

News from the Divisions

QUEENSLAND AND NATIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION

The Section has been particularly active and busy this year and the Brisbane Conference seems to generate more and more work or the opportunity to be more active. Our meetings are held every six weeks in Brisbane but most of the work is carried out by individual members in their own time.

This year two issues of our State newsletter have been published and a National newsletter is planned as soon as we hear from all the State groups about their activities. A questionnaire to ascertain the status of public libraries in Queensland is at present being printed. The results will be tabulated by computer and should be available in August. They will be used in our submission to the soon-to-be-advertised Library Board of Queensland review into the State Library and Public Libraries.

Letters have been sent to all Queensland Chief Librarians requesting their ideas on the role of the Federal Government in Public Library funding. A submission to the State Government regarding a statewide Bicentennial Library building programme with special grants and loans is being drafted. There had been concern in February when there was a \$89,000 short-fall in the Library Board's allocation for the current financial year but Treasury has now approved additional funds to meet commitments for the Public Libraries subsidy Scheme. And then there's the Conference, the pre Conference Seminar, the AGM and the Dinner preparations.

We hope shortly to have a brochure advertising our pre Conference Seminar: *Action For Change* to be held on Sunday 26 August. The morning sessions deal with lobbying and the afternoon with marketing the public library.

And let's not forget all the memos that come from HQs, although the latest lot does give a more reasonable response time, but we do wonder whether we have the energy and time to deal with them. And amongst all this, the secretary found time to have a baby boy.

Now that this is all said, don't be surprised if you don't hear from us again until after the conference — all heads are down working. We look forward to meeting and entertaining as many interstate public librarians as you send up for the conference.

Tonia Walker
President

UCLS (SA DIVISION)

The new Executive of the University and College Libraries' Section (South Australian Division) as from 11 May 1984 will be:

President — Mr E. Wainwright
Secretary — Mrs H. Howard
Treasurer — Mrs L. Luther

all are from the University of Adelaide, Barr Smith Library.

Eric Wainwright

ACHLIS goes interstate

ACHLIS — the Australian Clearing House for Library and Information Science established experimentally at Melbourne's Footscray Institute of Technology Library in 1982 is to continue its development in the South Australian College of Advanced Education (SACAE) from 1 July this year.

Announcing the move SACAE College Librarian Alan Bundy, who initiated ACHLIS as Chief Librarian at the Footscray Institute, said 'The move will provide an opportunity to capitalise on the excellent work of the ACHLIS Co-ordinator Janice Drooglever and other staff at FIT during the first two years of the development. It is largely due to Janice's endeavours that Australia can now claim to be recording its literature in library and information science more comprehensively and systematically than any other Western country. The profession is in her debt. If anyone doubts this he or she should look at *Australian Library and Information Science Abstracts* (ALISA) 1982 and 1983 (for review see *The Source InCite* 5(5) 6 April 1984) and recent issues of the *Australian Education Index*'.

In addition to publishing ALISA, ACHLIS contributes records to the *Australian Education Index* (hardcopy and online) and LISA (hardcopy and online).

InCite readers are reminded that ACHLIS seeks to record and abstract all Australian library and information science documentation — both published and unpublished — including monographs, journals, newsletters, conference and workshop papers, occasional papers, position papers, major unique student papers etc.

One of the important features of ACHLIS is that it provides a way of recording and disseminating documentation that it may not be economic to publish, e.g. workshop papers.

The new co-ordinator for ACHLIS will be John Gray: (08) 258 3000. The ACHLIS address will be

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**National Conference
The Information Professional
Melbourne, Nov 26-28
See Happenings**

Radio University course for librarians

LIBRARIANS AND information managers seeking to keep up-to-date with recent advances in Automated Bibliographic Systems will be able to do a radio course on the subject, starting on 24 July.

The series of eight lectures is to be broadcast by the University of New South Wales as part of its continuing education program for 1984.

The principal lecturer, Michael Middleton of the University's School of Librarianship, has recently spent time in the United States, working on some of the systems used as examples in the course. Other specialists will make contributions in appropriate fields.

The course will deal with technological applications for library data processing, information retrieval and related bibliographic applications, such as microcomputer-indexing.

The lectures will cover integrated library systems; library networking; bibliographic formats, standards and compatibility issues; bibliographic applications for library use; enhancements to online information retrieval systems; Australian database development; technological developments affecting bibliographical data processing.

The course runs over eight weeks, each lecture being broadcast at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesdays and again at 8.00 p.m. on Thursdays over the University's educational radio station, Radio University 2UV. There will also be an attended/evening tutorial conducted by Mr Middleton at the University.

The fee of \$32.50 covers the lectures, a set of comprehensive notes and the tutorial. Transistor radios adjusted to pick up Radio University's special frequency in the Sydney area are on sale for \$10.00, plus postage.

A cassette version of the course will be available following broadcast from the University's Continuing Education Cassette Service for \$64.00, including notes. Individual lectures can be purchased for \$8.00 each.

Details on the course by radio or cassette can be obtained from Radio University at the University of New South Wales by phoning (02) 662 2691 or writing to P.O. Box 1, Kensington 2033.

Mollie Lenthall
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