

Sydney University Arts Alumni Association inaugural dinner

Tuesday, 4 June, University Club, 6.30 pm

An ALIA member has drawn our attention to this function, at which Professor Ann Boyd, a music pioneer and composer, will be the guest speaker. A graduate of Sydney, she has returned after 30 years to become the Head of the Music Department at the University. Her most recent major composition, 'Black Sun' a commemoration of the Tiananmen Square massacre, was premiered in San Francisco last year. Her topic will be 'The Influence of Arts Graduates'. This is the Association's first dinner; it will enable Arts graduates to meet with each other and understand more about the Association.

Contact Greg Long, Office of Graduate and Community Relations, University of Sydney on (02) 692 4310 for tickets (\$45 per head), or if you would like more information about the Association and its activities or if you want to receive the newsletter. □

Who's Where

The University of Melbourne Library has a new East Asian Librarian, **Bick-har Yeung**. Bick-har was educated at the National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei and Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Her major library position was as Assistant Librarian at the Hong Kong Baptist College between 1973 and early 1990. Her special interest in librarianship is the automation of CJK materials. This should be put to good use as the library will be installing the OCLC/CJK system during 1991.

Liz Oley left CSIRO last year and is now offering consulting services in information management. With a background in the computer industry as an analyst/programmer she has worked with various information retrieval and library systems in systems consulting and library management.

Her services include project management, locums, database development, review of current systems and upgrading and streamlining operations.

Although based in Melbourne, Liz will travel wherever she is needed. Contact her at 18 Ralston Street, South Yarra, VIC 3141, telephone (03) 867 7426.

Ian Stubbin has recently been appointed group librarian for the libraries in Prince of Wales, Prince Henry and Prince of Wales Childrens hospitals in the Eastern Sydney Area Health Service.

For some years he was Hospitals Librarian with the NSW Health

Department where he inaugurated a large number of regional and hospital library services. He brings to this position experience in the National Library of Medicine in Washington, library schools, tertiary libraries in New South Wales and an interest in publishing, being proprietor of a private press specialising in local history.

He is currently national secretary of the Health Libraries Section of ALIA, and actively involved in the organisation of the national biennial conference in Canberra in September.

Kirsty Williamson and **Katie Purvis**, both graduates of Monash University Graduate School of Librarianship, are presently working on the Basic Telecommunications Needs Project. This project has been commissioned by TACC (Telecom Australia Consumer Council) and is funded by Telecom. Kirsty is an investigator and Katie is the information retrieval expert. Kirsty is also a lecturer in Library and Information Studies at the University of Melbourne, while Katie works in the Department of Music at Monash University. The other two investigators on the BTN Project are **Mark Balnaves**, a sociologist, and **Peter Caputi**, a mathematical psychologist, both from RMIT. Mark, who is chief investigator, is the son of John Balnaves (the former head of the Library School at the then CCAE).

Major information conference in Adelaide in July 1991

The National Conference on the Management of Geoscience Information and Data, 22-25 July 1991, looks like being the biggest yet in its field in Australasia.

The 45 papers being presented will provide earth science and resource librarians with a unique opportunity to examine and discuss the systems and methods evolving for organising and delivering information across the growing spectrum of user requirements. The conference will extend the librarian's vision and information management horizons. It will also provide an opportunity to interact with geoscientific users to help them assess future directions.

Some of the topics being addressed will cover PC-based library automation and document control, organisation of

technical report collections, databases, geographic information systems (GIS), exploration reporting and other standards, the national earth science and resource reference database, and collection policy, conspectus and the BMR library. Four full-day workshops will precede the conference covering: Indexing and searching reference databases, data modelling for the creation of database systems, geographic information systems, and IGCP Project 259 geochemical mapping.

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