Nicholas Burckel, associate dean for collections and services, Washington University Libraries, St. Louis, has been appointed by Governor Mel Carnahan to the Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board. He will serve a three-year term ending in 1997. The 12-member board is “the central advisory body for historical records planning and for projects relating to historic records developed and carried out within the state.” In 1988 Burckel served as a consultant to the state under the auspices of the National Historical Publications and records Commission.

Jerry D. Campbell, university librarian/vice-provost for library affairs/vice-provost for computing at Duke University, has been elected to the Council on Library Resources (CLR) Governing Board for a three-year term. CLR was established to address the problems of libraries generally and is currently focusing on its four program areas of human resources, economics, infrastructure, and access and processing. Campbell is president-elect of the Association of Research Libraries and has held offices and memberships in the American Theological Library Association, the Triangle Research Libraries Network, and the Research Libraries Group, among others.

Sheila Creth, University of Iowa (UI) librarian, was appointed to the EDUCOM Board of Trustees for a three-year term beginning last January. Creth also serves as the UI representative to the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) Commission on Information Technology.

Miriam A. Drake, dean and director of libraries at the Georgia Institute of Technology, has been awarded the first annual Kent/Computers in Libraries Award for Lifetime Achievement by the University of Pittsburgh (UP). Drake was chosen on the basis of her pioneering efforts in changing the nature of information transfer. She is the architect of Library 2000, an online interactive information system at Georgia Tech which makes it possible for students to define their own information needs and to develop useful patterns of access to information. The award, sponsored by Mecklermedia and named in honor of Allen Kent, distinguished service professor emeritus at UP, carries a $500 honorarium and an inscribed Tiffany prism.

Mary Dykstra, director of the School of Library and Information Studies, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, has been appointed to the Information Highway Advisory Council of the Canadian government. Dykstra is the sole appointee from the professional library/information studies community on the 29-member council.

Mary Jo Lynch, director of ALA’s Office for Research since 1978, was recently honored as the Distinguished Alumna of the Year by the Graduate Alumni of the School of Communication, Information, and Library Studies, Rutgers University. Lynch received a Ph.D. from Rutgers in 1977, an M.A. from the University of Detroit in 1966, and an MLS from the University of Michigan in 1962.

With a professional career spanning more than 30 years, Lynch has worked in academic libraries, library schools, and in numerous consulting and advisory positions. She was instrumental in the development and publication of the Public Library Association’s planning process and output measures manuals, and in the

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nationwide coordination and collection of public library statistical data.

Charles R. McClure, professor at the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, was this year's recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies Alumni Association. McClure was recognized for his effective and innovative contributions to the library profession and extensive contributions to the professional literature. As a nationally recognized expert on U.S. government information, information resources management, and library management and services, McClure has testified before the House Committee on Space, Science and Technology; the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; and the New York State Governor's Commission on Libraries. He is the author or editor of 27 books and more than 170 articles.

Raleigh Muns, reference librarian at the Thomas Jefferson Library, University of Missouri-St. Louis, was the winner of the 1994 OCLC On the Front Line Award presented in May at the National Online Meeting in New York City. The annual award, which includes a check for $1,000, honors an outstanding reference librarian who makes effective use of electronic reference products in his or her daily work; demonstrates knowledge, creativity, and good humor; and goes the extra mile for library patrons. In nominating Muns, Sandra Snell, head of reference services at the Jefferson Library, said, "Raleigh Muns should win the ... award because he is integrating traditional nuts-and-bolts reference work ... with creative implementation of the latest technologies on a shoestring budget."

Felicia Piscitelli, senior cataloger at the Texas A&M University Libraries, has been named the recipient of the 1994 Walter Gerboth Award by the Music Library Association. The award is given to music librarians in the first five years of their careers who are engaged in research likely to lead to publication. Piscitelli's project is titled "A Bibliography of Catholic Hymnals Published in the United States from the Second Vatican Council to the Present (1965-1993)."

William Saffady, professor in the School of Information Science and Policy, State University of New York at Albany, was honored by the Library and Information Science Program at Wayne State University in March as its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Saffady was recognized for his distinguished career as a professor and scholarly writer. In addition to his duties as professor, he also teaches professional education seminars for various organizations around the country, and serves as an information management consultant providing training and analytical services to corporations, government agencies, and other organizations. The author of over 30 books and numerous articles, Saffady holds three degrees from Wayne State.

Philip Turner, dean of the School of Library and Information Studies and assistant vice-chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Alabama (UA), Tuscaloosa, was among seven recipients of the sixth Awards for Achievement in Managing Information Technology sponsored by the Graduate School of Industrial Administration at Carnegie Mellon University and American Management Systems of Fairfax, Virginia. Turner, who was honored April 26 in ceremonies at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, was recognized for developing the Intercampus Interactive Telecommunications System (IITS), a compressed video network linking the faculties and students at UA-Tuscaloosa with UA-Birmingham and UA-Huntsville. The network has grown steadily and now connects other schools and sites within the state. It also serves a significant portion of the information highway connecting Alabama's five centers of Technical Excellence.

Appointments

Roland C. Barksdale-Hall has been appointed head librarian at the Pennsylvania State University Shenango Campus Library. Before joining Penn State, Barksdale-Hall was a staff librarian at the Carnegie Public Library in Pittsburgh. His career also includes positions as assistant librarian at Howard University, science/engineering reference librarian at Johns Hopkins University, and librarian for the MAXIMA Corporation. Most recently, Barksdale-Hall launched "People in Search of Opportunity: The African American Experience in Mercer County," a project to create a traveling
exhibit featuring old diaries, photographs, letters, and military papers depicting the black experience in Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

Michael Homan, assistant university librarian for the sciences at the University of California, Irvine, has been named director of the Mayo Medical Libraries in Rochester, Minnesota.

Mark Horan, reference librarian at Farleigh Dickinson University (FDU), has been appointed head librarian at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus Library. Horan earned an MLS from the University of Pittsburgh, an M.A. in English literature from Slippery Rock State College, and a B.A. in general literature from Syracuse University. Before joining FDU, he worked part-time as a librarian for Manchester Outplacement Services Inc. in New Jersey.

Daniel A. Savage was named university librarian at the University of Prince Edward Island, Canada, in August 1993. He previously served as chief librarian at Redeemer College in Ancaster, Ontario.

Charlene Baldwin has been appointed head of the Sciences Libraries Division at the University of California, Riverside.

Marilyn Browning is now reference librarian at the John T. Richardson Library of DePaul University, Chicago.

Mieczyslaw E. Buczkowski recently joined the University of Oregon Library, Eugene, as Slavic librarian in the Catalog Department.

Jane Devine has been named serials and government documents librarian at LaGuardia Community College, New York.

Charles Fineman is now West European bibliographer at Widener Library, Harvard University, Cambridge.

Brian D. Fors is now archivist at the U.S. Naval Academy Library in Annapolis, Maryland.

Timothy B. Fox is the new systems administrator at the Countway Library of Medicine, Harvard University, Boston.

Sarah Leadley is now reference librarian, Bothell Campus, University of Washington.

Kathleen Markees is now project archivist in the Harvard Theatre Collection at Harvard University, Cambridge.

Rebecca L. Mugridge has been named head cataloging librarian at Robert Morris College, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

Michael Olson is now West European bibliographer at Widener Library, Harvard University, Cambridge.

Henry F. Raine has been appointed head of technical services/system manager at the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C.

Laurie A. Rudnicki is now evening and weekend supervisor at the Countway Library of Medicine, Harvard University, Boston.

Michael A. Somers has been named assistant head and automation manager of acquisitions and serials services at the Louisiana State University Libraries, Baton Rouge.

Aline Soules is now director of the Kresge Business Administration Library at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Kathleen Moretto Spencer has been named associate vice-president for information systems and library services at Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Jean Strader is the new documents librarian at the South Dakota State Library, Pierre.

Ruth Tucker has been appointed project cataloger in the Houghton Library at Harvard University, Cambridge.

Kate Wakefield joined the Western Library Network in Lacey, Washington.

Clarification

Elizabeth Smith's profile in the May issue regarding her appointment as Learning Resources Center/Library dean at Collin County Community College, did not correctly characterize her change in career from laboratory work to the field of library science. She entered the library/information field almost two decades ago for a more rewarding and service-oriented career.

Retirements

Jack Key, director of the Mayo Medical Center Libraries in Rochester, Minnesota, moved to senior faculty status in May and will officially retire in March 1995 after serving 24 years as director.

Mary Landeck recently retired as public services librarian at the Milwaukee Area Technical College, Wisconsin.
Richard Meerdink recently retired as librarian of the Milwaukee Area Technical College, Wisconsin.

Helene Roberts, curator of visual collections at the Fine Arts Library, Harvard University, retired in June after 23 years there. Roberts’s contributions to the field of visual resources have been wide-ranging. She has held positions on the executive boards of professional associations and publications, served as editor of Visual Resources: An International Journal of Documentation, and produced many scholarly articles and publications. She was recognized by her peers in 1992 with the Distinguished Service Award of the Visual Resources Association.

Peter Spyers-Duran will retire as dean of University Libraries and Library and Information Science at Wayne State University (WSU), Detroit, late in 1994. Since 1983 Spyers-Duran has been the chief administrative officer in charge of the University Libraries, the University Press, the Library and Information Science Program, and Media Services at WSU. During his tenure, the WSU Libraries advanced from 78th to 43rd in rankings by the Association of Research Libraries. As founder of the Detroit Area Library Network in 1984, Spyers-Duran nurtured the growth of the WSU initiative, which houses 14 million records and has 560,000 registered users. He has also played a major role in planning a $32 million Undergraduate Library Center scheduled for groundbreaking this fall.

Andrew Tax, medical librarian at Southern Illinois University (SIU), Carbondale, retired in May after 23 years there. Educated at Charles University in Prague, Tax worked as a librarian in that city until the Soviet invasion of 1968 forced him to leave the country. After two years in the Engineering Library at Dartmouth College, Tax joined SIU’s faculty in the Science Division in 1971, then became medical librarian in 1973. In 1991 Charles University awarded Tax his Ph.D. Last year he translated G. K. Chesterton’s St. Francis of Assisi into Czech.

Deaths

Sheldon Brunswick, the first Near Eastern/Judaica librarian at the University of California-Berkeley, died March 10 at the age of 57.

Shirley F. Harper, former director of the Martin P. Catherwood Library, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, from 1975 to her retirement in 1993, died May 17 at the age of 67. Harper attended the universities of Minnesota and Chicago (UC), from which she received an MLS in 1953. Before joining Cornell, she directed the Industrial Relations Center Library (later the A. G. Bush Library) at UC from 1949 to 1975. She co-authored, with Thomas L. Whisler, the book “Performance Appraisal, Research and Practice” (1962).

Mary Hilton, retired head of the Circulation Department at Northwestern University, died at her home on March 24 at the age of 94. Hilton received her degree in library science from Western Reserve University then joined Northwestern in 1926. She retired in 1968.

Raymond B. Means, director of the Reinert/Alumni Library at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, died January 7, 1994. Means became director in November 1977. He received his MLS from the University of Denver in 1961.

LaMar R. Smith, education librarian emeritus at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), died March 12 after a lengthy illness. Smith first served at UNR as Reserve Book Room assistant in 1953–54, then as circulation librarian, and then became education librarian in 1964. He retired in 1983.

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