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TELECONFERENCE MEETING A SUCCESS - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Fall Teleconference was another first for the Association. Over twenty members from over ten sites around the province dialed into the SAIT Library teleconference centre for the semi-annual meeting. The meeting format was chosen to minimize costs and maximize attendance. The exchange of information went very smoothly during the one-hour gathering that dealt with Association business topics. Thank you to all the attendees, and I encourage your comments for the future use of this meeting format.

Many crucial topics affecting our Association and College/Institute libraries were discussed. The Union List of Serials will be forced to undergo major maintenance/production changes next year. Relations with CANCOPY concerning fees for photocopying copyrighted material and policing the system are less than progressive. Our copyright committee is

participating with provincial officials in the negotiation process. Also regional library cooperation was outlined when Nor-Link and Neos were discussed.

Elections for the Association executive will be held at the Spring 1993 meeting. A nominations committee, chaired by Susan Brayford of Medicine Hat College LRC, was formed during the teleconference. Please come forward with willing nominees. The success of the Association depends on your participation.

Nothing can replace personal contact for exchange of ideas. And the effectiveness and value of guest presentations would be lost if in-person meetings were not scheduled. Fourteen of the teleconference attendees agreed that the Spring meeting should be held as a pre-conference event with the Library Association of Alberta conference in Jasper. I hope to see all of you there.

Dave Weber
Chairman, AACL

COPYRIGHT UPDATE

(as reported at the AACL Teleconference
November 20, 1992)

Copyright Consultative Committee

A Consultative Committee has been established jointly by the federal departments of Communications and Consumer and Corporate Affairs with the mandate "to constitute an effective consultation tool and a permanent mechanism to assure continued communication between users/creators and the government." This Committee will be advising on Phase II revisions to the current Act according to the following timetable:

- October 1992 - members receive draft bill
- Nov/Dec 1992 - various subcommittees meet
- Jan/Feb 1993 - second round of subcommittee meetings
- February 1993 - Steering Committee meeting
- March 1993 - Bill goes to cabinet

The subcommittee of the greatest likely interest to our association members is that on "Exceptions" of which Linda Richardson, of the Alberta Department of Advanced Education, is a member. Members are, however, required to adhere to a declaration of confidentiality and little information is likely to become public prior to the bill's passing through cabinet. With the other issues facing the government, the fate of the bill is at best uncertain.

AUCC/CANCOPY Negotiations

The attempt to establish a model license has been delayed by changes in personnel, with Jeremy Fox temporarily replacing Edith Yeomans as CANCOPY Executive Director. CANCOPY does not appear to be prepared to speculate in writing on the rates to be charged.

Alberta Education License

While the school boards have been told a per

capita fee-based license will soon be signed, and have had \$1 per capita held back from their provincial grants to pay for this license, the latest rumours are that CANCOPY is holding out for more money. Apparently a survey conducted in Ontario has led CANCOPY to believe that copying is much more extensive than they allowed for in their negotiations with the Ontario Ministry. CANCOPY has renewed with Ontario at the old rate only for 9 months.

Tom Skinner, SAIT

UNION LIST OF SERIALS REPORT

(as presented at the AACL Tele-conference
November 20)

It would appear that on April 1, 1993, the MTS data base at the University of Alberta will be frozen and therefore no new customers will be taken. Karen Powell and Eileen Cardy hope to squeeze out one more Union List of Serials in 1993.

Based on this knowledge, they want all of us to work ahead—that is, don't wait until spring, do it now. Send your coding sheets to Ruth King at Concordia College immediately and continuously for first screening and then we can get them to Eileen Cardy for keying into the data base.

New participants: Chief Medical Examiner's Edmonton Office Library and Reynolds Museum will be submitting to the Union List in 1992. We should approach other college libraries to see if they wish to become participants in the project.

1992 Fiche will cost more than in 1991 (\$20.65 + GST) but should not be more than \$25.00 and should be ready by early December, and will be given to Tom Skinner for distribution.

The Summer staff person was Ann Gordanier. A lot of coding was done and it was the best yet. Participants knew how to code better and

faster and get the coding sheets to Concordia College and Eileen. Some participants are still using the old coding sheets. Please use the newer ones.

Please update your institution's ILL procedures and send them to Eileen Cardy for inclusion on the ULS.

A new contract will need to reflect any changes in how the ULS will be developed after MTS is gone. This item will be on the December AGLC/AACL ULS annual meeting agenda. No new manual will be printed until we know where we are going from MTS.

All information on coding sheets should be sent before May 1, 1993 so the inputting can be done with existing staff. After May 1, we will need to assess the situation. This concern will also be discussed at Red Deer.

Anyone who has ideas about getting the ULS on a new system, please let us know.

Mircea Panciuk

MINUTES OF AACL TELECONFERENCE MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 1992

Representatives of nineteen institutions gathered at approximately ten sites to participate in this first teleconference meeting of AACL.

In order to reduce travel costs for meetings of the association, it was decided to set up a teleconference on November 20. The Edmonton group met at Grant MacEwan Community College downtown campus and the central mode from which Dave Weber, our chairman, conducted the meeting, was set up at S.A.I.T.

Dave did a quick roll call of participants. A separate record of the participants is attached to the official minutes.

The agenda items were reviewed for adoption

and Joanne Kemp suggested that there be a report about NORLINK. Tom Skinner requested that there be a report about NEOS.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Membership fees for 1992 were reported to be in the process of being collected. A list of the institutional members has been prepared and is ready for mailing out. The deadline for response is December 31, 1992. Memberships are paid on an institutional basis and all members of that institution are then included in the membership list.

The secretary-treasurer then submitted the financial report, and a copy follows the minutes. Current funds in the treasury stand at \$1640.80. Membership dues should add about \$370 to \$380 to this balance by the end of the year.

There was concern that the membership lists be updated and made available by the end of the year if possible. There should be two types of lists; one by institution and the other an alphabetical listing of all members. Dave suggested that the mailing of the membership list and the institutional dues renewal notices be mailed out with the Newsletter. Keith Clouten agreed to have this mailing accompany the Newsletter mailing. Where available Internet number and I.D. string or mailing address should be incorporated into the membership listing.

AACL Promotion

Paul Boulton reported on Association promotion. There has been no report to The Letter of the LAA but there will be a submission concerning this teleconference meeting. It is rather definite that no changes to the LAA conference programme to incorporate some AACL interests will be possible. Whatever promotional assistance that might be available in a conference brochure by LAA should be directed to Paul Boulton as soon as possible.

Union List of Serials

Mircea Panciuk presented a report, which is printed elsewhere in this Newsletter. In considering a new system for the ULS, CD-ROM may be one of the options to be considered.

Tom Skinner from SAIT reported that MTS may be down as early as December of 1992. He further requested that information concerning the size of the database be secured and the possibility of SAIT taking on the project be investigated. Tom noted that a Calgary firm could produce a CD-ROM product for an initial cost of \$800.00 and then \$5.00 per disc. Paul Boulton suggested that the serials committee now in place investigate the most acceptable format in which to produce the ULS for distribution to the libraries.

AACL Library Survey

Report from Olga Shklanka indicated that some work had been done on library surveys, and that an attempt will be made to gather data on classification and salaries of library personnel. The surveys should be in the mail by the beginning of December and are to be returned by the middle of December, 1992.

Copyright Report

Tom Skinner's report is reprinted elsewhere in the Newsletter.

1993 Association Elections

It was recommended that we have a nominating committee that presents a slate for elections. Susan Brayford offered to function as the nominations person for the association. Nominations for officers should be sent to Susan at Medicine Hat College.

AACL Newsletter

Keith Clouten reported that deadline for submissions to the Newsletter is November 30.

Spring Meeting

There was unanimity for the spring meeting to be again held at Jasper in connection with the LAA meetings. Request that this be announced in the Newsletter. April 29 - May 2. There will be a special speaker on Thursday afternoon for AACL and LAA guests are welcome to attend this session.

NORA-LINK

Olga Schlanka reported on NORA-LINK, a new suggested arrangement that would facilitate access to the U. of A. Libraries collections. It is proposed that there be a librarian and a "gopher" to be on site at the U. of A. to service three colleges: Grand Prairie, Keyano, and Athabasca University. Athabasca University is funding the librarian at the U. of A. In return there would be reference service provided to Athabasca University. Standards will be set. A second meeting is to be held December 4. The whole concept is still in the discussion stage. The concept of mastering a union catalog on CD-ROM is also in the discussion stages. Athabasca University collection is now on fiche. There is now PC access to Athabasca University, U. of A. and U. of C. collections. This effort is a response to a current trend in other provinces to place emphasis on regional networks.

NEOS

U. of A. has taken the initiative in the NEOS concept. At the basis of the concept is cost sharing for a new automated system to service the U. of A. libraries. It appears that 18 libraries are a part of that consortium now. It was suggested that the system chosen by the U. of A. is DRA. There is funding for a remote storage facility. This idea has expanded to include a Western Canadian depository of lesser used materials. (Site is the old IKEA store building on Edmonton's east side). Connie from Lethbridge added that NEOS is in its phase one stage, and other libraries may at a later date consider joining the network. The

concept is that the network be powerful enough to encompass all of Alberta.

Harriet Judge reported that NAIT has just implemented its own automated system and is now ready to look at wider network involvement.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned after approximately one hour of teleconference. The format was judged to be a very successful venture.

AACL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NOVEMBER 20, 1992

	Debit	Credit	Balance
92-01-01 Balance from 1991		\$1587.05	\$1587.05
92-10-31 Interest income		34.36	\$1621.41
92-10-30 Membership fees		90.00	\$1711.41
92-10-30 From sale of fiche		360.14	\$2071.55
Expenses to Oct. 30, 1992	\$430.75		\$1640.80
Balance as of Nov. 30, 1992			\$1640.80
Income for 1992	\$484.50		
Expenses for 1992	\$430.75		
Balance	\$ 53.75		

Minutes and Financial Statement prepared by Arnold Rapske, Secretary-Treasurer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 26, 1993

University of Alberta School of Library & Information Studies - Professional Development Day. The theme is "The Information Explosion - Managing the Fallout", and the program will include a panel of practitioners and student research presentations. For more information contact Susan Buss at 492-4578.

March 31, 1993

AACL Executive Nominations Deadline. Start now to think about nominating—or being nominated—for one of the executive positions (Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, and Director-at-Large). Susan Brayford at Medicine Hat College will receive all nominations, and the

election will take place in time for results to be announced at the Jasper meeting.

April 29, 1993

AACL Spring Meeting at Jasper. Plan now to attend.

May 1, 1993

ULS coding sheets deadline. BUT see Mircea's report in this newsletter. If you wait until May 1 to submit, it may be too late. Ruth King at Concordia College will be looking for your coding sheets on a regular basis.

May 14, 1993

AACL Newsletter - Deadline for articles

MERRY-GO-ROUND

LETHBRIDGE C.C.: SERVICE REVIEW

Most activity this year has been driven by our service review. Areas needing work were assigned as objectives to all levels within the Library. In brief terms, we are working to improve the collection, to try and find more space, and to develop the staff to their fullest potential. We hosted a series of breakfast meetings with each Division to discuss the collection. Following on from this, we are developing written collection development plans for programs that have just undergone review. We hope to eventually use MultiLIS reports to make this process easier and faster. Right now each librarian can manage only two programs a year, one of which involves just listening during the review process rather than developing a written plan. A space committee will have representation from areas external to the Library as well as from within, and the staff development issues are to keep skill development current with job demands.

Other initiatives include:

- * a contract with the Blood Band to set up and train staff to run a land claims library at Standoff
- * a delivery service to satellite campuses
- * OPAC access to four of these satellites
- * Internet access
- * a bid to purchase CD-ROM technology for public use
- * adding of periodical holdings and AV equipment to our database
- * the integration of our government documents section into other collections within the Library
- * the change in our name to Buchanan Library.

Staff development activities undertaken include a service excellence workshop, a video teleconference on managing organizational transition and a supervisor's workshop put on by Dun and Bradstreet in Calgary.

If any libraries have recently done space

studies and you are willing to share your methodology, we would love to hear from you. We are also willing to share our report when it is ready if anyone is interested. Have a great holiday season from your friends at LCC.

Kathy Lea

RED DEER COLLEGE: TOWARD THE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

Our planning thrust has changed from dreaming about a new library building to actively pursuing the implementation of the "Information Centre/Electronic Library" concept through a re-organization of our existing space and a re-deployment of our existing staff. Plans began with a proposal for an automated reference centre which included labs/classrooms for CD-ROM/On-Line searching instruction and escalated from there. Although we are just in the planning stages, we have implemented services and programs to help us meet the information needs of our diverse clientele.

In September, we began the Information Literacy Programme which includes an active workshop where students learn how to find, use, and evaluate information by creating search strategies appropriate to their research and discipline. This is BI with the emphasis on the student's participation and on teaching critical thinking skills. The impact of these classes can be seen at the CD-ROM workstations where students have prepared sophisticated and appropriate search strategies which enable them to extract pertinent and relevant citations.

The seven CD-ROM databases have increased the use of the collection, ILL, and reference desk queries dramatically. We are investigating different servers and methods of storage for the CD collection as well as looking at full text databases.

As an integral part of our Information

Centre/Electronic Library plan, we have explored different methods of resource sharing. At present, we have document delivery from the University of Alberta libraries for our nursing students in the collaborative RDC/University of Alberta program. We have met with other librarians in central Alberta to discuss resource sharing, and, as a first step, we are developing a guide to library services in our area. The second step is to link up to each others' catalogues. We already have a direct line to Red Deer Public Library and it has been very useful for our users. Eventually we hope that central Albertans will be able to use individual libraries with one library card.

In the winter term we are hiring a new librarian to replace Maureen Toews who will be on maternity leave. We are also going to embark on a study of our services in order to meet increased demand without an increase in resources.

Alice McNair

BANFF CENTRE: ILS COMING SOON

The staff of Banff Centre were saddened this summer by the passing of their President, Dr. Paul Fleck. Dr. Fleck was very popular with staff and students. His energy and vision will be missed.

It is hoped that a new president will be appointed in January. There is a short but impressive list of candidates who are currently being interviewed.

Because Dr. Fleck actually had two roles within the Centre, another related vacancy was recently filled. Carol Phillips was appointed Director of the Centre for the Arts and Vice-President of the Banff Centre. Ms. Phillips was formerly Director of the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

In library news, it is hoped that a decision on a new integrated system will be finalized in December. Proposals are being considered from three vendors. If everything goes

according to plan, the library OPAC will be available by dial-up communications and via the Internet. As soon as an agreement is reached and an implementation schedule established, the information will be shared with anyone interested.

Patrick Lawless was appointed the new Music Librarian, replacing Deborah Rosen who elected to be a full-time mom last winter. Pat was recently responsible for cataloguing and organizing our performance tape archive.

The best of the season to everyone.

Bob Foley

ALBERTA COLLEGE: NEW CAMPUS, NEW LIBRARIAN

In January 1993, Alberta College will be moving to a new campus. The new complex will be six stories high, occupying 150,000 square feet, and will accommodate nearly 3,000 people. It will give the college a forty percent increase in classroom space.

The new library, which doubles the size of the present one, is located on the fourth floor and has a beautiful view over the Saskatchewan River. At present it does not have a security system but this may be a future priority. The new librarian is Thuc Cong.

The library requires more resource material as well as better quality audio-visual equipment. Ongoing services include providing AV equipment and educational films to the teachers, helping students with their research, and helping to minimize the number of school drop-outs.

Part of the library's operation is supervising placement testing which occurs on a semi-monthly basis. These special tests help newcomers get into the right courses at the right levels. Besides these services, the librarian provides some current awareness to staff and teachers by sending them course/job

related articles.

Because two-thirds of the students do not speak English, the librarian is trying to get as many materials on English as a second language as she can. Since the College offers extensive TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) testing, the library purchases many materials on TOEFL and they are well used.

Thuc Cong

KEYANO COLLEGE: BIGGER, BUSIER

The first semester of another year is almost gone and once again we're saying how busy it has been! And it has been a hectic fall for us at Keyano. We were fortunate to have Joyce Constantine's position as Information/User Services Librarian increased to full-time. Consequently the contact hours for library instruction have increased almost fifty percent and reference questions asked have also increased substantially, thus more than justifying this full-time position!

Ground breaking for the Joint Industry Training Centre was held November 5. Thanks to generous donations from industry and business, coupled with funds from Advanced Education and Career Development and Employment, this unique new centre will proceed. Syncrude Canada Ltd. will lease approximately 80% of the space for its own training purposes and Keyano will occupy the remainder. Proposals for use of the new space have been submitted, with a decision expected in mid-December. This should help to relieve some of our chronic classroom and office space shortages.

The library's automation project is proceeding quite well. The numbers say we have completed half of the recon. However, when I look at the shelves I believe we're much further along than that and have no doubt that the old holdings count has some inaccuracies! (surprise, surprise!!)

From everyone here at Keyano ... a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Marylea Jarvis

PEACE RIVER BIBLE INSTITUTE

At the Peace River Bible Institute Library I am attempting to re-catalogue our books. In the past we have had non-librarians involved in cataloguing them. Half of our holdings do not have subject headings. Most of the cards for these books are non-standard. Alas! many were catalogued under the wrong call number (no wonder I can't find what I am looking for). At least it is better than the mythical librarian who colour-coded all the books--all red books on this shelf, all the blue ones on that shelf, etc.

Can anyone tell me the algorithm for determining the check code on ISBN numbers?

John Barach

FAIRVIEW COLLEGE: MORE SPACE

The LRC has expanded! We now have an extra room adjacent to the library. To relieve our crowded conditions we moved the student study carrels and study tables into the new area. The Manager of the LRC is also located in this area. So far the move seems to be working well. The students appreciate the quiet area and the staff quickly filled up the space vacated by the Manager.

New shelving just arrived so we will spend most of December moving our collection from the top of the shelves to a less precarious location. The videos have been stored in the audio-visual room and we are going to return them to the main collection.

September 17 was a red letter day in the library. We did away with the author/title catalogue. It is now necessary to use the

computer along with two hard copies of the title listings in order to search. The subject card catalogue will remain with us for a few years as the records previous to January 1992 only have very broad subject headings.

Fairview College has a vision for the year: Q + (Quality Programs Linked By Unsurpassed Service). We are trying to improve customer service within the college. Many hours have been spent listing our activities, and identifying barriers that prevent some of these activities from being performed. The exercise has been worthwhile with many new ideas coming forth and being implemented not only in the library but college-wide.

In order to provide better service we opened the library for four hours on Thanksgiving Day and Remembrance Day. We are monitoring the use and will make recommendations at a later date.

Our annual LRC Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 9. This is an event when both staff and students come into the library and enjoy themselves while eating and drinking. It has been very popular and perhaps helps remove the "staid" librarian image.

The idea of an AACL teleconference meeting was appropriate in these times of restraint. It was much easier and cheaper for those of us in the North.

Everyone here wishes you a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Bev Peterson

OLDS COLLEGE: REORGANIZATION

During the summer months, we removed the computer lab from the library. This was an overflow lab which housed six IBM's and an old Mac. It was causing us constant headaches, was expensive, and was taking up most of our AV Technician's time during the

day. To fill the space, we agreed to take on AV hardware distribution on campus, and provide setups for meeting requirements.

In order to facilitate these changes, we had to rewrite the job descriptions of three of our staff members. We upgraded our library clerk, Agnes Chan, giving her more responsibilities such as interlibrary loans, ordering supplies and increased circulation duties. We upgraded our AV Technician, Mike Wareman, and made him responsible for all AV hardware and software needs except ordering. That function was transferred to our Acquisition Technician, Rhonda Nielsen. We hope the transitions will evolve smoothly over the current academic year.

During the summer, we also acquired two CD-ROM stations. We have placed one in our Technical Services area and we have one primarily for student/staff use. We are in the process of finding appropriate software to fit our budget allocations, and are searching for adequate means of managing the software use in the library. We would appreciate any helpful suggestions.

Garry Grisak

SAIT LIBRARY: RENOVATING

Our summer at SAIT Library was very hectic. Extensive renovations were approved by the Institute in mid-June and began at the end of the month. The main job was replacement of the decade old brown plaid carpet with patterned grey carpet tile. Because the collection, shelves, desks and equipment had to be lifted and moved, it was decided to reorient the Library collections. The new floor plan, devised by Joe Hill, has revolutionized the library's image. The new southeast-northwest shelving orientation makes most of the collection arrangement visible from the entrance, and the library feels a great deal more spacious. Some staff members think we are paying homage to the Library of Congress by pointing the shelves to the southeast.

When the painting crew was in to do the door trims and moldings we had the collection shelf ends color coded. Our reference shelves are now dark blue, and the circulation shelves are light blue, an elementary but extremely useful concept to orient our students. Following the renovations, an inventory was conducted; the first one in over eight years. Approximately 2000 items were missing.

Two Sharp SE2022 photocopiers complete with coin boxes that take loonies were installed in October. A microfiche reader-printer, and a PC-viewer are on order. And we are currently negotiating with the Library and Technology programme to jointly purchase LAN hardware to network our CD drives.

After a year and a half absence, the library is conducting a book sale of its withdrawn materials and rejected donations. We expect sales in excess of \$750. Interlibrary loan revenue after one year totals approximately \$2000 from 51 accounts. We are still chasing a few delinquent accounts which were due in August.

One hundred and fifty community borrowers have registered under the new fee scheme. \$2,250 has been collected.

Cooperation between Calgary libraries took a significant step forward with orientation tours held during October. Many of our staff took advantage of the opportunity and visited the University of Calgary, Mount Royal College, and other libraries.

The Stamps are on their way to the Grey Cup. We'll know if we have a champion or not by the Newsletter publication date.

Cheers,
Dave Weber

ALBERTA COLLEGE OF ART: REORGANIZING

It has been an unsettling year at the Alberta College of Art. The college has been "restructuring" all year resulting in some changes to the senior administrative ranks - more changes are predicted. First, our Academic Dean was removed from his position. The Associate Academic Dean was moved side ways to a new position: Director of Institutional Research. Replacing the Academic Dean and Associate Academic Dean will now be a "three Dean structure". These "deans" will come directly from faculty, representing three newly defined divisional areas of the curriculum.

Then the Dean of Administration and Finance and the Director of Human Resources resigned. These two positions will be replaced with only one: Vice President, Administration.

To date the library has not been affected by these changes. In the midst of all the uncertainty we continue to function. Our circulation for a college serving only 650 students continues to be in the 8000/month range and is stressing the existing staff tremendously.

We have spent the year dealing with "extra" monies donated to us. The first of the expected three-year donations from Chevron (\$15,000/annually for 3 years) and Norcen (\$10,000/annually for 3 years) arrived this spring. While it is a delight to have funds to purchase much needed material, with no staff increases the task is taking its toll. We are fortunate, however, to be able to take advantage of some "free" library assistance, compliments of SAIT's Library Technician program practicums.

Besides dealing with the extra acquisitions, this year we have been exploring the automation of our slide collection. To date I have hired a programmer to adapt our existing library software so that access to the entire collection

will be from one point. Betty Englander, our slide curator researched laser print slide labels and I located a printer of tiny barcodes. We will begin trial inputting in the new year and will likely hire grant workers to do the retro conversion of our 100,000 slides in the summer. I expect the conversion to take five years.

Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and here's hoping that Santa brings us at least a 2% budget increase!

Christine E. Sammon

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE: GROWTH

The automation project at Medicine Hat College is in high gear as the push is on to get as many records as possible entered into the MultiLIS system before the extraordinary funding for the Recon project ends in early spring. At that point we estimate that 60% of the circulation collection, all of reference, and every record for the Brooks campus will be entered. This leaves AV and books with a pre-1980 imprint date. Hopefully creative ideas will come forward to allow for the completion of the retrospective conversion (has a library ever won Loto 6-49?!).

The OPAC's for the new system went live during Open House on October 1 and the students are now reluctant to use the card catalogue. Circulation should be in place in early 1993 while the new barcoded student ID cards are now in preparation.

Automation is under the direction of Susan Brayford in her new position of Systems/Technical Services Librarian. Connie Hall, formerly from Edmonton, is the new Reference Librarian. At long last Medicine Hat College has three librarians; Connie's professional input is much appreciated.

While the library enters the world of automation the staffing contingent has increased to 30 full and part-time positions. Two full-time positions are in the Recon

project; these will terminate in March when the special funds expire. The library is fortunate to have Michelle LaRocque in the position of Programmer/Analyst on a full-time basis with her office right in the LRC.

Other new technologies have been introduced over the past couple of years and we continue to improve these services. The students have direct remote access to the University of Calgary system through a terminal in the reference area; the interlibrary loans department uses the University of Alberta system daily; we are hoping to have remote access to Athabasca University by January and are pushing for a University of Lethbridge link. In the new year another CD-ROM product will be added to the growing collection.

The staff of the LRC continues to be involved in numerous committees, including Strategic Planning, Guest Lectures and Artists, Academic Correlations, and other decision-making or advisory groups. The library rep on the United Way committee was so successful that she managed to get 100% participation by the library staff—including even the student assistants!

The LRC received a facelift over the summer when new mini-blinds were installed, silk plants and paintings added and new office furniture purchased.

This year a major project for the librarians is to prepare a report on the future of libraries, including working with architects in planning a proposed new library. A trip to attend the National Learning Resources conference in San Francisco in February will allow the Chief Librarian to visit colleges in California and attend sessions on the library of the future. The library has also received a research grant to continue developing the institution's archives. Another grant has been submitted to run a program on multiculturalism, under the library's direction.

The LRC budget, in addition to the special funding for Recon and automation, included a

\$15,000 increase in funds for periodicals. As is common everywhere, the increased subscription costs ate up the majority of the bonus but the library was able to add new scholarly titles and continue to purchase back issues in microform. The budget also allowed for capital items to update the ever-popular AV services provided by the LRC, including a large screen video projector for the theatre at the new Brooks campus. Obviously, Susan Brayford, as Acting Chief Librarian last year, did an admirable job in the budget process.

The job exchange with Lyn Snibson from Ballarat, Australia proved to be a positive experience for the two librarians, both professionally and personally. Living in a country is a great way to experience a different culture and to meet the people. The change was refreshing and allowed an insight into the positives of life back in Canada.

Keith Walker

LAKELAND COLLEGE: NEW LOCATIONS, NEW STAFF

Life seems to be ever-changing at Lakeland College. This fall, both Vegreville and Wainwright libraries changed homes. A new Wainwright campus building was built, with the library situated in the centre. Vegreville campus moved to a new location in a former elementary school, and after several false starts, the library settled into what was formerly the elementary school library. Thanks to our new librarian, Liv Valmestad, these moves went quite smoothly.

Liv joined our staff in late August, and is working on both the Vermilion and Lloydminster campuses. As assistant manager, she is also responsible for the Community Learning Centre libraries, so her job involves some travelling. Liv will be doing reference work, collection development, cataloguing, library instruction, plus all those other neat and nifty things that fall under "other related

duties". She is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, and also has a Master in Art History from Queen's. Liv took part in the recent teleconference meeting in November, though the late hook-up did not allow time for introductions.

Last spring, we installed a serials control system from Professional Software, and loaded all our serials holdings in the summer. We produced our first holdings list in September and plan on an update in late December. We recently added government document holdings as well. We are still quite enthused about this software, and manual kardexes are history for us! We purchased several modules-- subscription management, routing, check-in/claiming, bindery/microfilm and holdings.

Lakeland College library staff send their best wishes to all our library colleagues for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Michelle Classen

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE: RETIREMENT PENDING

North American Baptist College and Edmonton Baptist Seminary are jointly served by our library. We work with three accreditation bodies and try to measure up to the standards of each. Financial constraints are very tight during the current year.

Arnold Rapske, the head librarian, will retire in June of 1993. The position is currently being advertised and it is anticipated that a decision concerning replacement will be made by January of 1993.

Deborah Penner, our reference librarian, will be offering a one-credit course in use of the library and research methods including the preparation of term papers and theses.

Jim Derksen, M.L.S., is currently working on a half-time basis at the circulation desk. He is

also taking courses in the seminary program.

Some upgrading of the computer network for the library is being anticipated in the very near future. At the present time this will probably involve primarily hardware and perhaps some CD-ROM databases.

My term of office as secretary-treasurer of AACL will terminate at the Jasper meeting in April/May 1993. Participation in AACL has been an enriching experience in terms of meeting and interacting with other librarians and also it has been educational in terms of library trends. Thanks for the input provided over many years.

A. Rapske

CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE: DOING "CONSPECTUS"

This is a another self-study year on our campus, so we're doing our share of navel-gazing. As we contemplated the mechanics of the self-study process, we decided to use student and faculty surveys to help us in evaluating library services, and to incorporate results from our "conspectus" study in evaluating the collection.

The Conspectus system of collection assessment is marketed by WLN based in Washington State. It includes software support for production of evaluation forms, input of data, and production of reports. No system of qualitative collection measurement is objective, but the Conspectus system does permit a degree of objectivity in the process. We began with the language/literature collection during the summer, and have since gone on to assess music, biology, psychology, and religion. We hope to complete all major areas by May 1993.

Following LTI's announcement last winter that it was abandoning further development of Bib-Base into an integrated library system, we began searching for a new system. Our automation committee has evaluated several

proposals, and is expected to announce the new vendor before Christmas. We are excited about the possibility of linking the new integrated system with our campus network, and beyond that, to future links with other central Alberta libraries.

Christmas joy to you all!

Keith Clouten

MINI-SURVEY

The administration at Medicine Hat College has been advised by a lawyer not to state that student's marks or transcripts can be withheld if library materials are not returned. Has any other institution been told this? Please let Keith Walker at Medicine Hat know if you have information or if you can add an insight to this issue. How do other libraries ensure that materials are returned by students leaving the institution?

STOMPING AROUND

Being a newsletter editor for an association has its moments. At the start, as reports come in from all over the province, one feels the excitement of being the information centre of the organization, the place where it's "at". Then comes the terminal madness, the incessant tapping of keys, until one begins to feel like a computer peripheral. Finally, the job is camera-ready, the instructions for printing are given, and one savors the moments of accomplishment.

The editor has a secretary who agreeably assists him in producing the newsletter, and in the case of the May 1992 issue, performed the entire job—with all of its moments—while the editor was gallivanting around the British Isles. I want to recognize and thank Cathie Trenchuk for her super help.

Keith Clouten
Editor

U of A SCHOOL OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION STUDIES NEWS

The following is summarized from news sheets circulated regularly to the editor.

Accreditation. The Committee on Accreditation of the ALA has renewed its accreditation of the MLIS program, following the school's self-study and a site visit in MARCH 1992.

Distinguished Visitor. Henriette Avram will be the school's Distinguished Visitor for the period March 15-26, 1993. Described as "the mother of MARC", Mrs. Avram recently retired from an outstanding career at the Library of Congress. She will be the featured guest at the school's Professional Development Day, March 26.

Nitecki retires. Professor Andre Nitecki retires from the U of A at the end of 1992. During his 17-year tenure at the U of A he lectured in the areas of cataloguing, classification, indexing, and comparative librarianship.

Course Offerings. Special courses to be taught during late spring and summer include: Records Management (B.Owens - May 3 - 21), Managing Change (H.White - May 24 - June 11), Storytelling (G. DeVos - July 5 - August 13), and Special Collections Librarianship (R.Brundin - July 5 - August 13).

Placement & Salary Survey, 1991. In 1991 the school graduated 49 students, of whom 32 responded to the annual survey. Of the respondents (25 female, 7 male), all but 6 reported that they were employed in library/information services. Four were employed in other fields, 1 was obtaining further education, and 1 seeking work. Average salary for the 24 graduates who gave this information was \$32,805, representing a 1% increase over the 1990 average.

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