



Herpetologist Joins Staff

Dr. Harold K. Voris, a native of Chicago, has recently been appointed assistant curator of reptiles. Formerly a faculty member of Dickenson College, Carlisle, Pa., he holds an AB degree from Hanover College and a PhD from the University of Chicago. Dr. Voris has done special work on snake venom, on sea snake ecology, and on the population biology of frogs.

Dr. Robert F. Betz Honored

Dr. Robert F. Betz, research associate of the department of botany, was honored recently by the Illinois Audubon Society. In recognition of his outstanding work in conservation, Dr. Betz was declared Illinois Audubon Man of the Year. A professor of biology at Northeastern Illinois University, in Chicago, Dr. Betz has been affiliated with the Museum since 1971. He also serves as consultant to the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission and is coordinator of the Gensburg-Markham Prairie, a tract of virgin land just outside of Chicago. Dr. Betz was among the first to recognize the unique worth of Markham Prairie and has worked for its conservation for more than a decade.

Illinois Arts Council Grant For African Exhibition

The Illinois Arts Council has recently awarded a \$4,500 grant for planning and development of the Contemporary African Arts Exhibition, scheduled to open at Field Museum in the spring of 1974. The grant is funded jointly by the National Endowment for the Arts and by the Illinois Arts Council, an agency of the state.

Grade Schoolers Select Indian Studies



When sixth graders at the Chippewa School in Bensenville were asked to choose the program they would most like to study at Field Museum, they unanimously selected the cultures of the Woodland and Plains Indians. Two of the youngsters, Beth Cowling and Steve Craig, who are of Indian ancestry, are shown looking at one of the exhibits they saw during their recent visit. Incidentally, Steve is the great-grandson of Sitting Bull, famous American Indian warrior and tribal leader.



Dr. Phillip Lewis (left), curator of primitive art and Melanesian ethnology, is shown with Mrs. Danielle Demetz of France, Richard B. Nunoo of Ghana, and Gregorio B. Folgar of Guatemala as they view a group of Malvina Hoffman sculptures in the President's Room. The visitors were members of a group of foreign museum professionals, here to study museum operations.

New Building Superintendent Named

Field Museum's new building superintendent is Norman P. Radtke, a Chicago native. In addition to being fully responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Museum's physical plant, Mr. Radtke has important responsibilities coordinating the many construction projects under the museum's \$25 million rehabilitation and modernization programs now in progress.

Foreign Museum Professionals Visit Field Museum

Professional staff personnel of museums in 21 foreign countries made a special visit to Field Museum on June 1. The visit was sponsored by the American Association of Museums in cooperation with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department Of State and was part of a tour that included major U.S. museums. The purpose of the tour was to acquaint the foreign professionals with museum operations in our country. Museums in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australasia, and Central and South America were represented.



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