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The SA University and College Section has elected Joan Manners as President for 1986.

Joan is a library technician employed at ACAE and SA Branch President Alan Bundy wonders if this is the first time a library technician has been elected President of a non-technician section. As Alan says, it is appropriate recognition of Joan's assiduous support for the LAA over many years.

New Chairman for ACC

Peter Banki who recently resigned from his position as Executive Director of the Australian Copyright Council became Chairman at the Council's Annual General Meeting on 17 March.

Peter replaces Frank Moorhouse, who had chosen not to stand again as Chairman due to overseas writing commitments in 1986, but he has accepted to serve as Vice-Chairman, together with Rick Raftos who represents the Australian Writers' Guild.

The Council now comprises 19 members representing organisations of copyright and neighbouring rights owners. The five staff members are Susan Bridge, Executive Officer; Emmanuel Candi and Mary Wyburn, Legal Officers; Kerrie Walsh, Secretary; and Lesley Cook, Information Officer.

Success story

A storytelling workshop for beginners — 'folktales for all ages' — was presented by Jenni Woodroffe of the Department of Information and Library Studies at WAIT on 4 March 1986.

Numbers were limited to 20, and a very enthusiastic group of teacher-librarians, librarians and students were introduced to the intricacies and mystiques of storytelling.

The full and comprehensive programme covered the many facets of the art, including techniques of telling a story, selection, preparation and presentation. Emphasis was placed on creating your own individual style — the one which suits you. Above all, said Jenni, storytellers must be happy with their story. They must be able to empathise with it.

Jenni shared her memories of a childhood rich with story reading and followed this with a South East Asian folktale, *The story spirits*, which had all the traditional ingredients of a successful folktale — spontaneity, mystery, fear, magic — leaving a lasting memory.

Linda Collins followed with a Papua New Guinea folktale, *The Story of the Papaya*. Linda has lived in Papua New Guinea and with a few visual effects created the right atmosphere for the story.

This was an enjoyable workshop and the next one is eagerly anticipated.

Brenda Berrisford

No WAIT for it

Andy Exon's *Preliminary survey of Australian inter-library lending: a report to the Australian Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission on the design for a national study of ILL traffic* (surely a contender for the longest title in 1986?) is now available.

It costs \$10 and may be ordered from The Administrative Officer, WAIT Library, Kent Street, Bentley WA 6102.

Doin' the Megadoc Jive

On 21 April Philips demonstrated their Megadoc high capacity, high speed electronic document handling system. It combines two new technologies — digital image conversion and digital optical recording — to efficiently store and retrieve large numbers of documents.

Megadoc uses a 30cm double-sided optical disc to store in digital form images read into it by a scanner. Images can include illustrations, handwriting and photos. These can be accessed by a pc onto a high resolution screen or a hard copy can be printed immediately.

Each disc can hold 2 Gigabytes of data and up to 64 discs with four disc drives can be mounted into a jukebox-like arrangement (to give access to around 8 million A4-size pages of information!).

Applications so far include information retrieval, mail handling and dossier management. Megadoc is being used in Europe by press clipping services, banks, insurance companies and

hospitals. For further information contact: Philips, 15 Blue St, North Sydney.

CAIRS better still

As well as their recent price drop, CAIRS Information Services announce major enhancements to their data management system. These include eleven entirely new features as well as other improvements and changes.

To find out more about CAIRS contact Systematics Information Systems, 3rd floor, 4 Help Street, Chatswood NSW 2067, (02) 411 3255.

George Eichinski

InCite for 25 April included a news item about George Eichinski's appointment as Deputy University Librarian at the University of Queensland.

An amendment to the final paragraph of this item has been received, stating that Mr Eichinski was Chairman of the ABN Standards Committee in 1985.

The LAA on view

Last year, General Council commissioned a promotional video to be made about the activities of the LAA. Launched at a special function at LAA House in March, it is now available for general distribution.

The video takes 15 minutes and is a comprehensive introduction to the Association and its activities. It explains the role of the Association and the duties of each member of the head office staff and there are interviews with a number of members active in the Association. They describe some of the activities undertaken by the divisions and explain why membership of the LAA is important to them.

The LAA video aims to promote librarianship in general and the LAA in particular and it is hoped that it will be widely used for this purpose.

One copy has been provided free to each state branch of the Association and it is suggested that divisions arrange to borrow the video from branches. Copies are also available for sale and may be ordered from head office for the following prices:

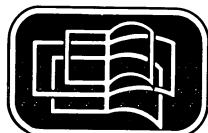
VHS: \$35.00

¾ inch U-matic: \$60.00.

Head office also has some copies of the video which may be borrowed. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for borrowed copies to cover postage and handling.

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