

NEWS

Association for Library and Information Science Education – New officers

Jane Robbins-Carter, Director, University of Wisconsin-Madison Library School, assumed the presidency of the Association for Library and Information Science Education following the annual conference in Washington, DC. Newly elected officers are Norman Horrocks, Director, Dalhousie University School of Library Service, as Vice-President/President-Elect and Joan C. Durrance, Coordinator of Continuing Education, University of Michigan School of Library Science, as Director. F. William Summers, Dean, University of South Carolina College of Library and Information Science, assumed the position of Director left vacant by the death of Annette L. Phinazee. Timothy W. Sineath, Dean, University of Kentucky College of Library and Information Science, was named Secretary/Treasurer to complete the term of Kay Murray, McLean, VA, who resigned. Charles D. Patterson, Professor, Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science, was appointed to a second four-year term as editor of the *Journal of Education for Librarianship*. Other officers include Robert D. Stueart, Dean, Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Past President and Charles R. McClure, Associate Professor, University of Oklahoma School of Library Science, Director.

Council on Library Resources – 1983 report

Matters pertaining to library education, training, and research were prominent on the CLR agenda in 1983. On the assumption that the quality of education significantly affects professional futures, special attention has been given to both basic and continuing education programmes. The Professional Education and Training for Research Librarianship (PETREL) programme was established in 1980, supported by grants from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. During the 1983 fiscal year the Pew Memorial Trust made a \$430 000 grant to the Council for PETREL activities. Part of the funding supports cooperative research projects proposed jointly by faculty and librarians. The Pew grant also will support efforts to explore questions relating to librarianship and educational preparation.

During the 1983 fiscal year, ten students graduated from the PETREL-sponsored programmes at the Universities of Michigan and Chicago. Twenty-nine senior library administrators have participated in the Senior Fellows programme begun in 1982 at the University of California, Los Angeles. Leaders in the profession have

attended two PETREL-sponsored Frontiers Conferences intended to help build understanding of future library needs. Another CLR programme for librarians who wish to extend their experience, the Academic Library Management Intern Program, has resumed following evaluation.

Professional education programmes

Basic professional education

At the University of Michigan School of Library Science, specially recruited, highly-qualified graduates of liberal arts and sciences programmes are pursuing a new two-year curriculum in research librarianship. The first four CLR Fellows graduated in April 1983. In addition to library science courses, all students complete interdisciplinary course work and one-term internships at research libraries. A second class of six Fellows entered the programme in September 1982, and a third class will begin work in September 1983. Support for the programme, primarily for student aid, will continue at a reduced level during the third year.

Advanced study in library management

During 1982/83, CLR supported the University of Chicago Graduate Library School's experimental postgraduate course designed to prepare working professionals for senior management responsibilities. In June 1983, six students completed a year-long curriculum that included courses in the school of management and the library school and concluded with an investigative internship.

PETREL support for this programme provided tuition assistance and stipends for the students. A decision has been made not to continue the programme, principally because of recruiting difficulties.

Senior Fellows

The Senior Fellows programme began in August 1982 at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of California, Los Angeles. It provides specialized management instruction for selected senior library administrators. During a six-weeks' residency at UCLA, Fellows complete interdisciplinary course work, a seminar on issues in academic library management, and tutorials. They also define a research problem to be investigated during the remaining months of the year-long programme. Planned to develop a sense of community among research librarians and library school faculty as well as to hone individuals' management skills, the programme will continue with CLR support for at least a third year. The 1982-83 class consisted of 12 library administrators and one library school faculty member. A second class of 16 will convene in August 1983.

Professional cooperation and research

Frontiers Conferences

The Council's 26th Annual Report described the first Frontiers Conference, held in December 1981. The Conference was designed to bring librarians, library educa-

tors, university officials, and others together to discuss current issues and future library needs, and it received high ratings from participants. The PETREL committee solicited proposals for further conferences and subsequently awarded a \$33 000 grant to the University of British Columbia School of Librarianship. At this second invitational meeting, held in June 1983, 32 participants met to discuss "Changing Technology: Its impact on Scholarly Communication, Research Libraries and Education for Librarianship and Information Science". Proceedings of both meetings will be published.

Faculty-librarian cooperative research projects

As part of the PETREL programme, the Council funds research projects conducted by teaching faculty and senior staff members of academic and research libraries. The objectives of the programme are to stimulate high-quality research and to bring librarians and faculty together to work on library problems. Grants of up to \$3000 are provided to cover incremental costs incurred for organizing data, hiring interviewers, and computer time. Proposals are reviewed semi-annually by members of the PETREL advisory committee and CLR staff.

During the 1982/83 fiscal year, 35 proposals were received, and 16 were funded.

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Institute for Library School Faculty

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) sponsored an Institute for Library School Faculty to explore changes taking place in research libraries and to assess the implications of these changes for library education. The Institute, funded by the Council on Library Resources, was an initiative of the ARL Committee on Library Education; the ARL Office of Management Studies is coordinating its design, conduct, and evaluation. The University of North Carolina Libraries and School of Library Science hosted the Institute.

Twelve to fifteen library school faculty members were invited to take part in the three-week event, which was held in Chapel Hill, July 9–27, 1984. Library and academic administrators and leading scholars also participated. The Institute included field experience in a major research library in North Carolina. Topics covered were: institutional policy making and environmental developments; user behaviour, characteristics, and expectations; public services; collection management; preservation; acquisitions, processing, and bibliographic control; staffing patterns and future requirements; library management systems and practices; and managing technology.

NJASIS sponsors internship programme

The NJASIS Internship Programme is a cooperative workstudy arrangement between the Rutgers School of Communication, Information and Library Studies

(SCLIS), the New Jersey Chapter of ASIS, and various research, business and industrial organizations in the New Jersey area. The programme is designed to benefit both sponsoring organizations and interns by providing practical experience in organizations that serve internal or external information functions, such as records centres, management information centres, computer operations, research and development centres, technical publications and programme documentation centres, and technical information centres.

Library school closure – reprieve?

Alumni, librarians, and library employers have combined forces to avert the threatened closing of the library school at the University of Southern California. The school is the main source of public librarians in the southern part of the state.

A hearing held by a Subcommittee of USC's Graduate and Professional Schools at USC drew close to standing-room-only attendance; librarians and library employers took up an entire afternoon in testimony (report still awaited).

Nothing is final, but a likely outcome now is a merger with some other element of the University, but one that will be more administrative than substantive and keep USC as a source of ALA-accredited graduate librarians.

New school at Riverina College

A new school, known as the School of Information Studies, has been established at Riverina College of Advanced Education, Australia. The School has been created through the amalgamation of the former Schools of Computing Studies, and Library and Information Science and has been established to meet the challenge of advanced information technology.

The new School will continue to be responsible for the following courses: Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Science; Graduate Diploma in School Librarianship; Bachelor of Arts (Library and Information Science); Associate Diploma in Computing, and is currently developing three other courses: a Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications, Graduate Diploma in Children's Literature, and a Bachelor of Applied Science (Computing).

Australian library news

Continuing education – dawn of an era

The School of Library and Information Science, MARA Institute of Technology (Malaysia) has embarked on the fulfillment of one of its golden dreams -- the provision of a continuing education programme for the dissemination of knowledge in information science, with special reference to current trends in library automa-

tion. A five-day course on Computer Applications in Libraries and Information Centres was held on 12–16 September, 1983, at the Shah Alam Campus, and was attended by the Minister of Information, Y.B. Datuk Seri Mohd. Adib bin Haji Mohd. Adam. One of the guest lecturers was Professor Tefco Saracevic from Case Western Reserve University, USA.

The course was jointly organized with the School of Mathematics and Computer Science of the Institute. It was attended by 32 professional librarians from different types of libraries in Malaysia, and one from the University of Indonesia.

Emphasis was on information retrieval systems with special emphasis on reference services. In line with this, the concept of online bibliographic searching on bibliographic databases was introduced through the use of a software package, dBASE II, on a NEC PC 8801 microcomputer system. Participants used controlled and uncontrolled vocabulary to index journal articles and developed a database which they searched using Boolean logic.

Prompted by the success and response from this training programme, the School of Library and Information Science plans to conduct a similar course at a more advanced level. This programme aims to deal with the concepts of information processing and management of information systems so as to prepare information professionals to deal with information both as a commodity and a process. Participants will learn about handling a database on 'Population Census', and will also design and create a current awareness system.

This proposed course will be jointly conducted with the National Family Planning Board in October 1984. Applications are invited from librarians and information professionals in the ASEAN countries. No previous experience with online systems is required. A certificate of attendance will be issued to those who complete this training programme.

Dr Katni Kamsono Kibat
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New permanent courses

New undergraduate programme

In Autumn 1984 Drexel School of Library and Information Science will offer an undergraduate degree programme leading to a BS in information systems. In conjunction, it has changed its name from School of Library and Information Science to College of Information Studies. The reason for the name change just six years after the school adopted its previous name, as Dean Guy Garrison wrote to alumni, "reflects the rapid pace of development in the field of information".

The new programme will offer a solid background in the sciences, social sciences and humanities in addition to a major in information systems. A distinctive feature of the curriculum will be its emphasis on the user and behavioural aspects of

information as well as the technological aspects. Academic study will be combined with work-experience in a five-year co-op-based study plan. Graduates will be prepared for careers as information systems specialists, applications programmers and information analysts for business, government, law and health care environments.

Information technology initiative

The Department of Library and Information Studies at Manchester Polytechnic is introducing a new Information Technology course in their recently reapproved BA (Hons) Library and Information Studies degree.

Students are being recruited to the 1984 BA (Hons) Library and Information Studies degree course who will take an information technology route, with an emphasis on creative programming and systems design. The curriculum is centred on the needs of users of information and libraries, and on the techniques and systems that are required.

Further information can be obtained by writing to:

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Information systems and technology course

The Department of Information Science, in collaboration with the Department of Computer Science and the Centre for Business Systems Analysis of The City University, London will be offering a day-release course leading to MSc/Diploma in Information Systems and Technology.

The new course, to commence in October 1984, derives from the very popular Research and Development in Information Systems option of the MSc in Information Science, but will cover the ground between the traditional information science courses, computer science courses and the IT courses recently sponsored by SERC. The emphasis will, however, be definitely on the human aspects of IT and will concentrate on the information as much as on the technology.

Further information will be available shortly. Please contact:

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1985 Conference – Association of American Library Schools

“Undergraduate Preparation for the Information Professions” is the theme of the 1985 Annual Conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education, to be held at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC, from January 2–4, 1985. Three general sessions will feature discussions on ‘History and Philosophy of Undergraduate Library and Information Science Education’, ‘Present Practice: Undergraduate and Graduate’, and ‘Views of Employers and Practitioners on Preparation at the Bachelor’s and Master’s Levels’. Round table discussions at the conference luncheon will enable all participants to share ideas. Everyone interested in library and information science education is welcome and invited to attend the conference.

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Research award

Kent State Library School has received an award of \$5000 from the Council on Library Resources to explore a number of alternatives in education for academic and research libraries, a priority this year for CLR as well as for the Association of Research Libraries.

The programme options Kent State will look at include:

- extending the MLS beyond 36 hours and developing a tracking system;
- joint programming with other institutions;
- more part-time and continuing education study;
- interdisciplinary programming with information science units at Kent State;
- a new minor in library/information science for some doctoral programmes;
- a doctoral programme in library and/or information science.

Announcement of research awards

The Council on Library Resources has announced a new series of grants for library education programmes to be available in 1984 and 1985. Up to fifteen planning grants of \$5000 will be made to cover all or a portion of costs for planning educational activities. Plans that are satisfactorily developed may be submitted for funding in a second phase of the programme, in which up to five implementation grants in the range of \$25 000–\$75 000 will be made.

The objective of the programme is to assist librarians and library educators who are actively seeking ways to enrich both basic and supplementary education for the profession. Graduate library schools, research libraries, and other divisions of research universities are invited to consider how they might contribute to the programme.

The first review of planning grant applications is on March 15. Subsequent reviews will be at about 3-month intervals thereafter. Reviews of proposals for implementation grants will be on October 1, 1984; April 1, 1985; and October 1, 1985.

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