

A new **WORLD** of information

Library services is an ever-changing field
and Dean Garry Warren is keeping the university's resources up-to-date

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When most students hear the word "library," they think of books and long hours of dreaded research. Dr. Garry Warren, dean of Library Services, has an enthusiastic outlook on the library, one that he hopes to share with all university students.

Dean Warren is a relatively new member of the faculty. He came to the university in August, 1987, from Hays, Kansas. He had previously worked as director of libraries at Hays State University.

Dean Warren has responsibilities not only to Collier Library but to other learning-related buildings on campus. He coordinates and is in charge of all library activities on campus, whether the activities involve Collier Library, the music library, Kilby Library, or the learning resource center and media center in the Education Nursing Building.

Dean Warren said the fall brought many

As dean of Library Services, Dr. Garry Warren's duties extend beyond Collier Library and into other buildings on campus such as the music library, Kilby Library, the learning resource center and the media center in ENB. (Photo by Kevin Adams)

advances to the libraries. The card catalog was replaced by computer tape so that a terminal will be used to help students search for information.

"Libraries are changing," said Warren, "to the business of information storage and retrieval." He also said that society is changing "from an industrial age to the information age" and that libraries are "not only in the book business but in the information business, also."

Dean Warren said that paper indexes will be replaced by CD-ROM (compact disc-read only memory) in an additional effort to make finding information as simple as possible. He said he is confident that the students will be able to deal with the computers easily.

Anyone interested in library services as a career should first get a college education, said Dean Warren, and should also get a minimum of a masters degree in library science.

Warren took his education even further:

he received an advanced masters degree and a PhD from Florida State University. He is currently enjoying a successful career as a result of it.

"I feel that in this time we live in, library services is an exciting field," said Warren, "because electronics, computers, and telecommunications lend themselves to library usage."

If Dean Warren had not entered the field of library services, however, he would have pursued a completely different career.

"I would be some type of craftsman, such as in the area of carpentry," he said. Warren has been involved in the remodeling of his house. He said he admires people who "can show some type of creativity with their hands."

Dean Warren has great plans for all the campus libraries and hopes that all students will take advantage of the improvements in them.

