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Geraldine Mendez, Sharon Boyanton, Gay Schell and Carolyn Martindale (l to r) give direction from the circulation desk

## Library supports students

By Carol Woods

A library, my dictionary says, is "a repository for literary and artistic materials, such as books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, and prints, kept for reading or reference." And a librarian is a custodian of a library. McDermott and staff have enlarged these definitions.

*Self-Guided Tour*, a comprehensive booklet recently published, has a route planned to get you from section to section: reference area, copy center (duplicating service, enlarging/reducing of originals, microfiche copying), Government Documents (a selective depository for U.S. and Texas documents since the early 1970s), Instructional Media and Curriculum Materials (slides, recordings, children's books, autism collection), Media Services (photography, lamination, video), Special Collections (Translation Library, Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library, History of Aviation Collection, and more), classrooms and study areas.

Interlibrary Loan is available to get either books or photocopies of materials not owned by UTD.

Li-wan Chang, Online Searching Coordinator, told me about her department (see related story) and why she left Chicago (the weather) and why she chose the Dallas area (the weather). Li-wan enjoys the good Chinese restaurants here, but isn't into the local cuisine yet.

Kathryn Crawford, catalog librarian, was doing a stint at the reference desk and showed me the award winning AHE Union list of serials. This is a compilation of all the periodicals owned by all the AHE

members in the metroplex. The new list will be on microfiche.

Lila Babcock, Gay Schell and Geraldine Mendez let me in on the "inner workings" of the circulation desk. Not only do they deal with all sorts of library questions, they also give directions to the bursar's office and the bookstore. Just name a location on campus, and they've given directions to it. They even help people get to the Mercury office. Geraldine says that the best part of her job is the people she works with, and the second-best part is the people she gets to meet.

Jean Goodenkauf, Public Services secretary, gave me my "scoop." Each of the coin-operated copy machines will soon be equipped to accept a card (very similar to a credit card) as well as coins. These cards will be good for 71 copies and will sell for \$5 each. More about these when they are all installed.

Though not a direct part of the library, the Center for Translation Studies is on the third floor of McDermott. *Mundus Artium: A Journal of International Literature and the Arts* is edited and published by the center. Stephanie Stearns, executive secretary of the American Literary Translators Association is also located here. ALTA is building a collection of the original work and the translated version, which then goes into the translation library in special collections. Literature and criticism, as well as a journal collection, are all processed at this location.

Dr. Ed Walters, director of Libraries, explained the con-

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struction going on outside his office was to accommodate the duplicate book exchange program that involves 20 colleges. UTD will collect, sort, and make lists of the titles available, and then ship the books out to their new homes. For doing the work on the project, UTD gets first pick of the books. He also said the Library of Congress acquisition program was going well and that recently he has been able to get 1200 volumes for \$1 each through the Universal Serials and Book Exchange Consortium. Since the average cost of a book in the UTD library is now up to \$29, savings like this really help in getting the collection up to where it needs

to be.

Dr. Walters also mentioned the display cases that are now installed in the lobby. The first displays will be library-oriented, but staff, students or clubs can call Larry Sall in Special Collections to reserve space in the cases.

Computerization of the search and check-out system is a long-term goal of Dr. Walters. At present, all author, title, subject and shelf-list information goes on magnetic tape in readiness for the time when money and equipment are available.

My tour of the library was rewarding and informative. The people were friendly, and McDermott has a lot to offer.