

News From the Field

ACQUISITIONS

• A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA librarian this summer has brought back to Berkeley the biggest collection of books to come out of China in a quarter-century. Raymond N. Tang, head of the U.C. East Asiatic Library, purchased some 4,500 volumes on subjects from archaeology to hog-raising. Highlights of the collection will go on public exhibition this fall.

Tang was the first university librarian from the United States to visit the People's Republic of China. He selected the books to give scholars in many fields an intimate picture of present-day life in China, and to shed new light on dramatic cultural and scientific developments there during the years it was isolated from the Western World. In Peking, Tang bought nearly 3,000 books—one of each available at the New China Bookstore, the largest of the country's official bookstores. Old, second-hand, and fine editions were also available in Peking and Shanghai. He also acquired precious rubbings showing script carved in ancient stone tablets. Making stone rubbings is now restricted to preserve the monuments.

Works in the sciences, engineering, and mathematics are well represented. Many of the books are "how to" handbooks on topics like setting up a commune machine shop, using pesticides, repairing farm implements, and raising hogs, chickens, and ducks. Linguistic texts include works on local dialects and lost languages. Some of the volumes deal with recent archaeological discoveries. There are also art folios, woodblock water color prints, illustrated children's books, and folk tales.

Many of the items are unavailable outside China. Tang estimates that others sold on the international market would have cost at least ten times what he paid for them. He plans follow-up acquisition trips to China in 1974 and 1975.

• Walter R. Mears has given Cowles Library of DRAKE UNIVERSITY his notes and working papers on the 1964 presidential campaign of Senator Barry Goldwater. Mr. Mears is an assistant bureau chief for the Associated Press. These papers include his original notebooks, reports, and summaries. They will be held as one of Cowles' special collections.

• An outstanding collection of books on wine and food, a gift from Dr. and Mrs. W. Powell Jones, is a fine addition to the CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY libraries collections. The collection contains 340 volumes and

53 pamphlets. The books and pamphlets, which are from the collection of Frank Hadley Ginn, are mostly in English with a few in French and German.

• The archives of Hugh MacLennan, the distinguished Canadian writer, were purchased by the library of the UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY at a recent auction in Toronto. Dr. MacLennan, professor of English at McGill University, is best known for his books on French-English relations and Quebec aspirations, such as *Two Solitudes* and *The Return of the Sphinx*. Dr. MacLennan has played a prominent role in Canadian cultural life.

The University of Calgary library also purchased the library and papers of the late W. Bridges Adams, the director of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon, 1919-1934, and well-known author on the history of the English theatre. The papers include numerous letters from George Bernard Shaw, Arthur Bliss, Edward Elgar, and other distinguished contemporaries.

• The Allison-Shelley Collection of Anglica-Americana-Germanica, the result of forty years of systematic collecting in the area of English translations, both British and American, of German writing has been given to the Pattee Library of the PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY libraries.

Dr. Philip Allison Shelley, retired professor of German and comparative literature at the university has presented the collection. Currently Dr. Shelley is serving as its curator while engaged in transferring his materials to the library.

The Allison-Shelley Collection of Anglica-Americana-Germanica contains between eight and ten thousand volumes. Works of history and politics, science, medicine, biography and travel, children's books, as well as autograph letters, manuscripts, and objects of pictorial art and phonograph records of German art songs make up the collection.

The collection illustrates the literary and cultural relations of England and the United States with Germany.

Between seventy-five and a hundred volumes printed before 1770, including dictionaries, biographies, political tracts, chapbooks, and travel books, are unique to this collection.

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The grants in aid of research and development will range from \$1,500 to \$2,000 and will not normally be renewable. Any member of CLA may apply for a grant.

Applications for grants should be in the form of a research proposal which should include a brief statement of the problem or purpose, a summary of related research, the method to be used (including time schedule), and potential application of results. The research methodology may or may not include the testing of hypotheses.

The results should make a contribution to knowledge in the field of Canadian library science but "contribution to knowledge" is interpreted to include the development of practical tools as well as contributions to theory.

In evaluating proposals, preference will be given to projects whose results will be generalizable and/or to projects which use research methods capable of assisting the profession to undertake other studies of a similar nature. In funding projects, CLA acquires the right of first rejection for any manuscript resulting from the completed research.

Interested CLA members should write to CLA Headquarters for a project proposal form. The deadline for submission of proposals is December 1, 1973. Awards will be made by the Library Research and Development Committee in January or February 1974.

• **MILES COLLEGE** (Birmingham, Alabama) has received a \$50,000 matching grant under the joint College Library Program of the Council on Library Resources (CLR) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to pursue a proposed five-year program entitled: "Bridging the Student Library Use Gap through Library Instruction—A New Experience for the Students of Miles College." Including the joint CLR-NEH grant, Miles College has budgeted \$101,200 over the next five years toward obtaining its broad objective. The improvement of the often neglected partnership between faculty and library staff is an integral part of the program.

The administration, faculty, and library staff at Miles College, a small, private institution serving a predominantly black student body, consider a strong program for orienting students to the library a vital necessity, since many entering students have neither the habit of using books nor a recognition of their importance. The college proposes to coordinate instruction in the use of the library with the college curriculum. Such instruction of students in the effective and efficient use of the library is expected to encourage them to develop the habit of self-education both during and after

the completion of their academic years.

A committee of librarians and faculty associates from each instructional division will be formed to serve in an advisory capacity as courses are developed. All such courses will be team-taught by full-time, regularly appointed faculty and librarians. The program will be coordinated by a full-time professional librarian working directly with the head librarian. An administrative assistant will be responsible for the preparation and dissemination of special materials used in the program.

• The National Agricultural Library has awarded a \$13,740 grant to **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** to investigate the feasibility of providing the cooperative extension personnel with greater access to sources of information. Cooperative Extension Service personnel are responsible for providing information to the agricultural community. The sources of information are numerous and diffuse, including personal knowledge, reference materials, libraries, agricultural experts, agriculturally-oriented businessmen, and the farmer, himself.

It is hoped, through this investigation, to discover and characterize an information network of the county agents and the extension specialists. Emphasis will focus on services that libraries can best provide through county libraries, the state land-grant college libraries

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and the National Agricultural Library and how the services should be structured and financed.

Co-investigators are Mr. R. W. Burns and Dr. Le Moyne W. Anderson, director, Morgan Library, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80521.

• The **AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY** has been awarded a two-year grant totaling \$57,345 by the National Endowment for the Humanities to create an index for the documents written by or for prominent Americans of the period 1763 to 1815 as listed in approximately 12,000 book auction and dealers' catalogs from 1867 to date. The majority of these catalogs are in the collections of the American Antiquarian Society.

For a number of years, the editors of the writings of American political and literary leaders (Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, for example) have known that these catalogs contained clues to the whereabouts of previously unknown manuscripts and private papers of famous early Americans—source material of great value to their historical research. A group of two dozen of these editors, led by Robert Rutland, editor of the *Papers of James Madison*, began a project last year to research this untapped resource, but the limited funds for the effort were exhausted this spring.

• Dr. Frederick Burkhardt, chairman of the **NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**, has announced the awarding of contracts for studies to be done in support of the commission's objectives. The contracts are in priority areas designated by the commission as those in which it must gather new information in order to fulfill its charge of providing advice and direction to the federal, state, and local governments and to public and private agencies.

Westat, Inc., of Rockville, Maryland, will provide a feasibility study for regional lending library resource centers. Their one-year contract also includes the initiation of a study for the feasibility of regional bibliographic centers. The contract amount is \$58,248 and Eugene Palmour is principal investigator.

Continuing education for professionals in libraries and related information service is the general area of investigation to be undertaken by the Library School of Catholic University. Dean Elizabeth Stone will direct a team of experts to provide guidance to the commission regarding the extended education of library technicians and trustees as well as graduate librarians. The nine-month contract was signed for \$52,452.

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computer-usage program is expected to be strengthened in 1973-74 to permit students and faculty to conduct fast, accurate searches of the university library from any of thirty-five campus terminals. A \$28,000 grant to the Bucknell University library from the Council on Library Resources is supporting this program.

Seventy-five percent of Bucknell's students already use the campus computer in course work. And Bucknell's on-line library data base includes records of approximately 25,000 of the library's 200,000 books. The council grant will enable additional computer storage to be rented to permit the entire bibliographic file at Bucknell to go on-line. The complete file is already in machine-readable form.

While Bucknell's current system enables a search of the on-line files by author-title, title alone, and Library of Congress (LC) number, its enlarged plan calls for subject search capability as well. Using LC classification numbers, a user will be able to ask the computer to locate and display the authors and titles associated with the subject of interest, examine the near neighbors of his original hit in the file, or he may pick an author's name from the response and enter the system again on the author's name to see what else the author may have written.

• **NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY'S** School of Library Science has received a grant of \$29,998 from the Bureau of Libraries and Learning Resources of the U.S. Office of Education. The grant is for completion of a six-state African-American Materials Project. Dr. Annette L. Phinazee, dean of the school and director of the project, said the grant is less than half that given the project in 1972-73. She said additional funding will be sought. The grant provides support only for the development of publishable manuscripts from data previously collected by librarians at six predominantly black universities. Support had been asked for further data collection.

Previous support by the Bureau of Libraries and Learning Resources, totaling \$127,944, had permitted the identification of a number of collections of books, periodicals, and manuscripts by and about black Americans in the six-state area, which includes North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina, and Alabama. Project members had hoped to continue

to identify and locate these collections. Instead, support was given only for the employment of the project's assistant director and library assistant, and of a three member advisory board, including an advisory editor, to compile the collected information in publishable form.

MEETINGS

OCT. 12: LIBRARIES, INFORMATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT will be held at the Statler Hilton Hotel. The conference is being sponsored by the New York Chapters of the American Society for Information Science and the Special Libraries Association. Members will receive reservation forms in the mail. Others may obtain additional information from Carmela Carbone, Engineering Societies Library, 345 East 47th St., New York, NY 10017.

OCT. 12-13: ARCHIVES. The fall meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference will be held in Philadelphia on October 12-13. For further information contact Peter Silverman, Urban Archives, Paley Library, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

OCT. 15-26: ARCHIVES ADMINISTRATION. The Twenty-Ninth Institute, Introduction to Modern Archives Administration, will be held at the National Archives Building. The institute will be directed by Dr. Frank B. Evans, assistant to the archivist, with Dr. Edward L. Weldon, of the Records Appraisal Division and editor of *The American Archivist*, serving as assistant director. While emphasizing public records and archives, the institute will feature a faculty experienced in all phases of work with archives and manuscripts, and is offered by the National Archives and Records Service as a professional service. It is accredited by the Department of History of the American University, and is cosponsored by the Library of Congress and the Maryland Hall of Records. Inquiries should be addressed to: Department of History; Twenty-Ninth Archives Institute; The American University; Washington, DC 20016, or telephone (202) 686-2401.

OCT. 17: BESTERMAN. The Rutgers Graduate School of Library Service will hold its Third Annual Richard H. Shoemaker Lecture on Bibliography, Wednesday, October 17, 1973 at 8 p.m. at the Hill Center for Mathematical Sciences, Lecture Hall 114, University Heights Campus. Dr. Theodore Besterman, former director of the Institut et Musee Voltaire in Geneva, and author of *A World Bibliography of Bibliographies*, will be the lecturer and his topic will be "Fifty Years a Bookman."

For further information write to Peggy Avalos, Rutgers Graduate School of Library Ser-

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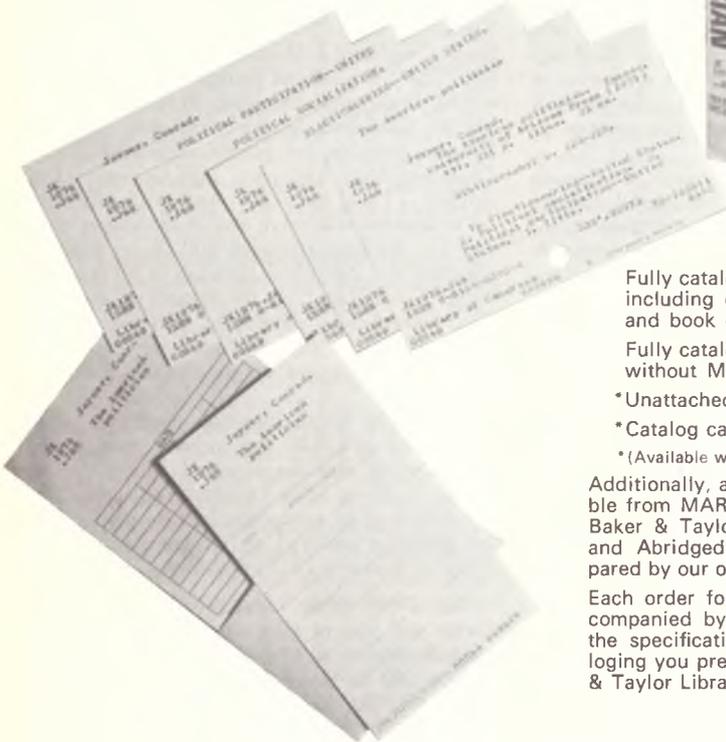
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OCT. 20: THE HAWAII LIBRARY ASSOCIATION will hold its fall conference at the Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii. October 21 will be devoted to a state reading fair.

For information write Arlene D. C. Luster, 3501 Kepuhi St., Honolulu, HI 96815.

OCT. 21-25: ASIS. The thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science (ASIS) will be held at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, California. For further information see the June *News*.

OCT. 25-27: THE VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION annual conference will be held at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, Virginia.

OCT. 28-30: MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS FOR LIBRARIANS, sponsored by the Graduate School of Business Administration and Washington University libraries will be held at Bromwoods, the residential conference center of Washington University, located sixty miles southwest of the St. Louis Metropolitan area. This seminar is scheduled at this time since the program in May 1973 was oversubscribed.

The purpose of this seminar is to provide professional librarians with managerial instruction applicable for use in their organizations, an opportunity to improve their backgrounds for work in supervisory or managerial positions and to discuss mutual problems with colleagues. A basic overview of management concepts will be presented, with particular emphasis upon how those concepts are applicable to the unique problem of library organizations. The special problems of directing and motivating library personnel will be stressed. Both theoretical concepts of management and the practical applications of these concepts will be discussed.

Management Concepts of Librarians is in general directed toward librarians both at the supervisory level and to those in the middle management area, but with relevance for top library management as well. The underlying management principles serve as a unifying theme for the varied administrative responsibilities reflected in the seminar participants.

Registration is limited to thirty-five on a first-come first-serve basis. The \$150 fee covers all instructional costs, Dr. Hilgert's textbook, materials, meals, and lodging while at Bromwoods. For further information please contact William H. Kurth, University Librarian, Washington University Libraries, St. Louis, MO 63130, (314) 863-0100, extension 4523, or Mrs. Marilyn Pryor, The School of Continuing Education, Washington University, extension 4261.

OCT. 30-Nov. 2: ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. The seventy-seventh annual convention of the Illinois Library Association will be held at a Chicago location—the Sheraton O'Hare Hotel. The proposed theme for the conference is designed to reflect ILA's goals: Initiative, Leadership, Action. Contact Illinois Library Association, Executive Offices, 716 Rush St., Chicago, IL 60611 for further information.

Nov. 2-3: LIBRARIANS AND CHANGE. Survival! An institute on the Impact of Change on the Individual Librarian, the sixth annual institute to be presented by the Library Institutes Planning Committee, will be held November 2 and 3, 1973 at Rickey's Hyatt Hotel, Palo Alto, California. The program will feature Ralph Ellsworth, director emeritus, University of Colorado Libraries and Ellsworth Mason, the present director of libraries at Colorado. Responding to the speakers will be a reactor panel consisting of Page Ackerman, university librarian, University of California at Los Angeles; Lois Bewley, assistant professor, School of Librarianship, The University of British Columbia; Richard M. Dougherty, university librarian, University of California at Berkeley; and John C. Kountz, associate for library automation, The California State University and Colleges (Los Angeles). Panel members along with others to be announced will serve also as discussion leaders. The program emphasis will be on changes affecting the individual librarian in all types of libraries resulting from the impact of automation, budget cuts, developing patterns in staff organization and participation, new and competing media, variant library use and clientele, etc.

Registration for the two-day meeting is *limited*; the fee is \$25.00 and includes two lunches. Details may be obtained by writing to Joseph E. Ryus, 2858 Oxford Ave., Richmond, CA 94806, or by contacting him by phone during weekday hours at the University of California at Berkeley (415) 642-4144.

Nov. 7-10: THE LIBRARY-COLLEGE ASSOCIATES will present a four-day conference at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The conference will be devoted to the theme Learning Without Walls, and will feature two noontime seminars that will enable every participant to make a personal contribution to the program. Interested persons may secure registration forms and additional information by writing to the Library-College Associates, Box 956, Norman, OK 73069.

Nov. 8-9: COMPUTER BASED INFORMATION SERVICES. Special Libraries San Diego Chapter and University of California San Diego Extension Center are sponsoring this workshop. It

aims to familiarize reference librarians with the nature of machine-readable data bases and with the techniques for searching them. Speakers include Charles Bourne, Robert N. Hayes, Hugh Souter, and Lorraine Mathies. The workshop fee is \$75. It will be held at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. Limit is 100 persons. For more information contact: Hugo Davison, University of California San Diego Extension, Building 103, UCSD, San Diego, CA 92037.

Nov. 11-14: CATV AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR LIBRARIES. To be held at Allerton House, Robert Allerton Park, University of Illinois Conference Center, Monticello, Illinois. Co-sponsored by Illinois State Library and The University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science, and The Division of University Extension. Additional information may be obtained from: Leonard E. Sigler, Institute Supervisor (OS-89), 116 Illini Hall, Champaign, IL 61820.

Nov. 28-30: USING INFORMATION SERVICES. A two-day seminar (with an optional third day) on using information sources and services, to be held November 28-30, 1973, has been announced by the National Federation of Abstracting & Indexing Services. The host institute is Pratt Institute—Graduate School of Library and Information Science, and the seminar will be held at the Pratt Manhattan Center in New York City.

The seminar will cover alerting sources, retrospective services, document access, and the establishment of in-house procedures. The principal lecturer for the course is Ben H. Weil (Esso Research).

The seminar is intended for individuals responsible for the selection of specific groups of information services for alerting, retrospective searching, and document access. It is also intended for those who wish to improve their knowledge and increase their use of existing and evolving sources, to produce such services internally, and to understand the implications of new technology. These include information managers, librarians, and information processors.

The first two days will deal with the fundamentals and practices of using information sources and services. A series of overviews during the first-half-day will establish historical background, user aspects, types and interrelationships, functional uses, and trends. During the second-half-day, the processing functionals common to these services will be defined, to enhance user understanding; simultaneous workshops will then permit registrants to learn more "how-to-do-it-yourself" techniques, or to discuss details of current practices. The second day will go into details of alerting sources and techniques, searching sources and techniques,

and document access, with emphasis in the afternoon on academic-institution and industrial-organization case histories and follow-up-workshops.

Registrants who desire detailed information on how to use information services of specific members of NFAIS may then attend a third day of sessions chiefly devoted to instructional workshops on those NFAIS services in which they have indicated an advance interest. The third day is optional and is included in the registration fee.

The cost of the three-day seminar is \$100.00, and includes a special kit being prepared for the course. Full details from the National Federation of Abstracting & Indexing Services, 3401 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Nov. 30-DEC. 1: FEDERAL DOCUMENTS WORKSHOP. This regional workshop is intended for librarians from Federal Region V (Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan). The possibility of librarians and others from outside this region is not entirely excluded but in the final registration preference will be given to the persons from Region V if necessary. The workshop is one of a series sponsored by the Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association. If you cannot come to this particular workshop, perhaps your own region will be organizing one

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soon. Co-sponsors of the workshop are the Government Documents Round Table of ALA, the Illinois State Library, the Government Services Information Committee of Special Libraries Association, the Federation of Information Users, and others.

The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. Friday, November 30 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, December 1 at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel. The projected program includes speakers from the GPO, NTIS, the Census Bureau, ERIC/CLIS, NASA, presentations on specialized depositories within Region V, how to tape federal data bases, federal documents, and cataloging in publication, etc.

Registration fee is \$35 payable to the Illinois Library Association. This fee includes three meals. For registration and other information contact Geneva Finn, Head, Documents/Serials Branch, Illinois State Library, Centennial Building, Springfield, IL 62756. Phone (217) 525-5185.

DEC. 13-14: LIBRARY INSTRUCTION. The University of Denver will be sponsoring a conference on the evaluation of library instruction. Persons wishing conference information should contact Richard J. Beeler, reference department of Penrose Library, University of Denver, University Park, Denver, CO 80210.

MISCELLANY

• A new organization, the **HARVARD UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS' ASSEMBLY**, held its first meeting on May 24, 1973, with Harvard's president, Derek C. Bok, in the chair. Members of the assembly are the professional staff of the University Library, numbering 230, and some 30 interns who are attending library school part time. Mrs. Sheila K. Hart, chief reference librarian in the Harvard College library, is chairman of the assembly's executive committee, which consists of the chairmen of four standing committees appointed during April by Douglas W. Bryant, director of the University Library. These are committees on communications and orientation, on library collections and services, on professional development, and on rights, privileges, and responsibilities of librarians.

A study committee on Professional Library Personnel, which was elected by the staff during 1970 and completed its work early in 1973, recommended the appointment of standing committees and establishment of an assembly with the president of the university as its presiding officer. In addition to its report on staff organization, the study committee proposed a ranking and appointment scheme for Harvard librarians, which was approved by the Council of Deans on September 20, 1972 and has been put into effect. The committee's third report, on professional development, is being imple-

mented as rapidly as budgetary constraints permit.

The full text of the study committee reports, with an introductory article by its chairman, Edwin E. Williams, associate university librarian, appeared in the July 1973 issue of the *Harvard Library Bulletin* (vol. 21, no. 3, p. 277-319), and offprints are available from the Director's Office of the Harvard University library.

• The University of Texas at El Paso announces the completion of the microfilming of the records of the *Ayuntamiento of Chihuahua, 1710-1940* (686 rolls), and the *Periodical Official of Chihuahua, 1834-1971* (111 rolls). For further information about these collections and how positive copies of these materials may be obtained either through purchase or interlibrary loan, write Professor W. H. Timmons, Project Director, Department of History, or Mr. Charles R. McClure, History-Government Librarian, The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX 79968.

• August 1, 1973, the New Jersey Library Association, in cooperation with the New Jersey State Library, began operation of a **LIBRARY JOB HOTLINE** which provides a recorded telephone message of job vacancies in the state for professional librarians. This announcement service is available on a twenty-four-hour basis to anyone dialing the hotline telephone number (609) 695-2121.

Tapes are changed once a week on late Friday afternoon, so that callers can take advantage of the lower weekend telephone rates. Brief information for each job will be given regarding name of library, job title, qualifications, salary range, contact person, and telephone number. Each week, new listings are recorded first and a job is listed for a second or third week only if time permits on the three minute tape.

Callers are not able to leave messages nor does NJLA or the state library collect resumes or act as a placement referral center by mail or telephone. However, since the ALA Council passed a resolution in 1972 urging state associations to establish such hotlines, NJLA and the state library feel that this service will be of value to job seekers in a tightened job market as well as providing employers with an opportuni-

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Forms for employers to use in recording job information for the hotline are distributed by the various library associations, NJLA Recruitment Committee, Rutgers Library School placement office, NJLA Executive Secretary, and New Jersey State Library. All public agencies are required to list a salary or salary range. Employers may also give their job listings by phone to Mrs. Mona Samsel, New Jersey State Library, 185 W. State St., Trenton, New Jersey, telephone (609) 292-2992.

- The librarians of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University proudly announce the title of "Distinguished Librarian for 1972/1973" was given to **MISS LUCY LEE LANCASTER**. The award was established this year in order to recognize the contribution of a librarian from one of the university libraries. Miss Lancaster has received a savings bond and will receive a commemorative medallion.

- In April 1973, the University of Baltimore opened its **BALTIMORE REGION INSTITUTIONAL STUDIES CENTER**. The first of its kind in the Baltimore metropolitan region, it will seek to provide a nucleus of primary source material gathered from local agencies and commissions. The thirteen collections presently held are being accessioned and computerized subject indexes are in process. A supporting collection of over 5,000 volumes dealing with urban planning and development is available at the university's Langsdale Library.

The subject index will include geographic and chronological access to the collections, using a controlled list of subject headings based on the HUD Vocabulary. Currently, indexes are available for records of Model Urban Neighborhood Demonstration and Planned Parenthood, Inc., and are in process for the records of the Greater Baltimore Committee, Inc.; over 200 scrapbooks of the Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy, Inc.; and the reference library of the Health and Welfare Council of Central Maryland, Inc.

- The Association of Research Libraries has established a new **SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES EXCHANGE CENTER**. The SPEC is devoted to the acquisition, organization, analysis, storage, and dissemination of information related to specific areas of research library management. The center's activities emphasize the sharing of management techniques which have been developed at research libraries. The information collected will include description, written documentation, forms and manuals in use, names of staff experts, and, whenever possible, statistics. This information will be available upon request to those institutions which cooperate in the de-

velopment of the data, and to a wider audience through the publications of the Office of Management Studies.

Each participating institution has designated an individual to serve as liaison person to the center. Data is gathered by telephone surveys, questionnaires, and requests for documents. While the liaison person updates the center's files on his own initiative, the center periodically contacts him to check on recent developments.

The primary service will be the sharing of management techniques. A library facing a newly-recognized problem, or planning a new approach to an old problem, will be able to draw on the experience and expertise at other libraries, gaining insight into both successful techniques and avoidable problems. Although the individual consulting capabilities of the center will be limited, it should be possible to indicate and innovate approaches that seem to be working. This referral service is available to those ARL institutions that participate by providing data to the center.

- The ACRL Committee on Bibliographic Instruction (Ad Hoc) is in the process of developing a detailed statement of behavioral and attitudinal objectives for undergraduate bibliographical instruction. The committee hopes to publish the statement sometime next year. Any persons doing extensive library instruction are requested to share any objectives that they have prepared by sending them to the Chairman, Thomas Kirk, Science Librarian, Box E-72, Earlham College, Richmond, IN 47374.

- "Forty-four ARL members provided us with estimates of their 1974 **BUDGET FIGURES** in response to a survey taken at the business meeting in New Orleans. An analysis of the forms that were submitted to us shows that books funds for the next academic year will be decreased in eight libraries, will remain the same in thirteen libraries, and will be increased in twenty-three libraries. Of the twenty-three libraries in which books funds will be increased, eleven have increases falling in the range of 6 to 10 percent, and six in the range of 11 to 15 percent; only three libraries out of forty-four will have an increase of more than 15 percent in book funds in the coming academic year. The effects of dual inflation and devaluation require a minimum increase of 10 percent to maintain book collections at present levels of strength.

"The request for 1974 budget information was made at the New Orleans meeting to provide background information in the preparation of a statement to the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Labor HEW Appropriations regarding the 1974 budget for library programs. Although no specific budget

figures were used in preparing the written testimony, the general conclusion was stated that over 60 percent of college and university libraries will suffer a serious, indeed a permanent, setback in the development of their book collection in 1974."

—*ARL Newsletter* #63, June 20, 1973

• **TWENTY-FOUR HOUR REFERENCE SERVICE** has been initiated on a trial basis at the Library of California State College, Stanislaus. This new service will operate by telephone in a manner similar to the service provided by medical doctors at any hour of the day or night.

During the late evening hours and on weekends after the last reference librarian has gone home, one of two librarians who volunteered for the experiment is responsible for answering telephone reference questions. Since many questions can be answered from a ready reference collection that each of the designated librarians has in his home, it is necessary to return to the library only in cases of emergency. Student assistants who operate the library on weekends and late evening hours screen the calls going to the telephone reference librarian, but after the library is closed the calls are made directly to the homes of the librarians whose telephone numbers have been widely circulated through posters, news releases, and book marks.

The test period may continue into the fall. Any librarians who have had experience with this kind of service or are interested in more details are invited to write (or call) J. Carlyle Parker, Head of Public Services and Assistant Director, The Library, California State College, Stanislaus, 800 Monte Vista Ave., Turlock, CA 95380, telephone (209) 634-9101.

—*CLA Newsletter*, June, 1973

PUBLICATIONS

• In June 1973 two substantial publications were issued from the University of Minnesota libraries, Government Publications Division. The first, *A Bibliography of Presidential Commissions, Committees, Councils, Panels, and Task Forces, 1961-1972*, was compiled by Alan Tollefson and Henry Chang. With the aid of the *Monthly Catalog* and other sources, this bibliography was prepared in response to a need for a single access point to publications of presidentially appointed groups. Besides the listing of main entries there are three indexes: subject keyword, personal author, and title. Though not guaranteed complete, it is hoped that this will be a useful tool. The second publication, *Government Publications' Information Resources in the State of Minnesota*, by Henry Chang, surveys the document holdings in the public, academic and special libraries in Minnesota. Anyone interested in these publications should send their inquiry to Government Pub-

lications Division, University of Minnesota, Wilson Library, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

• The *Stanford University Data File Directory*, compiled by Douglas Ferguson, is available as an example of a library-produced access publication for computerized data files on a university campus. The Directory lists and describes collections of social, economic, political and scientific research data on punched cards, computer tape and disk, located on the Stanford campus. Each file description directs the user to documentation and published research in the University Library collection or elsewhere. Access to each data file is controlled by the owner and is listed in each file description. The Directory is available, for prepayment of \$4.00, from the Financial Office, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, CA 94304.

• The first three titles in a new series of brief reference guides to the major academic disciplines has been announced by Jeffrey Norton Publishers, New York City. The guides will be published in October 1973.

Engineering, biology, and English are the subjects of the initial offerings in the series, which will carry the overall title *Information Resources Series*. Separate volumes will be called "*Guide to Basic Information Sources in (name of field)*." They will be edited and prepared by leading scholars under the direction of Bill M. Woods, former executive director of the special Libraries Association and former executive director of the Engineering Index, Inc. Twelve subject areas are currently under development.

Each book will acquaint someone new to a field, whether an undergraduate or beginning professional, with the broad spectrum of available information sources. The guides will be from 175 to 250 pages long and will be available in hardcover library editions at \$8.95 each and in paperbound student editions at \$3.95. They are planned to provide a complete basic source for the student to aid him in developing a formal or informal approach to his course of study.

All significant information sources will be covered, including trade journals and professional periodicals, encyclopedias, dictionaries, directories, indexes, monographs, and other print sources. Nonprint media, such as microforms, records, cassettes, or computer tapes will also be included. So will reports of government agencies, trade and professional societies and organizations as well as universities responsible for formulating, collecting, and disseminating statistics, ideas, standards, analyses, reviews, and procedures in the various fields of study.

Of the first three titles, biology will be edited by Mildred Benton of George Washington Uni-

versity, engineering by Ellis Mount of Columbia University and English by Paul Doyle of Nassau (Long Island) Community College.

For further information, write or telephone Jeffrey Norton Publishers, 145 East 49th St., New York, NY 10017; (212) 753-1783.

• Now available from the American Library Association's Information Science and Automation Division is a thirteen-piece *packet of materials on Cable Television*. Included in this information kit of articles, bibliographies, policy statements, and suggestions are the following:

Annotated Bibliography on Cable Television for Librarians, Brigitte L. Kenney and Susan Bunting

CATV: Visual Library Service, Brigitte L. Kenney and Frank W. Norwood

Cable Television—A Bibliographic Review, James Schoenung

Cable Television: State-of-the-Art and Franchise Recommendations, Advisory Memorandum, Nowell Leitzke

A Glossary of Terms for Cable Television and Other Broadband Communications, Merry Sue Smoller

Guidelines for Planning a Cable Television Franchise, Sidney Dean, Jr.

Letter to Joe Fischer, Jr., from C. Lamar Wallis, director of libraries, Memphis Public Library and Information Center

Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) Position Paper on Cable Television, Jon Shafer

Planning for Urban Telecommunications, Kas Kalba

Public-Cable, Inc. Statement

A Report on Cable Communications and the District of Columbia Public Library, Lawrence E. Molumbly

San Francisco Public Library Video Center Policy Statement

Video/Cable Activities in Libraries, Brigitte L. Kenney and Susan Bunting

Packets are available for \$2.50 each. Send order to: Cable TV Packet, Donald P. Hammer, ISAD, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Please make checks payable to the American Library Association.

• The ACRL Committee on Bibliographic Instruction (Ad Hoc) announced at its recent meetings at the American Library Association Convention that its survey of library instruction is now available from ERIC. This report, *Academic Library Bibliographic Instruction: Status Report 1972*, ED 072 823, includes four articles which survey the significant programs of instruction including formal courses, in-course instruction, self-instruction (of all types), and other miscellaneous forms including orientation.

The reports conclude with tables of summary which indicate the availability of instruction materials from reporting institutions, of which some 142 are included in the report.

• The American Academy of Political and Social Science is publishing a monograph on the subject *Public Service Professional Associations and the Public Interest*, edited by Don L. Bowen. A complimentary copy is available from the academy at 3937 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

• Libraries Unlimited, Inc., announces completion of the initial planning phase of the first large-scale biographical work in library science. The new project, *The Dictionary of American Library Biography*, will contain thoroughly researched biographies of outstanding American librarians and other important public figures who made notable contributions to the development and growth of libraries in the United States. This project, undertaken in recognition of the hundredth anniversary of the American Library Association, will be completed in 1975, with publication scheduled for 1976.

The Dictionary of American Library Biography is being prepared under the direction of an editorial board made up of Jesse H. Shera, editor-in-chief, George S. Bobinski, executive editor, and Bohdan S. Wynar, managing editor. An advisory board of fourteen distinguished historians and leaders in American librarianship will assist in the preparation of the work.

Anyone wishing to obtain additional information or make inquiries relating to the project should write to Dr. George S. Bobinski, Dean, School of Information and Library Studies,

STUDENT CLERKS BARRED FROM UNIT

The National Labor Relations Board last week excluded ten students from a collective bargaining unit of clerical employees at Barnard College. Overruling a decision by its New York regional director, the board said that the students' employment was "only incidental to their educational objectives" and that they "lack a community of interest" with the other employees.

The board noted that the students were not hired by the college's personnel office, received substantially lower wages than other employees, and did not receive the usual fringe benefits.—*Chronicle of Higher Education*, July 30, 1973.

State University of New York at Buffalo, Hayes C, Buffalo, NY 14214.

• Northwestern University library's Undergraduate Services Department has launched the *Undergraduate Forum*, a newsletter for Northwestern undergraduates. Basic goals of the newsletter, which will be issued several times during the academic year, are to announce and describe library services, collections, and policies that directly affect the undergraduate.

Each issue will open with an article discussing in some depth a library department or collection of special interest to undergraduates. Four regular features will follow the lead arti-

cle: "Focus on Books" (a short article related to the book world in general); "Questions or Comments?" (answers to suggestions); "The Forum Announces" (library notices and announcements); and "New and Notable" (new records and books).

• The *1973/74 Directory of Two-Year College Administrative Librarians*, prepared by the Community and Junior College Library Section of ACRL is now available. Price is \$5.00 per copy. Send orders, prepaid, to the Association of College and Research Libraries, Attention: Dr. Beverly Lynch, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. ■■

News From the Sections

Robert Orne Dougan, librarian emeritus of the Huntington Library and Art Gallery, received the second Citation of Honor presented by the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section during the preconference institute on Pacific Coast Research Collections, June 21-23, 1973, in Los Angeles. Mr. Dougan, who was chairman of the program planning committee for the institute, was cited: "In recognition of his special contributions to the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery in particular and to the field of Special Collections Librarianship in general. This citation is a tribute to his professional leadership and an acknowledgment of his outstanding service to the section."

Olga Lendway, National Agricultural Library, received the 1973 Eunice Rockwell



Robert Orne Dougan



Olga Lendway

Oberly award for her *Bibliography of Corn and Bibliography of Wheat*. The award was presented during the program meeting of the Agriculture and Biological Sciences Section of ACRL, June 27, 1973, in Las Vegas. Both bibliographies, compiled under the auspices of the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, were published in 1971 by the Scarecrow Press. The award, given to the compiler of the best bibliography in the field of agriculture or the natural sciences, honors Eunice Rockwell Oberly who was librarian of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the time of her death in 1921. ■■