

News from the Divisions

ACT SPECIALS

ON 27 March the Section will hold a one-day seminar in the CSIRO Headquarters Conference Room, Limestone Ave. The seminar will address the problems of automated union catalogues and NUCOM.

Increased demands for timely information and the use of online searching are pressuring specials into speedier document backup. Financial constraints mean that the self-contained library is not possible. Indications are that special library resources should be recognised as a vital part of the national information resource.

The seminar will look at automated systems that can be used as union catalogues, other uses of automation to speed the service and NUCOM itself. Aimed at librarians who will be involved in improving the speed and efficiency of document delivery services. Contact Janet Smith (062) 45 2116.

WA INFORMATION SCIENCE SECTION

JOHN HILLER took time out of a busy schedule during a recent visit to Perth to talk to members of the ISS (WA Group) on the use of statistics in library management.

The talk focused on the use of data generated by automated circulation systems in academic libraries. The data gathered should identify problem areas. It is then necessary to determine whether any of these are worth further investigation. If so, it may be necessary to supplement statistics from the automated system with manually collected data, if this is possible.

The information collected could be used for a variety of purposes, including: general collection building, the selection of stock for transfer or retirement, the revision of loan periods, etc.

While the identification of borrowers can be withheld, it is possible, as an off-shoot, for conflicts between assignments set by different faculties, and the teaching patterns of staff to be revealed by such analyses. While this is useful information to the librarian in managing his collection, it may disturb academic staff and the librarian needs to be careful.

Louise Jones

VIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Student grants

APPLICATIONS are being sought by the Section from student members of the LAA for study grants of up to \$100 to assist original research studies related to school librarianship.

Applicants must be financial members of the LAA, engaged in research in some aspect of school librarianship at a recognised Victorian tertiary institution and their plan of study must be endorsed by their supervisor before application.

More information from Lecturers in charge of research studies or from Barbara Manton, Chandler Road, Gruyere 3770. Applications close 30 April 1981; all applicants will be contacted by 31 May 1981.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION

DURING the combined LAA/NZLA Conference in Christchurch, a general meeting of the Section was held. A report of that meeting, financial statements and a report from the outgoing President will appear in *AARL*.

Nominations are now being called for the next committee, to hold office until 1982. Traditionally, the committee comprises representatives from the state in which the next biennial conference will be held — Adelaide is the venue for the next conference.

Nominations have already been received for the positions of: President, Secretary, Treasurer and four committee members. Send nominations to Susan Acutt, Undergraduate Library, University of Qld, St Lucia 4067, by 9 March 1981.

NSW BRANCH

THE Proceedings of a workshop *Local History: Conservation and restoration procedures for public libraries*, held in October 1980, will be published in March.

The workshop was arranged by the NSW Branch and the Sydney Branch of the Australian Society of Archivists.

Copies available, in March, from LAA, 35 Clarence St, Sydney. Price, includes postage, \$5 (\$4 for LAA and ASA members).

Galaxy of Communications

THE SATELLITE Project Office, the body responsible for the development of DOMSAT (Domestic Satellite) have indicated that they are willing to consult with any committees established to represent particular interests in their fields.

AACOBS and the LAA have agreed to sponsor the establishment of a national consultative committee to represent the interests of libraries and information services. The committee plan to hold their first meeting in the middle of March this year, after which time a report of that meeting will appear in this newsletter.

Until we hear from the committee, readers may be interested to know that the NSW Branch of the Australian Computer Society will hold a Conference: *SATCOM Australia: Satellite Communications for Australia* on 12-13 March in the Menzies Hotel, Sydney. The seminar will look at the Australian scene — the applications, the technologies and the policies. For more information contact the Australian Computer Society (NSW), 35 Clarence St., Sydney 2000 (02) 290 3887. If you're a member of ACS it will cost you \$190 (non-member \$240).

Also on the 13th March in Sydney, there is to be a public meeting of a new group, ATUG (Australian Telecommunications User Group) — this one's free.

The Sydney Chamber of Commerce, the co-ordinators of ATUG, feel that 'all users should have a reasonable freedom of choice to benefit from modern communications technology and to utilise the best possible facilities and services at the lowest cost'. If you're a user (large or small) and would like to attend the meeting or find out more about ATUG, contact Dorothy Peake, Head, Information Resources Service, NSWIT, PO Box 123, Broadway 2007 (02) 2 0930. The meeting is to be held at the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, 95 York Street, Sydney.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA Perth LIBRARIAN (PHYSICAL SCIENCES)

Applications are invited for the position of Librarian of the Mathematics and Physical Sciences Library which is a branch of the University Library. The successful applicant will be responsible, under the direction of the University Librarian, for the administration of the Physical Sciences Library, liaison with staff and students, the provision of reference, information and loan services and collection development. Applicants should have an appropriate degree, relevant professional qualifications and several years' relevant experience.

Salary range. AS19,132-AS25,132 per annum (under review).

Benefits include superannuation, fares to Perth for appointee and dependent family, removal allowance, long service leave and housing loan scheme.

Applications in duplicate stating full personal particulars, qualifications and experience should reach the Acting Staffing Officer, University of Western Australia, Nedlands, WA 6009, by 4 April 1981. Candidates should supply the names and addresses of three referees.

FOR SPORTING FANS

THE Canberra College of Advanced Education will be launching a Bachelor's degree course in Sports Studies in 1981.

In particular, this will include studies in the following areas of sports related activities: Administration and Finance; Coaching and Training; Journalism, TV and Radio, History and Public Relations plus, of course, study of the sports themselves.

Amongst the students will be some of those selected by the Australian Institute of Sport, currently being constructed nearby.

The College Library is directing considerable energy into creating a collection for these students and their lecturers. In some ways, it is proving to be almost an empirical area of collecting. The Acquisitions Librarian, Carol Mills, would certainly appreciate hearing from libraries with surplus stock to dispose of, people with books and serials to sell, etc. (Address: PO Box 1, Belconnen, ACT 2616.)

IIS ESSAYS

WIN £120 (first prize) or £75 (second prize) in the Institute of Information Scientists (UK) Essay Competition.

The competition, sponsored by The Metals Society, is open to anyone under the age of 28, or full-time students of any age. Entry is open to every nationality — entrants do not have to be members of the IIS, nor do they have to be resident in the UK.

The essay should be between 2500 and 3500 words on one of the following topics: What do you consider is the future of videotex systems?; Discuss the changing role of an Information Scientist in industry; Has research a role in information science?

Essays must be received by 1 September 1981, and should be sent to Essay Competition, The Institute of Information Scientists, Harvest House, 62 London Road, Reading, RG1 5AS, England.