

FEEDBACK

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION — QLD GROUP

The UCLS (Qld Group) and the School Libraries Association of Queensland (SLAQ) recently sponsored a highly successful seminar 'Making the Transition: User Education in Secondary and Higher Education Libraries.'

The aim of this seminar was two-fold: to enable librarians from the higher education sector to see what is happening in the user education field, and to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas between library staff in the secondary and higher education sectors.

During the morning session representatives from Queensland University, Queensland Institute of Technology, TAFE, Brisbane CAE, Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education presented overviews of their respective user education programs. Some of the innovations discussed included:

- the introduction of library skills as an integral part of accredited courses;
- the substitution of a video for orientation tours;
- the use of computer assisted learning programs to introduce students to indexes and abstracts.

All agreed that user education programs should be assessed for relevance and usefulness and that evaluation should not be by mere counting of heads.

The afternoon session incorporated a joint UCLS and SLAQ presentation. Discussion focused on some of the problems teacher librarians in secondary schools face when

introducing students to the library, including the small percentage of the total student population who are destined for higher education, and the variations in library facilities available.

Teacher librarians at various Queensland high schools have introduced co-operative planning and teaching program (CPT). These involve an integrated approach where the teacher and teacher librarian jointly plan a classroom activity which revolves around the use of library resources and results in the development of library skills. The use of QNET enables teacher librarians and teachers to discuss their CPT programs with others throughout the state.

Results of a survey of first-year tertiary students' experiences of user education were also presented at this session. This survey provided data on the students' perceptions of user education given the library services available during their first year at a tertiary institution. Selected students from all tertiary institutions in Queensland responded to this survey.

A lively panel discussion ended a day which provided a unique opportunity to exchange information and to make valuable contacts. It is hoped that this will lead to continued co-operation between the two groups.

Lesley Speer
Publicity Officer

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Young Ones dinner

After a gallant effort by the committee to distribute many invitations to the first Young Ones dinner, 17 people attended on 11 May. I was initially disappointed. Reflecting later, 17 is a good number for an activity held for the first time. The venue was Simply French in Ultimo and the evening was 'simply enjoyable'. I met four people I had never met before and caught up with others that I hadn't seen in some time.

The purpose of the dinner was to encourage young, new professionals to meet new people and make professional contacts that may assist them in their day-to-day work activities. That is not to say, that it's no use talking to a public librarian if you're a special librarian and vice versa. It is interesting to hear different perspectives; and who knows when you may need some information from a different type of library.

The noise level of the two tables indicated that all who attended the dinner enjoyed themselves. Suggestions were put forward for the next one. The lucky door prize was won by Peter Diggins, husband of Nyree Diggins (alias Swan). Peter was the fourth person to be drawn as the three previous winners had all been committee members, and the draw hadn't even been rigged!

So, where were the rest of you 'Young Ones'? Did you have prior arrangements or aren't you interested in making contact with other professionals? I have recently seen professionals being described as ADEPT (Accurate, Discreet, Enthusiastic, Productive and Thrifty). I thought that this was appropriate for our industry. I hope I am not mistaken.

Mary Baker

SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION NATIONAL

To sink or swim?

The recent closure or downgrading of a number of company libraries in Queensland and Victoria has caused concern amongst special librarians. In each case, the consulting firm, McKinsey and Company, had undertaken an investigation into the company's operations. The inference that McKinsey and Company regard libraries unfavourably was easily drawn. The SA Special Libraries Promotion Task Force has agreed to investigate this matter on behalf of the National Special Libraries Section committee.

Rather than restricting the survey to the 'McKinsey libraries' it is intended that all known incidences of special library closures or downgradings be investigated. This will enable us to obtain a more accurate idea of why specials are subject to cutbacks. The co-operation of the committees of each state Special Libraries Section and in fact all special librarians will be sought in identifying libraries which have been closed or downgraded. Once identified, questionnaires will be sent, where possible, to both the librarian and parent organisation seeking the relevant information.

The information which is collected will be analysed and then released in the form of a set of guidelines providing advice on not only how to survive, but, more importantly, how to succeed in the 1990s and beyond.

Your comments, suggestions etc. are keenly sought. Contact Heather Parrington, Convener, Special Libraries Promotion Task Force, SA c/ Corporation Library, City of Adelaide, GPO Box 2252, Adelaide 5001 (09) 218 7250. PS — Challenge: When specials swim together they can change the tide.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES SECTION SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION VICTORIAN GROUPS

Expanding horizons

The first joint conference organised by the Children's Libraries Section and School Libraries Section of the LAA is set to be a great success. A team of professional speakers has been engaged to lead the conference entitled 'Expanding Horizons' to be held at Blythwood Grange via Ballarat from 21-23 October.

Topics to be covered include: the art of communication, the challenge of change and understanding and resolution conflict. Margaret Cameron, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Chief Librarian of Deakin University will give the opening address.

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This will be a highly professional conference which will see you return to your workplace with renewed vigour and an expanded circle of friends. A limited number of places remain for librarians who respond promptly. Contact either the conference treasurer, Nola Schlegel on (03) 299 1434 or one of the following: Jo Leonard (03) 650 5622; Julia Nutting (03) 703 1266; Irene Meeuwissen (03) 792 9216; Pamela Taylor (052) 45 2222.

Pamela Taylor
President

School Libraries Section, Vic Group

GEELONG REGIONAL GROUP

The group's program for 1988 is proving popular. The group supported 'The Informers', a team of librarians and friends in the National Aquatic Festival's Annual Dragon Boat Regatta. The team gained third place in a very competitive section.

A joint meeting with SLAV (Geelong) was attended by 80 members and friends who dined at the Davidson Restaurant. Dinner was followed by an informative tour of the Gordon Technical College's Learning Resource Centre, led by President Karen Kealy and Treasurer Elke Dawson.

The success of these two events should ensure an enjoyable, informal atmosphere at the evening of 'Wine, Wisdom and Wit' on 21 June. A bookseller and a vigneron will offer their knowledge and wares and members and friends can sample fine wines. The LAA's President, Alan Bundy, will be a special guest.

Planning is underway for a number of events ranging from a visit to CSIRO's Animal Health Laboratory Library, to a library promotion evening, to a workshop and seminar on software packages for small libraries. The year will culminate in 'Christmas Capers' with special guest Dr Magnus Clarke of ABC's 'University Challenge' television program.

Sue Bone

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Royal progress

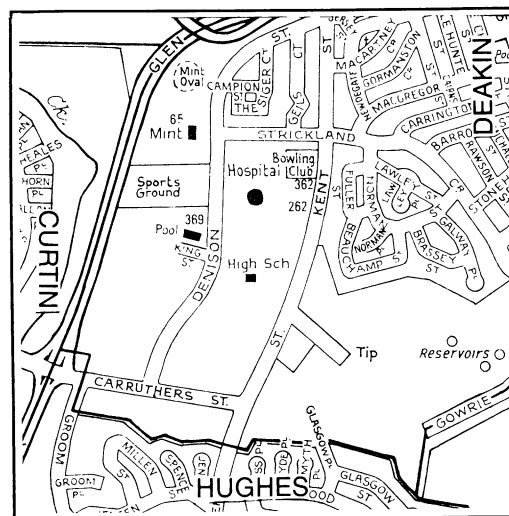
The Supplemental Royal Charter is on its way! The Governor General has been empowered to grant Royal Charters and Supplemental Royal Charters in Australia.

The procedure for approving Royal Charters in Australia has now been established by the Department of Administrative Services. The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia was the first body to have its Supplemental Royal Charter granted using these new procedures.

The LAA's Supplemental Royal Charter is being re-styled, with the assistance of the LAA's solicitor, to fit in with these new procedures. A postal ballot of General Council will be conducted to approve this re-styling. The Charter will be forwarded to Canberra for approval. Final approval should only be weeks away.

Building update

The National Capital Development Commission (NCDC) has recently offered your Association a site for its proposed building in West Deakin. The site is located close to the Denison Street end of the development and is some 3363m x 3363m in area. The LAA has given preliminary acceptance to this offer, conditional upon suitable finance being available and upon the architectural concept plans meeting NCDC standards. This space will allow the construction of a two storey building and provide the regulation car park, as set by the NCDC. The building, as currently envisaged, will be of an economic size which



Land set aside for associations by the Government lies between Denison and Kent Streets, West Deakin.

will allow for the future growth needs of your Association and still provide a long-term financial return to the LAA.

The Executive Committee, at its meeting on 10 June, will be discussing the financing of the building project with the LAA's bankers. A number of other financial institutions will also be approached to ensure that the LAA has the most cost efficient finance available for this investment.

The next step in this major project is the development of the required preliminary architectural concept plans for the NCDC. A questionnaire has been sent out by the LAA to some 9 architectural firms to indicate their interest in, and suitability for, this project. Eight firms have responded with submissions.

The Executive Committee, at its 10 June meeting, will draw up a short list of firms from whom more substantial concept plans will be sought.

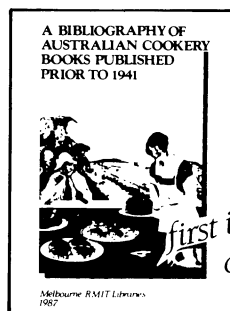
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Executive Director

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