



Australian Studies at UT on International Grant

Miss Marie Aitchison of Australia is now at the University of Texas studying literature and music to adolescents. A high school teacher, she is here on an AAUW International Fellowship.



Austinite Studied Abroad on AAUW Fellowship

Memorabilia of Robert Browning are kept in a bank vault by Dr. Gertrude Reese Hudson. She studied in England in 1949-50 on an international fellowship. One of her books on Browning will be published in the early spring.

A.A.U.W. AIDS EDUCATION

By CLAIRE BANISTER

"To be in America and to breathe free air again, to see light hearted people and happy faces, to realize that they care for Austria and other countries, is to give new life and courage to us who have been 'liberated' first by the Germans and second by the Russians!"

These words of a young Austrian woman who came to America for post graduate study are typical of statements heard each year by members of the American Association of University Women. For this woman's opportunity to come to America was provided by an AAUW fellowship.

One of the purposes of the association is to give women a chance to contribute to world knowledge and understanding. Its fellowship program is based on this thesis.

The Austin Branch of the AAUW, organized in 1923, may perhaps be best known locally for its work in establishing the Austin Public Library. Its members organized the Austin Library Association in 1925, and collected money and books. In 1951, they donated the first Bookmobile.

Or, perhaps, the Austin Branch may be known to some through its AAUW Milk Fund—a project which began with pennies collected in milk bottles and which ultimately developed into the Well Child Conference.

Since its organization, nationally and locally, AAUW members have worked on many civic projects. But their primary interest has been on fellowships.

Fellowships, as distinguished from scholarships, are grants made for post graduate study. They are awarded by the AAUW to American women for study in the US and abroad, and to foreign students for study in America.

From a single \$500 stipend contributed by a handful of women in 1890, the fellowship program has grown to a nationwide project which includes a "Million Dollar Fellowship Endowment Fund," completed in 1953.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae was organized in Boston in 1882 to unite college women for practical education work. In 1921, it became the AAUW. The first purpose of the founders was the opening of educational "doors" to women. They believed women should be admitted to colleges and universities as "learners," and that women of exceptional intellectual gifts should be encouraged to do creative scholarly work and to prepare for positions of responsibility.

Money for the early fellowships came from individual contributions and small memorial endowments. As the years went on, funds from various sources and contributions from an ever increasing membership made more fellowships possible. Now, some 34 are offered each year.

A General Fellowships Fund was created in 1910, when the members voted to assign 25 cents of each \$2 national membership fee to the fund. An AAUW International Fellowship was established in 1923 with a sum drawn each year from the General Fellowships Fund.

Then, in 1927, with the number of well qualified applicants far exceeding the number of fellowships available, the AAUW launched its most ambitious project—the Million Dollar Fellowship Fund. To raise this sum, the membership was organized into 21 units. Each unit assumed the responsibility of raising enough money to endow one fellowship, usually \$40,000.

The Texas unit raised its \$40,000 fund by 1945 and named it the Helen Marr Kirby Fellowship, in honor of the first dean of women in the Southwest. Mrs. Kirby was named "Lady Assistant" at the University in 1884, and in 1903 became dean of women.

The Austin Branch contributed to this fund and raised an additional \$10,000 for its own fellowship program at the University, named the University of Texas AAUW Fund.

So that more women may benefit from its fellowships, the AAUW is continuously seeking ways and means to provide more grants. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Austin Branch will engage in a project to further that goal, through the cooperation of T. H. Williams.

The project is called "Scholarship Days," and a percentage of sales made on those days will be given to AAUW by the store at any customer's request. Individuals who wish to have their purchase credited to the AAUW may do so by simply telling the sales clerk who serves them.

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Local Grant Aids English Student's UT Work

Mrs. Corinne Kauffman Adams (left) counselor at Kirby Hall, she is shown working on her doctorate as this year's local fund grantee at UT. A Miss Merle Teschner, an English major at UT.



'53-'54 Holder of Local Grant Continues Study

Working on a doctorate at UT and teaching freshman history at STSC in San Marcos keep Miss Madge Maier a busy woman. Last year's grantee of the UT AAUW Fund, her studies are on Turkey and the Turkish Revolution.



Austin AAUW Members To Raise More Fellowship Funds

Scholarship Fund Days begin Thursday at T. H. Williams. Chairman of the project, Mrs. J. B. Golden (right), holds a sign — to be placed in the store — for final inspection by Mrs. D. Richard Bowles, president of the Austin Branch. Money raised through the project will be used for more AAUW fellowships.



State, Local Chairmen Supervise Complex Grant Program

Fellowships mean many things to AAUW members, and Mrs. G. H. Newlove (left) worked out a cratic explanation of them that is now on AAUW place mats. State fellowship chairman, she is shown here with Mrs. T. A. Hodges, local chairman, as they mailed mats to San Antonio for the state convention in April.