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• **11/11 APSIG.** *Lunchtime talks-great travellers' tales from around the region.* NLA, 4th floor conference room. 12.30-1.30pm. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph (06) 262 1519, e-mail msexton@nla.gov.au.

• **29/11 ACT UCRLS AGM.** A short meeting, relaxing lunch. Guest speaker: John Thompson, on his work with Brenda Niall in editing *The Oxford Book of Australian Letters*. Scarth Room, University House. Contact: Judy Churches, ph (06) 249 3443, fax (06) 249 4063, e-mail judy.churches@library.anu.edu.au.

4/12 AIMA Training and Consultancy Services Ltd. *Benchmarking your library.* Canberra International Hotel, Northbourne Avenue, 9-5pm. For further information contact: Rosemary Turner, ph (06) 262 1223, fax (06) 257 1703, e-mail aima@nla.gov.au.

4/12 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminar. Introductory DIALOG. Canberra contact: ph (02) 9212 2867, e-mail krinfo.uts@uts.edu.au.

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• **4/11-3/12 NSW School Libraries Section committee meetings.** Joint Council meeting rooms, Leichhardt Public School, 7-9pm. (4/11, 3/12 — Xmas function). Contact: Denise Hoeflake, ph (02) 632 8759.

5/11 Becoming a Web Server: Designing Web Pages. University of NSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, e-mail M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

• **6/11 NSW Health Libraries Section.** *Internet Workshop.* 6pm for 6.30-8.30pm at the Uni of New South Wales, Biomedical Library, Computer Laboratory. Cost \$25.00 for members, \$40.00 for non-members. For more details contact: Jill Denholm, ph (02) 9385 2663.

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Crop a librarian

The business officer and head of the library and information Networked Service unit of the ANU library, Keith France, was recently cropped in a good cause. Having set a target of \$2000 needed in pledges before he would consent to be cropped, Keith was delighted to be shorn when \$3400 was donated. Donations came, not only from the library, but from all around the university and from library suppliers. Onlookers enjoyed a sausage sizzle while Nick Aherne, a barber at the Australian Institute of Sport (who also came fourth in the twenty-four kilometre walk at the Atlanta Olympic games) performed the cropping.

All money raised was donated to the pediatric oncology ward at Canberra hospital. Joan Jensen, ANU



Career training in the information industry

Kay Cole, Box Hill Institute of TAFE

The first group of full-time Diploma students from Box Hill Institute of TAFE embarked on their first work placement in October. This was the first practical experience in their chosen career path, the information industry.

These students are studying the new Diploma of Library and Information Studies, based on the national library competency standards.

In preparation for their industry placement they have studied a range of practical units such as 'Lending services', 'Materials receipt', and 'Collection

maintenance', while in the unit 'Working in the information industry' students examined the range of career paths open to library technicians and developed skills in locating a job in the industry.

During the two-year course the students will

gain experience in different types of libraries, library suppliers and other information agencies.

Box Hill Institute has been delighted by the response from industry in supporting these students in the first step of their career. ■

