

..... News from the Divisions

DISTANCE EDUCATION GROUP

Gary Gorman, Convenor of the Special Interest Group on Distance Education, is moving from the Ballarat College of Advanced Education. From 1 February his address will be:

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STATUS OF WOMEN IN LIBRARIANSHIP SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Book Launch

On Tuesday, 27 November, Dr Jocelyne Scutt launched *Sharing our words: a select guide to feminist writings* at the Women's Information and Referral Exchange in Melbourne. This is the first publication produced by this group, and culminates eighteen months of hard work by the compilers: Margaret Aitken, Susan Hawthorne, Colleen Keane, Irene McGinnigle and Rhonda Small.

In her opening remarks, Jocelyne Scutt emphasised the breaking down of women's silence over the past two decades:

No longer are our words derided or merely ignored, *Sharing our words* is evidence of

the power of women's words. The very breadth of women's words and feminist writing is almost overwhelming — feminist thought and theory; Aboriginal women, the arts, women's lives, their work, their family. The titles of the works included also hold their own. Open *Sharing our words* at any page, and the titles leap out. They said there were no women artists. We say — Michelle Ely says it for us — *150 Women artists*. They said we lacked imagination, were pedestrian, run of the mill. We say — Dale Spender says it for us — *Women of ideas and what men have done to them* . . . They said careers were not for us. Miles Franklin said it for us — showed us how — *My brilliant career*. They told us we couldn't run our own lives. Fay Gale put it together and showed us and them — *We are Bosses ourselves*.

Hear! Hear!

Some thirty or more women attended the launch, which included booksellers and librarians. The evening wound up in the convivial tradition of wine, cheese and much discussion, aided by the congenial atmosphere of the WIRE venue.

Sharing our words is available from the Status of Women in Librarianship Special Interest Group, 11 Wordsworth Street, St. Kilda, Vic 3182. Price: \$6.95 (posted). Enquiries: (03) 339 5404 or (03) 534 3395.

Jinette de Gooljeer

CATALOGUERS SECTION ACT GROUP

At the Annual General Meeting held on 13 November 1985, the following office-bearers were elected:

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| President: | David Meatherell |
| Vice-President: | Nerida Hart |
| Treasurer: | Jenny Taylor |
| Secretary: | Diana Dack |

SOUTH COAST REGIONAL GROUP

Summary of 1985 Activities

On May 29 the South Coast Regional Group sponsored a meeting held at Wollongong City Library. Mr Graeme Deutscher introduced the LIBS100 computer system, including the reasons for its choice, advantages and disadvantages of the system, and the way it functions. The meeting then divided into three groups which were able to observe more closely the cataloguing, circulation, and central technology of the LIBS-100.

NSW Branch Council held its half-yearly all-day meeting in Wollongong in July, at our invitation. The Regional Group Committee arranged the venue for the meeting and catered for it. In the evening a dinner was held at the Wollongong City Gallery, with Bob Hudson as the guest speaker. Both food and speaker were excellent, and a good time was had by all.

At the end of July our Regional Group Committee took responsibility for co-ordinating the Careers Market Booth in Wollongong. The display we used came from the resources of the Wollongong City Library.

The year ended with a barbecue held in conjunction with the Illawarra School Librarians' Association, at Sublime Point Lookout, just north of Wollongong. It was intended as a family function! The weather was fine and the view magnificent.

It is expected that the Group will be bigger and better in 1986 and we wish all the other Regional Groups the same success

Heather Bennet

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**SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION
SA BRANCH**

SECTIONAL REPORT — 1985

Continuing education:

In this particularly important aspect of the work of the LAA, the major effort of the special section this year was the organisation of the 'Getting and spending' seminar in May. This was very well attended and well received, though there has been no response to a suggestion for another session dealing with some aspects in greater depth.

Other activities have been undertaken with other organisations. In October a session dealing with patents as an information source was organised by the Australian Mineral Foundation and the LAA assisted in advertising it. In November, a joint session with the Cataloguer's Section dealt with free text information retrieval systems and their particular relevance to the needs of special libraries. There is likely to be a workshop on this topic in 1986.

Less formally, sessions such as the 'Moving Experience' and the 'Records Management' forums have provided an opportunity for a lunch time discussion of these important issues.

Visits:

Although the 'Libraries round the Square' tours were particularly popular — indeed oversubscribed — and created some interest among librarians from other areas of librarianship, the tour of the Australian Society of Accountants library was very poorly attended. In retrospect, we may assume that this was because it was overshadowed by the National Conference which followed shortly after and this is a reminder that timing of events should be carefully planned.

Lobbying:

In the last annual report there had been no response from SALAC with respect to our submission for special libraries representation on that body. This has now been accepted and Ms E. Heinrich has been the representative for most of 1985. Some attempt has been made to keep all special libraries informed of the decisions of SALAC which will affect them by means of 'mail-outs' as necessary.

Ms Heinrich has also recently prepared a submission on behalf of the Special Libraries Section for the Review of Library Services in

South Australia. This very important area of the section's work will continue in various forms into 1986. It has been proposed that the information needs of industry in this state should be the subject of further investigation which may be assisted by the Special Libraries Promotion Task Force, which aims to promote the establishment of libraries in commerce and industry in 1986.

The first meeting of the Task Force has been held and it was felt that the project was of sufficient importance to warrant its continuation. It is hoped that in the coming year, special librarians should be aware of a particular emphasis upon this area of librarianship.

The problems of the centralisation of library purchases through State Supply are still of concern and although the matter was not followed up by the National Executive, it is presently the subject of correspondence between this section and the Acquisitions Section, LAA, NSW.

A contribution to the discussion of the future of the National Bibliography was made by this section in March 1985. The subject of reporting of special library holdings is one of continuing concern.

Representation was made to the Public Libraries Division about the notification of all special libraries when sales of surplus stock are planned. This has been agreed and in future all special libraries should have an opportunity to extend their collections in some areas at a greatly reduced cost.

1986:

It seems likely that the coming year will be a particularly interesting one for all South Australians, special librarians no less than others. At first it seems unfortunate that the campaign to promote special libraries should take place in the same year as the Jubilee 150 celebrations, but it is possible that this may yet prove to be a useful conjunction.

*E. Heinrich
L. Carmichael*

**SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION
WA GROUP**

WA Specials last report covered our 1985 activities to June of that year. Since then we've:

- held our first open committee meeting in a long time, on Tuesday August 20 at CSIRO Floreat Park laboratories, and were pleasantly surprised by the number who at-

tended. We plan to schedule at least one open committee meeting in 1986. Numbers at this meeting increased to about 40 for the second part 'The Use of Special Libraries by Outside Users'. Jill Maughan, Bruce Bott and Mary Rose O'Connor presented their views on the topic and at the end of the meeting a resolution was passed that WA Specials write to the WA State Librarian requesting that the Library Board give consideration to the establishment of a junior/young adult non fiction collection at the State Reference Library.

- discussed Document Delivery. On November 5 we heard Lorraine Eilbeck address national developments, Terry Stone speak on the WA Union Catalogue and Andy Exon deliver an update on the Perth Inter Library Loan (PILL) project and post PILL developments.
- gathered for breakfast. Our final formal gathering for the year was our AGM and Breakfast at Miss Mauds restaurant. A fine time was had by the 45 attendees and requests were made for a repeat in 1986.

*Kerry Smith
Publicity Officer 1985*

**SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION
(WA GROUP)**

The Presentation of Awards ceremony on 22 October, 1985 saw the culmination of the sixth year of the West Australian Young Readers' Book Award programme. Held in the new Alexander Library building, it was attended by approximately 700 young people and adults. The 1985 winners were *The BFG* by Roald Dahl (Primary) and *The secret diary of Adrian Mole aged 13¾* by Sue Townsend (Secondary). A special Australian Award was presented for *When we ran* by Keith Leopold as this book was ranked second in the Secondary section of the Award. None of the authors could accept their awards in person, but we were fortunate that Margaret Mahy was in WA at the time and she accepted the Secondary Award on behalf of Sue Townsend and also entertained the audience with a talk about books and writing. Roald Dahl was represented by a family friend, Dimity Huntington, who shared some personal anecdotes about him with us. Roald also sent a taped message to the young readers of WA which was greatly appreciated.

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Q: What South American cat is becoming indigenous to Australia?

A: ACI's OCELOT. MARC-capable micro software for library managers, now under extensive development following 1985 field trials.



OCELOT

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The Presentation night is geared to the young people who participate in the Book Award programme and two schools presented dramatisations from the winning books. The primary dramatisation was performed by students from the Helena School and Forrestfield Senior High School students presented excerpts from *The secret diary of Adrian Mole*. Sue Townsend sent a cabled response and it is interesting to note that she originally wrote the Adrian Mole books for adults. Keith Leopold's written message read by Lena Piano, who accepted his award, was very well received by the audience and his expressed sentiment, that 'the first essential of all fiction is to tell a good story well' is worthy of comment.

Finally, 1985 saw a dramatic increase in participation with a total of 48,458 valid rankings being recorded compared with 28,243 in 1984. Hopefully, this upward trend will continue.

Audrey Foley

Directory launched

The 3rd edition of the *Information Consultants Freelancers and Brokers Directory* was launched by Professor Blaise Cronin at the VALA Third National Conference on Library Automation in Melbourne on 25 November, 1985.

Professor Cronin praised the concept and the professionalism of the publication and expressed the need for a similar publication in the United Kingdom.

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**SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION
(SA)**

A buffet tea provided by the 1985 committee preceded the Section's AGM on November 18 at the SA Institute of Teachers. Following a brief business meeting, the guest speaker for the evening was Elizabeth Loughlin, one of the judges for this year's Children's Book of the Year Award. Elizabeth explained that the judges have to make their choice within guidelines set by the Children's Book Council. For example, there must be eight books on the short list, which can mean sometimes the inclusion of a book which is not the same standard as the other shortlisted books. If a picture book has text, then text and illustrations must make a successful whole; some very good illustrations are not well served by the accompanying text. The books were trialled on young people in several ways and their responses taken into account by the judges. The great interest in the topic of Book Awards was shown by the many questions asked.

Those present at the meeting were able to inspect a display of costumes and patterns for file 150, suitable for school students.

Bev Stone

**JOINT MEETING
NSW SPECIAL LIBRARIES
SECTION AND AUST. INST.
FOOD, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

We were up against Gough talking about the Inn-Pitt Report on Libraries, on Wednesday evening, November 13. Despite this opposition I think our meeting was most successful. Thirty-five people attended the combined meeting of the Australian Institute of Food Science & Technology and the NSW Special Libraries Section of the LAA with a ratio of two to one library professionals in attendance. After nibbling on Arnotts bickies and cheese, and a few glasses of riesling, two presentations were given. The first by John Mayfield (Packaging Research Supervisor — Arnotts Ltd) followed by Vivien Bowman (Manager — Information Services Department, Unilever Australia Ltd). John spoke about information needs of the technologist whilst Vivien discussed 'the proof of the pudding, its in the eating and the ingredients' or, how a well managed, productive Library/Information department, comprising a staff of specialists, can be of added value to any company. Both these papers are being reprinted in the next issue of ASLN. The night concluded somewhat later than expected with a demonstration of the Arnotts Library Information System, known as ALIRA and brief tours of the research labs for those interested.

Mary Baker

**NSW BRANCH AGM
11 March 1986**

5.30 for 6 pm. LAA House, 376 Jones St, Ultimo (Chinese Restaurant 7.30 pm). RSVP for dinner by 5 March, Faye Lawrence, 327 7818.

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