

Barker Collection Move Delayed Until Art Classes Relocated

Due to the crowded conditions at the University the deadline of February 1, 1947, for the Eugene C. Barker Historical Center to occupy the Old Library Building may be extended indefinitely, Alexander Moffit, librarian, said Monday.

Selected last December 11, 1945, to be site of the Barker Historical collections, the Old Li-

brary is due for a spring cleaning before the shrine of Texas culture enters the building. Because art classes haven't found other accommodations, reconditioning of the center, dedicated to 71-year-old Eugene C. Barker, professor of American history, will be delayed.

"That's not my pigeon, and thank heaven I don't have to shoot it," Mr. Moffit said when asked where the art classes would be housed. "But obviously improvements can't be made until the art department vacates the place," he said.

Much work must be done on the Old Library before the various documents of Lone Star history may be placed in the 32-year-old structure. New book shelves and space to store records and Texas newspapers are needed before the

center approved by the Board of Regents may be established.

The Barker collections of books, records and newspapers are now housed in three separate sections of the Main Library. Since early in the 1930's there has been a demand to set up this center where all historical records of the state may be consolidated.

"The Barker Historical Center will be the mecca of Texas History", said Mr. Moffit.

It will be the largest such institution in the world. Mr. Moffit commented that writers and those doing research on Texas history will find in the center the details of the state's growth and life.

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Plans are for the renovation of the Old Library Building, R. J. Moffit is supervising the work. After a general renovation, the building will house the Eugene C. Barker Historical Center, named after the famous professor of American history at the University.