

News from the Divisions

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES

New member on national committee

Jenny McCarthy (Supervisor of Technical Libraries, Division of TAFE, Queensland) has joined the Committee by invitation. TAFE members of the Section now have a representative at the national level, so if you feel that there are issues relevant to TAFE colleges with which UCLS should be concerned, contact Jenny.

ACT Group

The UCLS ACT Group organised a seminar or 'Middle Management' at University House, ANU, on 9-10 May. Participants were largely derived from libraries in the ACT region but interstate speakers and participants included Neil Radford, University of Sydney Library and Eric Wainwright, University of Queensland Library.

The seminar was addressed by speakers from the Public Service Board, the Canberra College School of Administrative Services, the ANU Administration, the ANU Library and the Canberra TAFE. Topics discussed included 'Is participatory management possible' and 'Sexism and discrimination in libraries'. It is intended to hold specific follow up seminars in the light of feedback received at the sessions.

UCLS Queensland branch?

Do UCLS members in Queensland want a state branch? This is an issue being considered by the national committee which is at present drawn from Queensland members. Attempts have been made in the past to set up a state branch but these have been unsuccessful.

If Queensland members have any comments, supportive or otherwise, please contact Colin Cayless, President, UCLS, c/o QIT Library, PO Box 2434, Brisbane 4001.

Interlending in the 80s

A reminder that a full program for the conference to be held in Brisbane 27-29 August is available from the Registration Officer, Interlending in the 80s Conference, c/o QIT Library, PO Box 2434, Brisbane 4001. Registration forms should be returned by 18 July. See advertisement in *Incite* no7, 2 May or more details.

NZLA/LAA Conference

Planning the program for the UCLS Seminar to be held on Friday, 23 January 1981 during the NZLA/LAA conference is a task which is currently demanding much of the Committee's time. The theme for the seminar is 'Are intermediary libraries effective?: How can we find out and what can we do about it?' We hope to structure the seminar so that there will be opportunities for workshop-type sessions, rather than a full day of papers.

Other topics

The Committee has been asked by the Executive Director to consider a paper on 'Volunteer workers in libraries', and a draft statement on 'Non-discrimination in the employment of library staff', and to submit the views of the Section by 1 July. Copies of the papers are available from Margaret Travis, Secretary, UCLS, c/o North Brisbane CAE, PO Box 117, Kedron, Qld 4031. Please forward any comments to the Secretary.

Contributions to this column to Barbara Watson, Reference Dept, Central Library, University of Qld, St Lucia, Qld 4067.

VIC PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Public Library Standards

The Section is undertaking a revision of the LAA's Interim Minimum Standards for Public Libraries. These Standards, published in 1972, are inadequate in the light of developments in public libraries since that date. The Section is looking for help with this enormous task and will gratefully receive any comments and criticisms on the present standards and any suggestions for the new ones. Please forward comments to Sue Moore, Secretary, Public Libraries' Section, c/o Williamstown City Library, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown. 3016.

Adelaide Conference

The Conference Committee for the LAA's 22nd Biennial Conference to be held in Adelaide in 1982 is already looking for ideas. The theme for the conference will be *Challenge and Response* and this section is collecting suggestions for topics and speakers related to public libraries. Any suggestions to Sue Moore at the above address.

VIC CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES

ON May 3 a stimulating one-day workshop on 'Education for children's librarianship' was held at Carringbush Library. Forty participants from public libraries, school libraries and tertiary teaching institutions met to discuss subjects of vital concern to all involved in children's librarianship.

The major areas of discussion were formal courses, in-service training and continuing education. There is concern at the lack of development in each of these areas so far as specialisation is concerned, and the workshop was convened to clarify needs and suggest possible solutions.

The meeting delegated the Executive of the Children's Libraries Section, Vic Group to follow up the resolutions passed at the meeting, and in particular to convey the ideas expressed to the LAA's Board of Education, library schools and other bodies. The Group recommend such a gathering to other states as an extremely valuable experience.

Margaret Fox

From the Board of Education

The Board of Education met in Sydney on 17 and 18 April 1980.

It considered a paper prepared jointly by Mrs Margaret Trask and Associate Professor Carmel Maguire on the LAA's role in education for the library profession and other information specialists.

The paper suggested the desirability of a complete revision of existing statements of policy in education-related matters, including the criteria for the recognition of professional courses and courses for library technicians.

It saw the need for these changes to be based on up-to-date Association policy formulated in the context of a society which has changed and is constantly changing, with consequent shifts in information needs and in opportunities for information provision.

The authors presented, as the foundation for the suggested new statements and course recognition criteria, a draft 'Statement on the roles of librarians and library technicians: a guide for employing authorities and trade unions'. This draft will now be further refined and it is expected that a final version will be approved by the Board at its next meeting and recommended to General Council for adoption. Sub-committees of the Board were appointed to prepare statements which would revise the criteria for recognition of courses, and the Board intends to invite the schools of librarianship to comment on the drafts later in the year.

The Board resolved to recommend to General Council that the Library Technician Certificate course conducted by the Department of Education, Queensland, be recognised until the end of 1982, recognition to be retrospective to the commencement of the course in 1976.

Visiting panels were appointed in connection with assessment for recognition of re-recognition of courses in the following institutions: Ballarat CAE, Hartley CAE, Melbourne State College, Monash University, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, and the University of New South Wales.

At the request of the Executive Committee the Board considered whether it would be feasible and desirable for the Association to charge institutions for all or part of the costs incurred in course recognition activities. As a first step the Board asked the Executive

Director to ascertain the practices of other professional bodies in Australia which assess and accredit tertiary courses in their discipline.

The Board considered a draft of a procedure manual for course recognition visits and associated activities, prepared by the Convener of its Course Recognition Committee.

The Convener of the Continuing Education Committee reported on developments so far this year. It is proposed to mount a second round of travelling workshops on AACR II, and a course presented with particular emphasis on the needs of school librarians is under discussion with State Education Departments and ASLA.

The Board decided to support in principle the mounting of a travelling program on middle-level library management and the holding of a national seminar on school libraries and networks. Library schools will be invited to tender for the preparation of the former, and the latter will be referred to the School Libraries Section for action.

The Committee will report to the next meeting on the feasibility of bringing a distinguished young adult librarian to Australia to conduct courses.

It was resolved to refer to the Branches the Audiovisual Services Committee's proposal for a travelling seminar on micrographics, to see whether members would be interested.

The Board noted that General Council at its last meeting had elected Mr E. Parr and Mrs C. Pivec to membership in place of Dr N. Radford and Assoc Prof C. Maguire, whose terms had expired.

Mr E. Flowers was elected Chairman of the Board to fill the remainder of Dr Radford's term of office, and Mr J. Brudenall was elected to replace Mr Flowers as Convener of the Course Recognition Committee.

Neil A. Radford

AN Australian magazine recently reported that librarians may experience some temporary confusion when cataloguing a recent British publication.

Under the heading 'A Cleavage of Opinions', the magazine reports that the book, titled *British Tits*, is written by dedicated bird-watcher, Christopher Perrins.