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Transferring Books from Old Library to New

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DAYTON, Ohio, December 16, 1970 — It's moving time at the University of Dayton.

The gigantic task of transferring a quarter million books from old library quarters to the new 8-story structure will begin Friday, Dec. 18. The complicated operation, which also includes an additional 50,000 periodicals, documents and pamphlets, is expected to be completed in five days.

The master plan for the move was worked out by industrial engineering students of the university's Technical Institute. Their 45-page "manual of moving" includes such details as the average time to load a cardboard carton with 10 books (36 seconds), or the time to run a loaded forklift from Albert Emanuel to the new building (1 1/3 minutes).

The labor force for moving the 300,000 books and periodicals will be supplied by 45 students. Student labor costs for the move are estimated at about $3,000. Materials, such as wooden pallets, staple guns and the like, will bring the cost of the move to about $4,000.

Most of the books will come from Albert Emanuel, the main library adjacent to the new structure, but specialized collections in Sherman and Wohlleben Halls will also be moved to the new structure.

The new facility has storage space for 800,000 volumes and can accommodate 2,500 students at one time.

It incorporates new concepts in library design. The institutional look is gone--no row upon unbroken row of shelves in the traditional pattern of the past. Carpeting, color, and decor create an informal and attractive atmosphere. As Brother Raymond Nartker, S.M., the director puts it, "Books and students will mix" in pleasant club-like surroundings.

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