled: "Coping with Old Problems and New Dimensions." In an interview he mentioned some of his plans for long-range improvement of the operation of the library.

"I am interested in the application of new technologies whenever economically feasible and when improved service to our users can be realized. But above all, the pressure of inflation and funding limitations are the urgent problems. Obviously, if money is available, problems in such areas as acquisitions, personnel, and equipment are more easily dealt with. As one example of lack of money, the stringent budgets of recent years have not enabled the library to keep even with the inflation of

the costs of books and journal subscriptions. If magazine subscriptions are allowed to lapse, replacement of the missed issues of serials is expensive and too often impossible. That is why the UH library, like many academic research libraries, has seen a larger and larger proportion of its library materials fund used for serials, while book funds have suffered."

Bosseau mentioned a number of transitions that libraries must plan towards in the future. With the Library of Congress (LC) plans to close its card catalog in 1980 come changes necessitated by the probable ending of cataloging information produced on printed cards or proof slips. It is possible that in order to take advantage of the Library of Congress' cataloging efforts, libraries will have to be able to make use of LC's cataloging data distributed on magnetic tapes or through one of the computer-based networks. The Hawaii State Library has just issued its first computer-produced microfilm catalog of recent acquisitions. The University of Chicago, Stanford, the University of Toronto, and dozens of other academic, research, and public libraries have major computer-assisted applications already operating which have made major impacts on their operations.

The new librarian also mentioned the implications of the revised national copyright law that went into force on January 1; the possibility of connecting our library with a national computer system that would facilitate processing acquisitions and inter-library loans; improved security to protect the library's books and journals from theft; and strengthening the holdings in areas of excellence. "A library is not an assembly-line operation," he concluded. "Every book is different from every other book; there are no interchangeable parts. In the flood of information now available, selecting the items that will be most used by our people is critical. The library of a state university—especially one located several thousand miles offshore in the Pacific—must be ready to handle a multitude of needs. That requires planning, and optimum use of book and personnel funds so that the library can meet most of the needs of most of its users most of the time. That, in itself, represents an idealistic approach which is only marginally realistic in this day and age."

Mr. Bosseau and his wife, Kay, have been married 19 years and share interests in music, travel, and sports. In his spare time, which he says has predictably decreased as he has moved into positions of increasing responsibility, Mr. Bosseau likes to mix some athletic activities such as tennis and windsurfing (on a small sailing craft) with his more sedentary hobbies of movie making, photography, and song writing.

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ANNUAL MEETING

International Ballroom, Pagoda Hotel

Friday, April 28, 1978

No-host cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Price, \$7.50

Speaker:

Mr. Don L. Bosseau, University Librarian
"Coping with Old Problems and New Dimensions"

Parking available for a 50-cent charge at
Hawaii Manufacturing Center, Keeaumoku and Kanunu Streets

RESERVATION FORM

Ms. Millie J. Tsui
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Honolulu, HI 96822

I plan to attend the annual meeting of the Associates. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to cover _____ reservations at \$7.50 each.

Choice of entree: _____ Mahimahi with Lemon Butter and Rice
_____ Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast, Duchess Potatoes

Either entree is served with Tropical Tossed Greens, Hot Vegetables, Sherbet, and Beverage.

Please make reservations before Thursday, April 20.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

(If you wish to join the Associates or renew your membership, you may use this same form. Fill in the information above and enclose your membership payment, so indicated. Individual annual membership categories are: Student, \$5; Regular, \$15; Contributing, \$50; Sustaining, \$100 and Patron, \$500. Institutional memberships are \$75. Membership contributions are tax-deductible.)