

FIELD BRIEFS

Botany Has New Associate Curator

Dr. John J. Engel, recently appointed the Donald Richards Associate Curator of Bryology, is the Department of Botany's newest staff member. He came to the Museum from Michigan State University, East Lansing, where he was a post-doctoral research associate, having received his Ph.D. in 1971. Dr. Engel's current research is on south temperate and subantarctic hepatics (liverworts).

John J. Engel



New Assistant Curator of Fishes

Dr. Robert K. Johnson recently joined the Department of Zoology as Assistant Curator of Fishes. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California (San Diego) in 1971. His dissertation research was on a family of deep sea fishes at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. In the intervening year Dr. Johnson was a research associate at the University of Maryland, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, working on the eggs and larval stages of Chesapeake Bay fishes.

Robert K. Johnson



National Science Foundation Grants

Field Museum was recently awarded grants by the National Science Foundation to support two important research projects of its scientific staff for a period of 24 months. One grant of \$30,900 is for a study of the taxonomy of the Basidiomycetes, directed by Dr. Rolf Singer, visiting research curator of mycology in the Department of Botany. A grant for \$36,100 supports work on the comparative anatomical and phylogenetic relations of the elasmobranch fishes, under the direction of Dr. Rainer Zangerl, Chairman of the Department of Geology.

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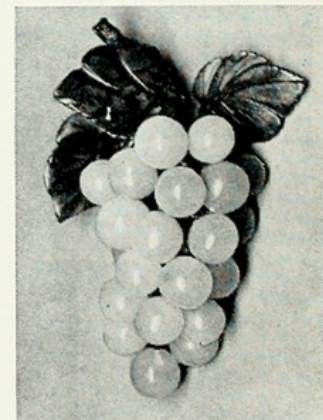
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Merrill Trust Gift to Help "Man in His Environment" Program

E. Lee Cotton, Vice President of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., recently presented a \$50,000 check from the Merrill Trust to Field Museum Director E. Leland Webber, as Dr. Robert F. Inger, the Museum's Assistant Director, Science and Education, looked on. The sum from the Merrill Trust will be matched by a gift from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The funds will be used for a comprehensive public education program, "Man in His Environment." The core of the program consists of a permanent exhibit at Field Museum as well as a traveling version of the same exhibit designed to visit other metropolitan areas. The exhibit opening at Field Museum is scheduled for 1974.

Jade grapes from mainland China.



Museum Has Exotic Holiday Gifts

In the Book Shop you can find jade from the Far East at \$4 to \$200; a leather shoulder bag decorated with cowry shells made by the Mossi tribe of Africa's Upper Volta; a wall hanging made from a patterned, hand-woven Ethiopian camel blanket; collectors' rock and mineral specimens; African glazed clay trade beads; lacquer ware and coin necklaces from Taiwan; and much, much more, from stocking stuffers to Important Presents—all at a 10 percent discount for Museum Members, of course. Come and see.



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