

Interview with Professor Emeritus Laddie Berka regarding the old chemistry library in Goddard Hall.

Introduction:

Dr. Laddie Berka, Professor Emeritus, Chemistry Department, reflects on the old chemistry library located in Goddard Hall.

Professor Berka:

We had a library, a department library, in Goddard Hall when I started working at Tech in 1965. I was one of the first occupants in Goddard Hall. It was very convenient to just go down the hall and go to the library and look up journals. The main library was quite a walk. It was over in [Alden] Memorial Auditorium building. I don't remember very much about it, except it was kind of dark and depressing area. And the library at Goddard Hall was very nice. And when the new library was built, we gave all our books and library materials and journals over to Gordon Library. And we then inherited a big space which became a conference room and office for our purchasing agent, places for our secretaries, and a room for our department head. So, it worked out very nicely as a replacement. And it didn't cause very much of a problem going over to the main library. So, what we gained was much more important to us than what we lost.

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