

Performing Arts Research Library Planned For C-U

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A million dollar research library in the performing arts will be built in Champaign-Urbana in the near future, according to a spokesman for the Illinois Foundation for the Dance.

At its annual meeting in Chicago, the Foundation of Directors approved Phase I of a three-stage educational and cultural enrichment program in the arts for Illinois and neighboring states.

The initial phase provides for a five million dollar capital in-

vestment. Four million dollars will be used to construct a preparatory high school in the dramatic and visual arts, and one million dollars will be allotted for a research library in the performing arts.

The high school is expected to be located in the Chicago metropolitan area, and is being designed to serve as a national academy, with its student body drawn from all sections of the nation.

Full Program

A full academic program is envisioned, in addition to pre-professional training in the arts.

The library will house an extensive reference collection, and will include books and periodicals, as well as films, correspondence, archives, design sketches and other production records.

According to Prof. Gilbert G. Wright, 910 W. Park, C, president of the Foundation, no announcement as to the proposed site can be made at this time.

The University of Illinois Library is cooperating with the Foundation in hopes of obtaining a renowned dance collection currently on the market, to serve as a nucleus for further acquisitions.

Other Phases

Phase II will involve an extension of the school program, and Phase III calls for the establishment of a professional resident company of performers in Chicago.

The Illinois Foundation for the Dance, founded in 1967, is a tax exempt, not for profit Illinois corporation established to provide financial support for development of resources in dance and related arts in the Middle West.

The Foundation has offices in Chicago, San Francisco and New York, with headquarters in Champaign located at 533 Robeson Bldg.

In addition to Dr. Wright, local residents serving on the board include Prof. Lloyd E. Berry, Lloyd S. Engert, Maxine C. Engert and Kathleen T. Wright.