

..... News from the Divisions

ACQUISITIONS SECTION SA GROUP

The Acquisitions Section has formed a group in South Australia, and approval was given by General Council at its meeting in Darwin on 28 June for the formation of this group. The committee of the group is as follows:

- President* Bill Cations, Deputy Librarian, Flinders University. (Phone: 275 2435)
- Secretary* Shirley Devereux, Acquisitions Librarian, SA College of Advanced Education. (Phone: 352 0011).
- Treasurer* Mary Broadhurst, Acquisitions Librarian, State Library.
- Committee Member* Jennifer Redding, Subject Librarian/Serials Librarian, SA College of Advanced Education.

Please contact either Bill Cations or Shirley Devereux if you are interested in hearing more about the activities of the Acquisitions Section, SA Group. To become a member phone Jo-anne Fuller on (008) 22 1481 for free membership for the remainder of 1986. An active program is being planned for 1986 and beyond.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

TAFE SECTION

The TAFE Section, which was formed in 1985, now has 247 members. The first issue of the TAFE Section Newsletter, July 1986, has been posted to all members. If any member has not received a copy, please advise Judy Engall, Joint Editor, TAFE Section Newsletter, c/- Blacktown College of TAFE Library, Main Street, Blacktown, NSW 2148.

A copy of the Section's *Statement of Aims and Objectives*, which members' comments have helped develop, was also sent with the Newsletter.

A joint dinner meeting with guest speaker is planned with the New South Wales Association of TAFE Library Staff later this year. Suggestions are also welcomed for topics for seminars, speakers and discussion groups —

send any ideas to Committee member Sue Stenning, Division of Library Services, Department of TAFE, 140 George Street, Parramatta 2150. Planning is underway for a National Conference of TAFE Library Staff in Brisbane, 8-10 July, 1987, with the theme *Halfway there: between Kangan and 2000*.

Catherine Hall
Secretary

MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION SA GROUP

GRATISSA Launching

The official launching of the GRATISSA union list of periodicals held in South Australian medical libraries was at the Hilton International on 18 June and hosted by the University Cooperative Bookshop Ltd.

The bookshop has been very generous to the South Australian Medical Libraries Section by entering the union list on to their computer and negotiated with the members of the Section regarding the editing and printing processes. In his opening remarks, the General Manager of the bookshop, Jack McLoone, commented that it gave them a unique opportunity to help a group of South Australian medical librarians. They have previously assisted the New South Wales Medical Libraries Section to launch GRATIS, a similar cooperative inter-library loan network.

Jan Heath, President of the South Australian Medical Libraries Section, expressed the Section's appreciation and thanks to the bookshop for the large part they played in the completion of the first GRATISSA union list. Jan also read out a telegram from the GRATIS network in New South Wales who acknowledged our achievement.

The evening provided an opportunity for members to mix and mingle with representatives from the Cooperative Bookshop including Mike Haslam, Manager of the Subscription Division, who did much of the liaising with members of the Section.

Once again, many thanks to the University Cooperative Bookshop for a pleasant evening and for their help over the last few months and we look forward to their continued assistance in revising the GRATISSA union list.

REFERENCE AND READERS' ADVISERS' GROUP OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION NSW

'Staff training in reference techniques and resources' was the topic of a seminar held on June 13 organised jointly by the RARA Group and the Public Libraries Department of the State Library.

Sixty participants (44 from city libraries, 1 from country libraries and 5 from non-public libraries) packed the ballroom at the Woodstock Community Centre in Burwood to hear a line-up of speakers outstanding in the relevance of their material and presentation.

Speakers included both library and non-library people: Barbara Holmes (Coopers and Lybrand W.D. Scott), Evaline Chan (Curriculum Development Unit, TAFE), Sue Burges (K.C.A.E) and Marilyn Bryce, who covered different aspects of the why and how of staff training. Three representatives from public libraries described their reference staff training programs: John Cumberford (Canterbury Jan Keith (Wollongong) and Marion Brown (Riverina Community Library Service).

The seminar was opened by Helen Woodward of the PLD. Country participants were grateful for the assistance provided by the PLD for travel to the seminar.

The RARA Committee and Carol Yuen of the PLD were pleased with the response to the seminar and the favourable comments received. For more details of this seminar contact Carol Yuen Ph: 230 1525 or Jenny Ken (Rockdale) Ph: 597 1666 ext 303.

The RARA Group's next seminar will be Saturday September 27 and is called 'Making the most of your micro'. Watch *InCite* for further details.

If you wish to contribute to the organisation of this seminar or find out how you could be on next year's RARA Committee, please contact Jenny Kena or any other 1986 Committee member (Karen Vitullo — Bankstown, Joa Suckling — Penrith, Barbara Hunter — Leichhardt, Colin Grey — Stanton).

Jenny Kena
RARA Convenor

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