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IS IT MAY ALREADY ?? (or, How the Editor missed his deadline?)

There are several reasons why this issue of AACL NEWSLETTER is two months behind schedule. One of them isn't that the editor was metaphorically asleep. Let's just be charitable and say that all of the recent sunspot activity is to blame. (I'm sure I read somewhere that sunspots can affect communication lines.)

Before you ask why this July MAY issue is smaller than usual, let us point out that it does not contain the usual around-the-province library reports. Not sure why, but I hear the editor mumbling about sunspots again.

Looking ahead, we are predicting that the November issue of the Newsletter will be a bonanza. Save your reports until then.

Meanwhile, the editor is heading off to the balmy South Pacific for several weeks. A little more sun is probably just what he needs.

You have a good summer too!

"CHOICE" REVIEWS BOULTBEE BIBLIOGRAPHY

The May 1991 issue of Choice reviews a bibliography of the Bahamas, compiled by our own Paul Boulton of Red Deer College LRC. The 195-page work titled The Bahamas was published in 1990 by ABC-CLIO of Santa Barbara, California, as part of its scholarly World Bibliographical Series. The Choice reviewer believes that the volumes in this series "are at their best and most useful when dealing with small, Anglophone countries" and adds that "Boulton's volume on the Bahamas is an ideal instance."

The Boulton publication is the fruitage of a one-year sabbatical for the 1988-89 school year. His work involved spending considerable time in the Bahamas, where he must undoubtedly have survived the winter of that particular year. He deserves our congratulations both on the choice of research topic, as well as the successful product.

Keith Clouten

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

This is the first time that AACL has met at the Alberta Library Conference in more than a decade. I think it is important for us as college and institute librarians to be a part of the whole library community. This helps us to meet our colleagues from other types of libraries; allows us opportunity to attend sessions in subjects other than our own areas of expertise – and thus to have a global view of librarianship; and it also helps others to know that we exist – that the college libraries are here and are important.

I hope that you will enjoy attending the conference and that the combined AACL/ALC event is worthwhile. This was a trial event for our group to determine if it is a good idea to combine with ALC again. The combination has taken more effort to coordinate than the regular meetings at AACL institutions and in the long run, for those who don't regularly attend the Jasper conference, is probably more expensive to travel to. I will, of course, leave the decision as to the continuation of the combined meetings to the new executive and the members of the Association.

I have enjoyed my two years as Chairman of the Association. I am pleased to report that we have been able to meet the objectives which we, as the executive, set at our first meeting during CLA in Edmonton in 1989. We have been successful in promoting the Association, despite continuing problems with the deadlines of the Letter of the LAA and their seeming reluctance to run our reports. We have added two new member libraries to the membership rolls; we have joined LAA at the Jasper conference; we have continued working with the government libraries through the Union List of Serials and we have responded to CTCL reports, government policies, and copyright concerns. The meetings have been held throughout the province with our largest attendance ever at Mount Royal College and a smaller, more "intimate" group at Keyano College in the fall. We had also set as our objective the writing of job descriptions for members of the Executive and guidelines for AACL meetings. I am pleased to report that these have also been completed and I hope will be useful to future Executive members.

I wish to thank the workshop committee for their excellent work in developing interesting sessions for our meetings. I thank all the volunteers for their help: Vicki for coordinating the ULS; Keith with the Newsletter; the auditors; Mircea for organizing the election; Madeleine for coordinating copyright reports. I also wish to acknowledge my own library staff and especially my secretary for help over the past two years. And, last but of course by no means least, I thank the other members of the executive: Dave for his work as Director-at-Large and Marylea for her responsibility as Secretary/Treasurer.

I believe that the Alberta Association of College Librarians is an important organization and in these times of cut-backs and restraints the AACL will become an even more viable group which will support all college librarians. My emphasis is on all librarians. I think the AACL is made stronger by all members – the large institute and public colleges, the middle-sized libraries, and the smaller privately funded members. I would like to see more involvement by the non-administrative librarians!

Thanks and good wishes to the new executive.

Keith Walker

Updated Information Needed

AACL Secretary, Arnold Rapske of North American Baptist College, would like to know about any changes in staffing, telephone or fax numbers, for the next AACL Directory. His address is:

Library
NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE
11525 - 23 Ave.
Edmonton, AB
T6J 4T3

AGLC/AACL UNION LIST OF SERIALS POLICY STATEMENT

(DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE AGLC AND AACL ANNUAL MEETINGS)

The AGLC/AACL Union List of Serials is a joint project of the Alberta Government Libraries' Council (AGLC) and the Alberta Association of College Librarians (AACL). It functions primarily as an interlibrary loan tool facilitating access to the periodical and newspaper titles held in a number of Alberta government and college libraries.

Division of Responsibilities

A committee, with equal representation from Alberta college and government libraries, is responsible for administration of the Union List Project. The Committee shall ensure establishment and enforcement of standards, distribution of instructions, training of participants, monitoring of costs, and preparation of reports.

Coordinating Offices shall provide coding instruction, monitor coding practices, edit and input records, proofread and correct input, obtain and distribute copies, and invoice as appropriate. One of the college libraries serves as the coordinating office for Alberta college library participants, while the Alberta Legislature Library's Cooperative Government Library Services Section (CGLS) is the coordinating office for Alberta government library participants.

Primary responsibility for day-to-day union list functions rests with the CGLS Senior Technician. The CGLS Coordinator is responsible for monitoring costs and preparing union list reports.

Production

The Union List database is maintained utilizing the SPIRES Database Management System available through Computing Services Department, University of Alberta.

Costs are tabulated monthly, with adjustments in on-line time, printing, etc. made to ensure that the project remains within budget.

Participation

Participation is voluntary; however, participants are expected to update their holdings annually. To assist in meeting production deadlines, participants are encouraged to submit data on a regular basis; i.e., weekly or monthly.

Libraries are expected to do their own coding, following the format as described in the AGLC/AACL Union List of Serials Coding Manual.

Input is monitored by the Coordinating Offices, the staff of which are authorized to make data entry decisions as per the Coding Manual.

Libraries not submitting updates for two consecutive years will be referred to the AGLC/AACL Union List Committee for consideration. The Committee will make recommendations to the party concerned (AGLC or AACL). The respective party will rule on eligibility of participants failing to meet the standards as specified in the AGLC/AACL Union List of Serials contract.

Services

The service provided consists of the following products from the serial holdings which participating libraries have coded:

- union list of all titles indication multiple locations (microfiche)
- lists including the holding of a number of, but not all, libraries (paper copies)
- lists of an individual library's holdings (paper copies)

The Union List is to be updated for distribution on an annual basis, with processing of the Union List tapes scheduled for the fall of any given year.

Government library data is processed by CGLS as soon as possible following receipt of the related coding sheets. Updated individual lists will be available as required by the participants. Processing of college library data will take place during the summer/early fall of any given year.

"Read only" online access may be accorded to participants honouring their commitment to the Union List, subject to approval and annual reassessment by the respective Council.

Distribution

One copy of the Union List, in microfiche format, shall be provided free of charge to Alberta Government libraries participating in the Union List, providing they comply with participant responsibilities as outlined in the Union List Contract. Paper copies of individual lists shall be produced under the requestee's SPIRES account number, with invoices going directly to the requesting library.

Distribution of lists to college participants rests with the Alberta Association of College Librarians.

In the case of all other libraries, excepting those specified under Depository Arrangements, copies of the microfiche shall be available at the established rate.

Deposit Requirements

The Alberta Public Affairs Bureau's Bibliography Section is normally responsible for providing copies of Alberta publications to depository locations.

In Consultation with the Bibliography Section, it was decided that CGLS would be responsible for forwarding copies of the Union List to the depositories.

At present, CGLS provides copies as follows:

- 3 copies to the Alberta Legislature Library
- 2 copies to the National Library of Canada
- 1 copy to the Provincial Archives of Alberta
- 1 copy to the Edmonton Public Library - ILL Dept.
- 1 copy to the Calgary Public Library - ILL Dept.
- 1 copy to the University of Alberta - ILL Dept.
- 1 copy to the University of Calgary - ILL Dept.
- 1 copy to CISTI(Ottawa)

Given that the Union List is an interlibrary loan tool, it should also be made available to the Library of Parliament, the Library of Congress, and the University of Alberta Government Documents Dept., if they so wish. Notice of availability of a deposit copy will be sent to those libraries. At the discretion of the AGLC/AACL Union List Committee, microfiche copies may be exchanged with other library groups producing union serials lists.

NEWS FROM MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

Next year promises to be interesting for the LRC as changes in administration and organizational restructuring take place. The LRC will be moved from its position as part of the Student Services organization to become a separate department reporting to the academic side of the institution. This change will have the Chief Librarian reporting to the Dean of Instruction with a position of the significant decision-making groups at the College: General Academic Council and Correlations committee. We are optimistic that this change will be a positive move as the LRC becomes a central part of the academic departments. The reorganization takes effect July 1 but already we see signs of change with emphasis on automation. The other change is that on June 27 my family and I will be leaving to spend the year in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia on a job exchange at the Aquinas campus of the Australian Catholic University. Susan Brayford will be the acting Chief Librarian while Lyn Snibson, from Australia, will be the Reference Librarian.

During the past year the staff of the LRC have been involved in numerous committees and activities on campus including: computer users group; GST implementation committee; operations review; mid-management salary review; graduation and new student orientation. All of this involvement is the result of the new collegial atmosphere at the College which is the direct influence of the President. He has made numerous changes to the organization and management of the entire operation.

The new branch campus in Brooks is set to open for classes in September and we eagerly await the move into the new library. We went on a tour of the construction site and were impressed with both the location and size of the library. The new library is in the centre of the campus, directly in front of the main entrance with a large window looking into the library: no one should need directions to the place!

We installed a new security system, Knogo, at the main campus last summer and made some minor furniture and room adjustments this spring in an attempt to find a place for the increasing collections. These changes and the possibility of new chairs for patron seating help to maintain the LRC but we certainly look forward to the proposed new facility which is expected to increase the size dramatically.

We were successful in adding a new part-time staff position in the reference department for next fall. For the first time we will have full reference coverage during the weekend hours. This will be a great benefit as we have had increasing need for such staffing on the weekends. The acquisitions budget for 1991-92 is pretty well "status quo" but, surprisingly, we were given a 2 1/2% increase to help cover the costs of GST.

Wishing you all the best for the summer; if anyone is in Australia next year please visit us in Ballarat!

Keith Walker
Chief Librarian

L.C. Classification Schedules For Sale

If anyone needs either of the following unused LC schedules at less than cost price, contact Cathie Trenchuk at Canadian Union College Library. (Phone 782-3381 or Fax 782-3977).

DT-DX	History of Africa, Australia, New Zealand, etc
Q	Science 7th ed., 1989.

AACL MEETING

JASPER PARK LODGE MAY 2, 1991

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

2A Approval of minutes

6A APA Format

10A Standards from CTCL

2A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mircea Panciuk that the minutes of the meeting held at Keyano College on October 26, 1991 be accepted. Carried.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Separately included in this Newsletter. Madelaine Bailey moved that a vote of thanks be expressed to Keith Walker and the other two members of the Executive, Marylea Jarvis and Dave Weber, for their work over the past two years. Carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Marylea Jarvis moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented, seconded by Asgeir Ingibergsson. Carried.

5. ULS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Olga Shklanka asked to be excused from her duties as ULS Coordinator. She agreed to do it the following year. Mircea Panciuk volunteered to act as the coordinator for this coming year. A revised coding manual is to be available soon. Any reactions to the policy statement are to be sent to Mircea Panciuk.

6. COPYRIGHT

Madelaine Bailey's report is attached.

6A APA FORMAT

Mount Royal College was advised that they could not do a pathfinder on the APA format. APA wishes the college to purchase booklets at a cost of \$20.00 each instead. Madelaine asked if any other college had had a similar experience. No one had.

7. ANNUAL STATISTICS AND OTHER SURVEYS

Based on discussions at the AACL meeting held at Red Deer College last spring an updated form was created, and used to gather statistics this past fall. After some discussion it was the consensus to not include salary information as the positions are so diverse comparison is not useful. Generally, everyone felt the survey is useful and should be continued. Madelaine Bailey suggested that it should be compared to the one conducted by Alan Dymont to see if any further revisions might be desirable.

8. BYLAWS UPDATE

M. Jarvis presented some revisions to the by-laws, and will send copies to the institutions not represented at the meeting. Any comments should be forwarded to Marylea. Further revisions could be made and voted upon at the fall meeting.

Moved by Mircea Panciuk and seconded by Madelaine Bailey, to reinstate an annual membership fee of \$10.00 per institution payable prior to December 31 of each year. An invoice should be sent to each institution in the fall. Carried.

Moved by Mircea Panciuk and seconded by Olga Shklanka, that the new secretary-treasurer should purchase a seal for AACL as specified in the bylaws. Carried.

9. LOBBYING EFFORTS

Initially the Minister of Advanced Education was to attend LAA and a dinner with him had been tentatively planned. However, he was unable to attend. It was suggested that AACL contribute to LAA'S annual brief to government. AACL should also pursue a joint lobbying effort with the university libraries.

10. VIDEODISK IN LIBRARIES

It was asked if anyone was using videodisk technology in their library. GMCC uses it in the Nursing Program but not in the LRC as yet. Keith Clouten said they have videodisks on a variety of science topics. They are used as a teaching tool and not for interactive learning.

10A RESPONSE TO CTCL STANDARDS

Keith Walker responded on our behalf, and Judith Stone hewer replied. She would like information on what the situation is, and asked for a comparison of what is and what is proposed.

11. PROGRAM EVENTS

There are some sessions particularly for academic librarians. These include:

Fri.	Academic librarians in action
Sat.	Breaking the barriers
	Becoming a university library...quickly

12. ELECTION RESULTS

Mircea Panciuk, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the result of the election, which are as follows:

Chairman: Dave Weber
Secretary-Treasurer: Arnold Rapske
Director-At-Large: Paul Boulton

Mircea thanked everyone who let their names stand, and congratulated the new executive on their election.

13. CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Keith Clouten volunteered to continue with the Newsletter. Olga Shklanka will look after the annual survey.

14. ROUND ROBIN

A representative from each institution highlighted the activities occurring in their libraries and institutions over the past months.

15. NEXT MEETING

According to the AACL's guidelines, the next meeting should be in Edmonton. It was decided, however, to meet in October at Mount Royal's new City Centre Campus.

The feeling seemed to be positive about continuing to meet at LAA in the spring.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

REPORT TO AACL ON COPYRIGHT

The whole question of the status of copyright legislation in Canada is a frustrating one, and is characterized, it seems, by stops and starts. The Advanced Education Advisory Committee on Negotiations with Cancopy, of which I am a member, has been carefully monitoring activities in other provinces in order to establish negotiation strategy. Last summer, on the receipt of a draft licence from Cancopy, the Committee canvassed its constituent bodies to determine what such a licence should contain. Linda Richardson of Legislative Services, Advanced Education, then sent a lengthy response to Cancopy.

The Council of Ministers of Education was considered by the Committee to be a useful focus for the interprovincial sharing of copyright information and strategy. It was decided that to prevent an imbalance in the licensing process, a common approach would be attempted through the CMEC. However, extensive negotiations had already taken place in Ontario and Saskatchewan under a no-disclosure clause.

Meanwhile, back at the federal government, the proposed second set of amendments has not appeared. Several times scheduled for debate, the amendments have been postponed repeatedly by Marcel Masse, who was, until this month, Minister For Communications. At one point it became apparent that he had no intention of honouring the assurances from Flora MacDonald, his predecessor, that exemptions for libraries would be included. In November he revealed at two informal functions that the copyright issue would be dealt with in a package bill concerning "cultural nationalism". Not only were libraries to be offered no exemptions, but the bill would also prevent "buying around", making it illegal to purchase any material from other than a Canadian agent. The bill, he said, would be introduced in the very near future. The Gulf War perhaps was the reason why this legislation has not yet reached the order papers.

While waiting for this promised legislation, the Advisory Committee has written to Cancopy with a list of concerns about the draft contract, and requested that the provinces work collectively on the draft which Ontario has submitted. The Committee has not yet been informed of any reply. Sources in Ontario suggest that Marcel Masse had reconsidered his cultural nationalism bill. In other words, after many months of negotiations, we have no amendments to the Act, and no licence with Cancopy, and no firm word on further developments. Added to that uncertainty, we now have a new Minister in the shape of Perrin Beattie. One can assume it will take some time for him to establish an order of business for his department.

The Copyright Committee concentrated on sharing information with College librarians, both on recommended policies and practices, and on the progress of Cancopy negotiations. Several AACL members have contacted me for specific information or advice. It gets hard to waver over and over that there is no progress, and that the best approach is to tighten up your library's copyright practices in preparation for what might come. In my own College, I feel that the real progress this year has been in the growing awareness of faculty and staff of the nature of copyright infringement, and the seriousness of the consequences.

Madeleine Bailey
Copyright Committee
April 30, 1991

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OPENING BALANCE - January 01, 1990	\$2246.58	OPENING BALANCE - January 01, 1991	\$1752.42
EXPENSES	\$1214.81	EXPENSES - To April 30, 1991	\$20.20
REVENUES	\$720.65	REVENUES - To April 30, 1991	\$293.39
NET PROFIT	-\$494.16	NET PROFIT - To April 30, 1991	\$273.19
CLOSING BALANCE - December 31, 1990	\$1752.42	BALANCE - To April 30, 1991	\$2025.61