

C&RL News turns 30!

By Pam Snelson

*Join the anniversary celebration
each month*

C*ERL News* has been a basic fixture on my office bookshelves for my entire professional career. It is hard to imagine academic librarians staying on top of their profession without the *News* and its association information, job ads, People columns, and practical articles. After 30 years of publishing the *News*, we can proudly look back on many accomplishments and successes.

As happens with many journals and newsletters, *CERL News* began life as a supplement to another publication, *College and Research Libraries (CERL)*. After a brief time as *ACRL News* in 1966, *CERL News* has enjoyed three decades of success as an independent entity.

However, the roots of *CERL News* go even deeper. The first issue of *CERL* (December 1939) contains the column "News from the Field." Coincidentally, that first column contains a note about the dedication of the Rose Memorial Library at Drew University. Minutes of the ACRL business meeting were printed in the first issue of *CERL*. Both of these functions, reporting association business as the official medium of communication between ACRL and its members, and serving as a clearinghouse for library news by announcing personnel changes are still important components of today's *News*. A timeline on the next page highlights some milestones in the history of the *News*.

Anniversaries are the perfect occasions for celebrations

To celebrate the *News*' 30th anniversary, the 1995-96 Editorial Board has planned a year-long series of events. The cover of this issue graphically illustrates the changing face of the *News*. An ongoing anniversary quiz will test your ability to match headlines with a publication year and answer questions about events covered in the *News* over the past 30

years. Each issue of the *News* during this celebratory year will include excerpts from past issues featuring historical spots and prominent people. The Editorial Board commissioned several articles especially for this anniversary year: Ed Holley will write a retrospective on the last 30 years of the *News*; Peter Lyman will forecast what the next 30 years hold for academic librarianship; and Norm Stevens will contribute a humorous and whimsical look at



the *News*.

What can you expect from *CERL News* in the years ahead? Of course there will be current information relating to issues, activities, and personalities of the higher education and academic library fields. But the *News* also strives to keep its focus in step with the changes in college and research libraries.

As academic librarians have interacted more and more with computing professionals, higher education associations, and subject-oriented organizations, the *News* has published reports on meetings of kindred groups such as educational and research agencies and learned societies. It will continue to do so in the "Conference Cir-

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C&RL News history

- 1966** *ACRL News* published March through December as supplement to *College & Research Libraries*.
- 1967** *College & Research Libraries News* premieres in January as a monthly magazine with a combined July/August issue.
- 1967–1980** ACRL members serve as editors of the *News*. They include David Kaser, David Doerrer, Michael Herbison, Alan Dyson, Susana Hinojosa, Mary Frances Collins, Anne Dowling, John V. Crowley, and Jeffrey T. Schwedes.
- 1975** Index to the *News* appears, thanks to Eldon Tamblyn.
- 1980** *C&RL* and *C&RL News* become separate publications with their own ISSN numbers beginning in January.
First ACRL staff editor, George Eberhardt, appointed.
- 1981** "Washington Hotline" becomes a monthly column first appearing in the September issue; before that it appeared sporadically as "Inside Washington," which was part of a column called "News Briefs."
- 1988** In the March issue Norman Stevens begins a series of ten articles called "Innovations: Humor and creativity," which run until July/August 1991.
- 1990** The "Preservation News" column has its start in the March issue.
- 1991** Mary Ellen K. Davis becomes current editor and publisher.
In the February issue the *News* publishes its first "Racial & Ethnic Diversity: Information Exchange" column.
The December issue of the *News* publishes the first "The Way I See It" column, providing a forum for the opinions of academic librarians.
Full-color covers, often highlighting collections in academic libraries, appear on each issue.
- 1992** Reports of library and higher education conferences are published in the new "Conference Circuit" column beginning with the April issue.
- 1993** The July/August issue includes the first in an ongoing series of articles on Internet resources by subject.
Survey of ACRL members reveals that *C&RL News* is one of the most important services that ACRL provides its members.
C&RL NewsNet debuts on the Internet featuring job ads and "News from the Field."
- 1994** The "Internet Reviews" column is first published in the February issue.
- 1996** "ACRL Partners in Higher Education" column begins in the April issue to highlight ACRL's liaison efforts with other professional organizations and associations of higher education.
C&RLNewsNet Web page debuts at <http://www.ala.org/acrl.html>.

cuit" column. The *News* endeavors to assist librarians by publishing articles that address current needs of practitioners. The series of articles on subject Internet sources and the Internet Reviews column are two ways in which the *News* will continue to serve this function. The *News*' presence on the Internet will certainly continue. You will see an expanded *C&RLNewsNet* on the Web (URL: <http://www.ala.org/acrl.html>) featuring early postings of job ads, "News from the Field," and reviews of Internet sources that are hotlinked directly to the sources reviewed.

The *News* is your magazine; its purpose is to publish articles and provide current information relevant to academic library services and collections. Tell me (psnelson@drew.edu) or Mary Ellen Davis (medavis@ala.org), editor

of the *News*, your likes and dislikes. Tell us about new columns that would be useful to you. Send your press releases and newsletters to the editor.

We welcome your input. Celebrates its golden anniversary in 2016, its format and content will have evolved in reaction to the needs and demands of ACRL members. We welcome your input.

Ed. note: I'd like to extend a special thanks to the members of the 1995-96 *C&RL News* Editorial Board for their creative ideas and their enthusiasm for *C&RL News* upon its 30th anniversary celebration. The members of the Board were: Pam Snelson (chair), Irene Hoffman, Robert Martin, Zenaida Fernandez, Gary Thompson, Marion Reid, and ex officio members Richard Hume Werking, Gloriana St. Clair, and Susan Martin. ■



C&RL News 30th anniversary quiz

What do you recall reading in *C&RL News* each month for the past 30 years? To celebrate the *News*' 30th anniversary,

the Editorial Board and editors of *C&RL News* have written a series of questions based on news and articles published since its inception in 1966. Five questions (and answers) will be published each month to help you wend your way through the past 30 years of academic librarianship as reported by *C&RL News*.

We hope you have as much fun this year answering the questions as we did writing them.

- 1. An article titled "The coup that failed:** An eyewitness account" covered the IFLA conference of what year and in what city?
- 2. Bing Crosby's alma mater acquired the** entire collection of the Bing Crosby Historical Society in 1993. Where did "der Bingle" attend college?
- 3. Who was the first person to receive the** ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year award and in what year?
- 4. Name a mass deacidification process** reported in the *News* during the 1980s.
- 5. What product was the Pine Cone mar-**keting?

Answers: (The *C&RL News* issues in which the answers may be found are given in parentheses.) 1. Around microcomputers, typewriters, and other office equipment (June 1985). 2. A lightweight vacuum cleaner called MiniVac, designed for cleaning hard-to-reach areas (January 1987). 3. Keyes D. Keyes D. Metcalf and Robert B. Downs shared the first award in 1978 (December 1978). 4. Wei To was the name of the process that used a liquefied gas solution and vacuum drying to deacidify books (December 1984, January and March 1985). 5. The 1991 IFLA Conference held in Moscow (October 1991). 2. "Der Bingle" attended college at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington (February 1994). 3. Keyes D. Metcalf and Robert B. Downs shared the first award in 1978 (December 1978). 4. Wei To was the name of the process that used a liquefied gas solution and vacuum drying to deacidify books (December 1984, January and March 1985). 5. A lightweight vacuum cleaner called MiniVac, designed for cleaning hard-to-reach areas (January 1987).