Jutta Reed-Scott has been appointed project coordinator. The Recon Project (formerly the ARL Program for Coordinated Retrospective Conversion of Bibliographic Records for Monographs in North American Research Libraries) grew out of a planning study conducted for ARL by Reed-Scott early in 1985. That study, supported by funds from the Council on Library Resources, demonstrated the feasibility of such a program and provided a plan of action for conducting it. The report of the planning study, Plan for a North American Program for Retrospective Conversion, is available for $15 prepaid (ARL members, $10) from ARL, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036. For more information on the Recon Project, contact Jutta Reed-Scott, ARL Recon Project, Brandeis University Library, Waltham, MA 02254.

CALENDAR

September


26—Printing: “Print Culture and Enlightenment Thought,” the sixth annual Hanes Lecture, sponsored by the Rare Book Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and presented by Elizabeth Eisenstein. Contact: Libby Chenault, Rare Book Collection, Wilson Library 024A, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514; (919) 962-1143.

October

3—Intellectual freedom: “The Library Bill of Rights in 1985,” a conference sponsored by the University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science, Iowa City. Keynote speaker will be Judith Krug, director of the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom. Fee: $31.50 ($25 without lunch). Contact: Ethel Bloesch, University of Iowa SLIS, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 52242; (319) 353-3644.


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Minnesota update

A federal appeals court rejected a female faculty member’s claim that she was denied tenure at the University of Minnesota Libraries because of sex discrimination. In its unanimous ruling, filed on July 8, the three-judge panel of the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found “that the University administration’s conclusion that (the plaintiff’s) publications did not constitute ‘distinction in research and writing’ was a reasonable position under the circumstances, and justified no inference of sexual discrimination.” The court further noted: “There was no issue of credibility in this heavily-documented record, nor was there any indication of a sexually hostile environment.”

Linda DeBeau-Melting won the first round in the case when district court special master Viola Kanatz ruled that the University should grant her tenure. Kanatz’s decision was overturned by magistrate Patrick McNulty. The appellate court agreed with McNulty that “the University administration’s conclusion that (the plaintiff’s) publications did not constitute ‘distinction in research and writing’ was a reasonable position under the circumstances, and justified no inference of sexual discrimination.” The court further noted: “There was no issue of credibility in this heavily-documented record, nor was there any indication of a sexually hostile environment.”

DeBeau-Melting was hired as a tenure-track instructor in 1974 and was denied tenure in 1979 and 1980. In 1981 and 1982 she filed sex discrimination claims under the Rajender consent decree, which provides a legal process for University of Minnesota women faculty to file sex discrimination complaints. The decree was adopted as part of the settlement in a 1973 class action suit by Shyamala Rajender, who argued that she had been denied tenure in the Chemistry Department because of her sex.

and the field of librarianship. Contact: Carl Stone, Anderson Public Library, Anderson, SC 29622.

24—25—Pacific Northwest: “Changing Course: Restructuring Academic Libraries,” the 6th Annual Joint Fall Conference of the ACRL Oregon and Washington Chapters, Pack Forest, Washington. Featured speakers include B.J. Busch, area coordinator for the Humanities and Social Sciences Library at the University of Alberta; and Paul Baldwin, systems coordinator at Simon Fraser University. Contact: Pat Silvernail, University of Oregon; (503) 686-3056.

25—Texas Chapter: “Library Standards and Texas Libraries,” Fall Meeting of the ACRL Texas Chapter and the Texas Council of State University Librarians, Best Western Villa Capri, Austin. A panel will examine the ACRL College Library and Learning Resource Center Standards. Contact: Maxine Johnston, Lamar University Library, Box 10021, LU Station, Beaumont, TX 77711; (409) 880-8118.


November

1—New England Chapter: “Librarians and Labor Relations,” ACRL New England Chapter Fall Conference, University of Connecticut, Storrs. Topics include faculty status, collective bargaining, unionism, and the recent strike at Yale. Contact: Susan Sheridan, Publicity ACRL/NEC, Amherst College, Amherst, MA 01002; (413) 542-2215.

December

5—6—User instruction: Earlham College-Eckerd College Bibliographic Instruction Workshop, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida. Conducted by Evan Farber, Earlham College. Contact: Larry Hardesty, Director of Library Services, Eckerd College Library, St. Petersburg, FL 33733.

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