

Men With Pizazz

He's Got Lots Of Books

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He's got books.

Hundreds, thousands of them...

David Heron is responsible for the books that are contained in McHenry Library at University of California at Santa Cruz. He is University Librarian.

Soft-spoken, a low-key, tweed-jacket sort of person, he not only appears to be, but obviously is, right at home with books.

Today at 3 p.m. at UCSC he is co-hosting the dedication ceremonies for McHenry Library which also will mark the completion of Library Unit II, an addition which greatly increases the library's capacity.

"Isn't it great!" he said with enthusiasm, pointing at the new addition.

The new five-story extension adds 43,000 square feet of library space — room for approximately 225,000 additional volumes.

"We have some 525,000 books now," Heron said. "The completion of the new unit gives us a capacity for 750,000 volumes which should serve our needs into the 1980s."

The library, which is named for UCSC's founding chancellor, Dean E. McHenry, will be formally dedicated today.

"In reference to the area between Stanford University and UC Santa Barbara, the McHenry Library is the most important library," Heron noted. "And it's a good library."

What makes a "good" library?

"Whether or not it is appropriate to the institution," he explained. "I inherited it from Don Clark who was the founding librarian — he really built the place."

The library, which was one of the first buildings to be constructed on the UCSC campus, was completed in 1966. It was designed by John Carl Warnecke and Associates of San Francisco.

Actual planning for the addition of Unit II was done under the direction of Clark before he retired in 1973. He is now University Librarian Emeritus.

"It usually takes from four to six years from the earliest planning stage to completion of the building," Heron said.

There is very little irrelevant material in McHenry Library in relation to what's going on at UCSC, Heron noted.

There are some unique and unusually good small collections of special material. Among them are Santa Cruz history, Robert Heinlein's manuscripts, Kenneth Patchen's poetry books — and the largest collection of Thomas Carlyle's manuscripts and books outside of

the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

These non-circulating collections are available to the public and to scholars.

Another unusual project carried on at the library is the Lime Kiln Press which is used for printing special — very special — limited editions. One recently printed book, which sold for \$250 when first out, is now going for \$400 or more. Only 100 copies were printed.

In addition to the core collection of books and reference materials at the library there is a wide range of government publications, newspapers, periodicals, maps, slides and recordings.

There is also a Special Collections department which contains rare and valuable non-circulating tapes, letters, pamphlets, manuscripts, posters, notebooks, photographs and memorabilia.

Library volumes are carefully selected with a view to the budget as well as relevance, by staff librarians who are advised by faculty members. Every year approximately 30,000 books are added. (That breaks down to about 250 books a month.)

The library materials are listed in a 40-volume book-form computerized catalog which replaces the standard card index. It lists all books, microfilms, periodicals and phonorecordings in the library.

The UCSC catalog is one of the largest known computer-based library catalogs in book form. Copies of the catalog are located on each floor of the library and in each of UCSC's eight colleges. Supplements are published every six months.

Heron began his career as a reference librarian at UCLA in 1948. In 1952 he went to Tokyo, Japan, to serve as librarian at the American Embassy. A year later he returned to UCLA as staff assistant to the librarian, and in 1955 he joined Stanford University library staff. In 1960-61 he took a year's leave of absence to go to University of the Ryukyus on Okinawa.

His peripatetic career brought him back to University of Nevada a year later to become Director of Libraries, and seven years later he assumed that same title at University of Kansas.

The Herons have three children, two of whom are grown: James, an architect based in Aptos, and Holly, a nurse. Another son, Charles, is in a local elementary school.

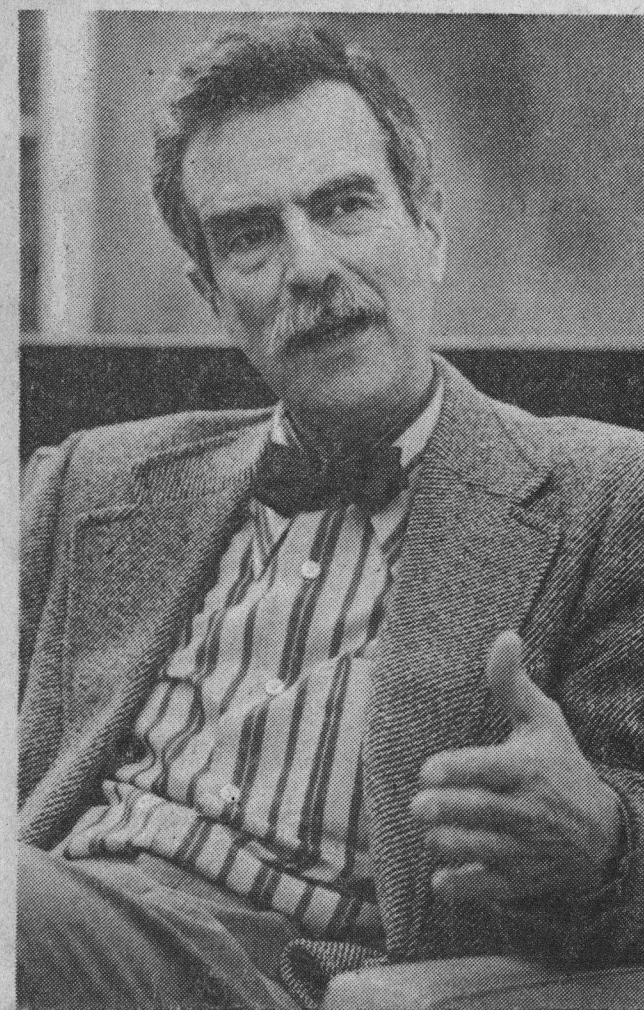
Heron hopes that the general public will be well represented today at the dedication ceremonies.

"The McHenry Library is open to the public for reference use," he emphasizes. "It is a public institution, tax-supported. And if the public wishes to take out books, a \$10 membership in Friends of the UCSC Library makes that possible."

He likes books — and he wants others to use them and enjoy them as he does.



David Heron, UCSC Librarian, stands in front of the new addition at McHenry Library which will be dedicated today at 3 p.m. with ceremonies in the library foyer. Heron succeeded founding UCSC librarian Donald Clark in 1974. Among the dignitaries at today's event will be Clark, who is now UCSC Librarian Emeritus; UCSC's founding chancellor, Dean E. McHenry, who is UCSC Chancellor Emeritus and for whom the library is named; UCSC Chancellor Angus E. Taylor, and Mrs. Stanley Magagnosc, president of The Friends. Speaker will be Lawrence Clark Powell, author, librarian, teacher and bibliophile.



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