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## Spring 1993 AAACL Chair's Report

Summer is just around the corner and before you don your shades and head out for your holidays, I want to check with our members about the Fall meeting of AAACL.

Joanne Kemp, Public Services Supervisor of City Centre Campus of Grant MacEwan Community College, has offered the new City Centre Campus as a possible site for the Fall meeting. She would be willing to arrange for tours of the library and the campus.

This meeting location would be convenient for institutions in the north. We could consider the Spring location at a central Alberta location for other colleges not in the northern half of the province.

Our Spring meeting in Jasper was well attended with 18 members present to hear Gary MacDonald from SAIT talk about Internet. However, the ALA conference that followed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday did not have sufficient sessions on Academic libraries. I don't know how the AAACL members feel but I do not think it warrants holding the Spring meeting at such an expensive location again. Can you give me some feedback, please.

Susan Brayford  
AAACL Chair 1993-95

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## THE INTERNET

*At the Spring AACL Meeting at Jasper, Gary MacDonald, who is Technical Coordinator for the Alberta Colleges & Technical Institutes Cooperative, presented a two-hour session on the Internet. The following was taken from his presentation and submitted for the Newsletter by Dave Weber.*

### What is the Internet?

The Internet is a global network of networks communicating via the common TCP/IP Protocol (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol). As of November 1992, the Internet comprised of 8,561 different networks supporting at least 727,000 host computers in 44 countries.

Locating, accessing, and using information resources on the Internet can be difficult, time-consuming, and sometimes impossible. In this new and rapidly expanding electronic environment, network users have unprecedented access to information and computing resources. However, the development and implementation of systematic methods of describing and accessing information lag behind deployment of the Internet itself.

In fact, in many ways networked information retrieval is in its infancy compared with traditional information retrieval systems. Thesaurus construction, boolean searching and classification control are issues which are under discussion for the popular Internet retrieval tools. As well, progress has been made in the discussions on classifying and cataloguing electronic information resources.

### SMTP, FTP, TELNET?

These are the acronyms for the three main application tools on the Internet:

- electronic mail (using the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol or SMTP)
- file transfers (using the File Transfer

Protocol of FTP), and  
-remote logins (using the TELNET protocol).

### Archie, Hytelnet, Gopher, Veronica?

Recently several new tools have been developed to improve access to the resources of the Internet:

-a database of directories and files at FTP sites (accessed through TELNET at several Archie sites, or through a local Archie client)

-a hypertext database of library OPACs available through TELNET, and many other types of information resources (Hytelnet)

-hierarchical menus of information and computing resources at local and remote sites (accessed through Gopher servers and clients), and

-a database of Gopher menus (searchable through Veronica servers and clients).

### What is BITNET?

BITNET is a world-wide "store-and-forward" network of primarily IBM computers linking more than 3,000 sites. BITNET is not part of the Internet (because it uses a different protocol), but because of the many gateways between BITNET and the Internet, the boundaries are becoming increasingly less apparent. BITNET offers electronic mail and LISTSERV software which manages the exchange of information using mailing lists. LISTSERVs often archive the discussion groups they manage as well as additional documents that are available via an e-mail command language.

### What is news?

As informal cooperative network, USENET, provides another significant source of textual and binary information. As of November 1992, some 4,000 USENET news groups generated approximately 29 Mb of news articles daily.

## **COPYRIGHT : REPORT ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

### **Copyright Consultative Committee**

The Consultative Committee 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" was to have submitted a draft of the Phase II legislation to cabinet by March of this year. To date only "drafting instructions" have been received by the various individuals concerned and these are under a non-disclosure agreement. It now appears likely that Phase II cannot go before cabinet before the fall and the upcoming elections will probably delay this even further.

### **AUCC/CANCOPY Negotiations**

The attempt to establish a model license continues to be delayed by various factors, including changes in personnel. Jeremy Fox who temporarily replaced Edith Yeomans as CANCOPY Executive Director has now been replaced by Andrew Martin, a lawyer with experience in the publishing industry. CANCOPY's position on post-secondary licensing remains unchanged: At best we will see a dual-fee structure with a per-page fee for bulk (copy or duplicating centre) copying and a per capita-related flat fee for all other copying. The per-page fee may vary by the type of material copied, as well. No one is prepared to speculate in writing on the rates to be charged; however, figures of an "average per page" fee of \$0.06 plus a flat fee equivalent to \$1.00 or so per capita have been mentioned by some.

The timetable remains uncertain. Hopefully a CANCOPY version of the model agreement will be available for AUCC review in Fall 1993. It is expected that the model will reflect a strong university bias and may require extensive work to make it meet college needs.

### **Alberta Education License**

An agreement in the \$500,000 range has been signed with Alberta Education and is being charged back to the school boards at approximately \$1.00 per student capita (withheld from provincial grant). Edmonton Public Board and another in the Crowsnest Pass area declined to be part of this agreement. Some observers expect CANCOPY to take action against the Edmonton Board as an example.

*Submitted by Tom Skinner  
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology*

### **MINUTES OF THE ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE LIBRARIANS SPRING 1993 MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1993 1:30 to 6:00 PM**

The Spring meeting, held in the Jasper Park Lodge, had 17 members attending, Gary MacDonald, Systems Analyst and Librarian from SAIT, demonstrated library information access through Internet. The talk was of interest to six non-members who attended after reading Letter of the LAA.

The following members have been elected for the 1993-95 term:

#### **Chair:**

Susan Brayford - Medicine Hat College

#### **Secretary-Treasurer:**

Fran Noone - Lethbridge Community College

#### **Director-at-Large:**

Hilary Eade - Red Deer College

#### **Coordinator of the Union List of Serials:**

Michelle Classen - Lakeland College

#### **Cordinator of the Newsletter:**

Keith Clouten - Canadian Union College

#### **Workshop Committee:**

Keith Walker - Medicine Hat College



Two more positions to be announced for workshop committee.

Copyright Committee:  
To be announced

Auditors:  
To be announced

Olga Shklanka, LRC Chairperson of Grande Prairie Regional College, and Arnold Rapske, Librarian at North American Baptist College, were presented with gifts in recognition of their involvement in AACL. Both librarians will be retiring in the summer.

Tom Skinner from SAIT submitted an update on recent developments on copyright legislation. (See report in this Newsletter).

Mircea Panciuk from Concordia College reported that we would be able to produce one more fiche copy of the Union List of Serials in the fall of 1993 before we would have to find a replacement for Spires. Karen Powell from the Legislature Library announced that their library staff would handle the data input of the Union List of Serials and it wouldn't be necessary to receive funding from AACL. Karen will be meeting with Tom Skinner, Hilary Eade (new Director-at-Large) and Michelle Classen (new Union List of Serials coordinator) to discuss the direction of the serials list. Karen will be sending a survey to AACL members to obtain feedback as to their concerns about the future of the Union List of Serials.

The Association was asked to join a ALA Strategic Planning Committee with other Alberta libraries. The next meeting will be held in Red Deer on May 15. The Association agreed to donate \$100 to assist this new committee in its plans. (Motion: Marylea Jarvis, Keyano College).

Arnold Rapske gave the AACL financial report. He announced we have approximately \$1,660.00 in revenue to-date.

Susan Brayford, the new Chair, expressed the desire to have a fall meeting rather than a teleconference. A tentative time, date, and place for the fall meeting will go out to the members to determine support. Plans are to have the meeting in a central Alberta location convenient for both north and south members.

*Submitted by Susan Brayford  
Medicine Hat College*

#### JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1992

##### BALANCE STATEMENT

Carry-over from 1990		\$1587.05
Expenses	1992	430.75
Revenues	1992	561.30
Balance	1992	130.55
Carry-over from 1991		\$1587.05
Balance to December 31, 1992		130.55
Carry-over for 1993		\$1717.60

*Submitted by Arnold Rapske  
Secretary-Treasurer*

#### RETIREMENTS

Three long-time members of AACL are retiring from front-line duty this summer: Olga Shklanka from Grande Prairie Regional College, Asgeir Ingibergsson from Augustana University College, and Arnold Rapske from North American Baptist College. We wish all three the best of health and happiness.

## MERRY-GO-ROUND

### CONCORDIA COLLEGE LIBRARY

The 1992/93 academic year was quite a hectic one at Concordia College, to say the least. In September of 1992 we found ourselves one librarian short because of a staff resignation. This position was not filled until March of 1993. The new Associate Head Librarian is Margaret Russell. Margaret will be working on seeing that we have a solid base collection for the programs offered at Concordia and that public services meet the needs of our students.

In September we also received word that the college was due for a self-study and it was to be completed and handed to the Private Colleges Accreditation Board by July 1, 1993.

It would appear that the excitement will not die down in the coming year. The college will begin a construction program which will see the present library building expanded. This expansion will at first see the library and another department of the college share the expanded facility and as the collection and services grow the library will eventually take over the entire building expansion.

This summer will be spent catching up on projects and clearing out backlogs so that we can work on the building committee. Construction should start in May of 1994.

*Mircea Panciuk*

### GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

Our college is preparing for another record year in student registrations. Early registrations are much higher than at this time last year and some course sections are already full. In addition, the new "joint venture" with Athabasca University in a B.A. degree program will add a cohort of third year B.A. students to

our service workload. The delivery of these courses will be classroom-based and taught by GPRC instructors.

This past year we were engaged in Total Quality Management workshops. In preparation for this, we have completed a Values, Visions and Goals document which has been approved by the board and we are now in the midst of a structural re-organization which will eliminate the deans and their administrative assistants. This is in keeping with current trends toward flatter organizations with elimination of middle managements. The chairs of departments will report directly to two vice-presidents. The LRC will be renamed "Library and Media Services" with the chair reporting to the Vice-President of Instruction.

The big news, of course, is my retirement with my last workday being June 14. I shall be moving to Edmonton and after a stint of doing nothing, I shall probably seek contract or temporary work as the spirit moves me. I may take some courses at the U. of A. since my home is close by, but on the whole, I intend to live the "Life of Riley" for awhile. If any of you are in Edmonton please look me up. My phone # is 439-4285.

Meanwhile, back at this ranch, we are actively seeking a replacement for me and we survived a status quo budget process without any operational cuts. Our capital budget for materials has been cut by 17% but active fund-raising by the Foundation has supplemented this by approximately \$30,000.

We are also investigating other automated systems as CLSI has been bought out by GEAC and we have exhausted our mini-computer port capacity. The DRA system is looking very attractive to us and is a strong possibility in the near future.

*Olga Shklanka*



## RED DEER COLLEGE LIBRARY

I suppose the biggest news we have to report is that our entire collection (circulating and reference) has been moved this April and May. This move allowed us to do several things. Initially, we wanted to create a separate reference collection, something Red Deer College had never had. At the time the library was established in the mid-1960s, all items were interfiled. Over time this has become somewhat unwieldy. In the early 1980s, the audiovisual collection was separated out and in the mid-1980s, the periodicals were brought together as a separate collection. Now it's Reference's turn.

Secondly, we were able to shelve our collection in straight alphabetic LC classification order. Prior to the move, our first floor housed the humanities (A-FC, M-P) and the social sciences/sciences (G-L, Q-Z) were on the second floor. We have now shelved A-HS on the first floor and HT-Z on the second floor.

The move has also allowed us to open up the library to more outside light and re-arrange some of our study areas and the CD-ROM workstations/microform/reference desk area.

Aside from all of this, it's business as usual. Our CD-ROM products and reference desk have been heavily used all year. We are also planning for 1993/94 when the college will offer its regular fall term (September to December) and winter term (January to April), a new express term (February to April) for January high school graduates and an expanded spring/summer term (May to July).

*Paul Boulton*

## MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

Automation continues to occupy a great deal of time and effort as the "recon" work continues, training takes place, administrative decisions are made and system troubleshooting

occurs. The project, under Susan Brayford's leadership, has been successful. The OPACs have been in operation for two terms and the circulation module was implemented for the spring semester. Juggling budgets and successful grant applications still allowed for enough staff time so that we are able to estimate an early fall completion of recon. Some major work in updating cataloguing of pre-1980 records and implementation of authority control will continue, but at least a brief entry will be available for each item in the collection.

The acquisitions module from MultiLIS should be available next year and we hope to be able to test it via remote access. We plan to carefully review the serials package before using it. Immediate future plans will involve access to the system from faculty offices; already vast improvements to the service at the Brooks Campus have been made through the access to the system.

The LRC has suddenly entered the Internet era with a menu system access to many of the other colleges and the University of Lethbridge. Although the slowness of the access is a drawback, this has certainly improved our interlibrary loan service—the resource sharing we often talk about has begun!

The LRC ran two successful programs through the winter semester: an International Awareness Week in March in conjunction with student and community groups; and a most successful National Book Festival in late April. Working with colleagues in Red Deer, Drumheller, Banff and Lethbridge, Connie Hall, LRC Reference Librarian, coordinated the busy week. The guests included Maggie Siggins, Stewart McLean, Jay Ingram, Pat and Baiba Morrow.

Professional development seemed to be the theme for this year, both in the LRC and throughout the college. The LRC staff development committee organized a number of

sessions including disability awareness, book repairs, AV services and disaster planning. All college support staff took part in three 2-hour sessions on public services entitled "Connections". Barb Banasch, LRC Circulation Supervisor, was chosen as one of the do-leaders and so spent a busy term preparing and leading the sessions while also managing the new automated circulation system.

A unique way to get the staff feeling comfortable with the new system was initiated by Susan Brayford: she lead us through a murder mystery with weekly online clues leading us through different areas of the library and different components of the system. The resulting 'murder stories' composed by the staff were of Agatha Christie quality!

The librarians completed the draft of the 'Library of the Future' report which has now been submitted to administration. It seems a bit ironic to be positively projecting a new facility, increased staffing, huge acquisition funds while at the same time preparing ways to cope with the threatened cutbacks.

Summer projects are in progress now; we wonder if the hundred items on the list will really get finished. Major items include an inventory of the periodicals collection, shifting the book collection, doubling the size of the reference stacks, and updating all procedures manuals. Each week the librarians and library technicians are taking part in library-related "mini-sessions" with each person leading a session on a different aspect of library service. We can therefore ensure that the summer will go by too fast and we'll be back into orientation before we know it!

*Keith Walker*

#### KEYANO COLLEGE LIBRARY

Once again the days rushed by and the year has almost disappeared on us. It felt like we were busier than ever, and we were! Circulation increased 11%, staff answered 22% more reference questions, and requests for

interlibrary loan materials went up 35%. With Joyce Constantine, our Information/User Services Librarian, becoming full-time this year, library instruction also increased by 61%. No wonder staff were ready for a stress management workshop in February.

In May we were pleased to welcome Judi McKettrick as our new Coordinator of Technical Services. Judi has a strong background in systems and cataloguing with previous experience in government and hospital libraries.

During intersession we began to use the circulation module of MultiLIS for students. So far it's working well with only a couple of small details to sort out. We're keeping our fingers crossed!

Thanks to the National Library's Adaptive Technology for Libraries Program and the Keyano College Foundation, the library was able to purchase some equipment for the visually impaired. The workstation is multipurpose to meet a variety of needs. It will allow an individual to read the text of a document by enlarging the text (in colour), the text may be scanned into a word processing document the user is working on, or the user may be searching the library's OPAC and the print on the screen will be enlarged. The workstation also becomes a reader for the individual by scanning the text and converting it to voice. Members of the community as well as students will be welcome to take advantage of this new equipment.

Over the summer months the library will undergo some renovations. The conference room will be relocated elsewhere in the college, and the space will be used for some additional study carrels, and to create an enclosed office for Joyce. We also hope to acquire one CD-ROM product and introduce it in the fall as well.

Wishing everyone a relaxing summer!

*Marylea Jarvis*



## FAIRVIEW COLLEGE LIBRARY

Spring has arrived in the frozen north and we are getting anxious to work outdoors. It is difficult to concentrate on desk jobs when the warm sun is shining and the birds are singing outside the window. The library staff helped during the annual campus clean-up. It was fun to join fellow staff and rid the campus of winter debris. The coffee and donuts served after we were done were certainly appreciated.

Just now the student population is dwindling. Most courses are complete with just some apprenticeship students still on campus. Both the library and cafeteria seem quiet after the hectic pace of just a few weeks ago. We're not complaining however. The huge mountain of backlogged materials to be processed is finally turning into a hill—or will someone discover the boxes of low priority books that were set aside to be processed when time allowed? We are also pleased that we have been able to add the holdings from some of our off-campus centres to our data-base. Peace River Correctional Centre and Manning will soon have a printed book catalogue of their collection. We have also been able to send a title and Dewey listing of our entire collection to our other campuses. This should be a very useful tool for them when handling interlibrary loans.

During the past few months the library and AV have had the pleasure of hosting the Board of Governors at a noon luncheon. Board members toured the Library and AV areas and then discussion took place during the lunch. We felt the visits were worthwhile and that the board understood our problems and limitations. Tours have also taken place among the different departments in the student services area. Everyone gained a much clearer concept of the functions and duties of the various areas. It was a very positive experience.

The students are now able to access a photocopier in the library. The machine which

was situated in the foyer before, always seemed to be sick. Since it has found a new home in the library its health seems to have improved. I'm sure Dave Evans, local photocopier troubleshooter, isn't complaining.

It's the time of year to be off again to points south for conferences. Jasper had to be skipped this year because of scheduled budget meetings which were rescheduled when it was too late to register. Undaunted by this minor set-back we are off to Red Deer for the AALT Conference at the end of May. Our library people from High Level and Peace River are joining us this year. We are looking forward to an informative and relaxing time, as long as we can keep some of the more adventuresome members of our bunch under control. After all we wouldn't want to destroy the image of the staid stodgy librarian all in one week-end.

We plan on having a productive and enjoyable summer and wish the same for all staff in our sister colleges.

*Bev Peterson*

## BANFF CENTRE LIBRARY

The past winter has been a period of anticipation and adjustment for the Banff Centre. In March, a new president was appointed to take the place of Dr. Paul Fleck who passed away last year. Dr. Graeme McDonald comes to Banff from the Asia Pacific Foundation where he was the Executive Director.

The library's new DYNIX system was installed in late April and the data has now been loaded. We have completed phase one of training, with the second phase early in June. Our cataloguing module, public access module, and circulation module will be fully up by the end of the summer. Our Communications Gateway, Community Information and Multilingual Access won't be far behind. Local network access has not been finalized but we



expect the full system to be on the Internet by fall.

All the best to our colleagues across the province. Have a great summer!

*Bob Foley*

#### LESSER SLAVE LAKE LIBRARY

The past year has been very busy with a complete change of library staff at our Slave Lake Campus. Dev Yadav left last September after three years with us to become Technical Service Librarian at the Red Deer Public Library. He was replaced in November by Margo McCutcheon, a very dynamic lady whose motto is "good cataloguing is completed cataloguing". Thanks to her perseverance we expect to have our automation project largely finished by the end of June. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to our special projects team, Karen Schell and Susan Hopps, who have worked tirelessly at data entry. We are glad to say they will be staying on with us after the project is over. Our regular staff also spent many hours working on the project. Now we are looking forward to seeing what impact having the on-line catalogue available in our eighteen community campuses will have on circulation.

Here at the Grouard campus we are very pleased that long-time employee, Shirley Anderson, has completed her Library Technician Diploma from S.A.I.T. Shirley is an avid reader, is fluent in Cree and makes an invaluable contribution as the anchor of our reader services department.

Our other new staff members are: Tim MacDonald, Library Technician, and Maggie Montgomery, Library Clerk, Slave Lake Campus. At Grouard, Brenda McDermott, Library Clerk, has moved into our cataloguing department.

An exciting development for AVC Lesser Slave Lake is the invitation to participate in the

Noralink proposal which if successful would result in a CD-ROM based union catalogue for northern Alberta.

All in all we are very gratified with progress over the past year. We found the Jasper conference both informative and inspiring and we are looking forward to refining and improving our service in the year ahead.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and relaxing summer.

*Bob Bruce*

#### SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY LIBRARY

We have made significant progress on several of the areas reported in the fall Newsletter.

The library successfully negotiated a cost sharing agreement with the Library and Information Technology Programme to purchase the hardware and software to begin networking CD-ROM databases. The LOGICRAFT LAN will begin by networking the collection of PC's which are currently operating with drives as stand-alone workstations. The network will expand to OPAC terminals, campus users, and off-campus users. Of the eight drives available, the LIT Programme will reserve the right to operate four on the tower for teaching purposes.

A Minolta RP-605Z Reader/Printer with a universal microfiche/film auto feed carrier UC-1 was installed in April. It is very easy to operate and much more cost effective than our old machines.

Several staff members are involved with the Calgary Library Directors' Working Groups. The four groups included have participants from academic, public, special and school libraries and deal with Technical Services, Human Resources, Library Systems and Collections. The main objective is operational

cost-saving through the formation of a multitype library consortium.

The National Library Advisory Board held an open meeting in Calgary on April 26, and members of the board including the National Librarian, Marianne Scott, toured our library in the morning.

The library hosted a total of five Library and Information Technology practicum students during the past term. The students were all highly motivated, and eager to work during their three week sessions in the various sections of the library.

Increased space requirements by the Computer Managed Learning staff (not part of the library section) has resulted in a shift of our student microcomputer lab. This will provide a challenge for orientation for returning students in the fall.

In this time of shrinking government grants to institutions, I believe that we must increase our reliance on each other to help share operating costs. Our Association and its projects such as the Union List are working to counteract current fiscal trends. I hope to see you at our fall meeting.

*Dave Weber*

#### ALBERTA COLLEGE LIBRARY

Moving from an old building to a brand new one has been a lot of fun. Spring semester was the busiest semester as the new facility brought us more students. We had more worries too. The biggest worry is our budget. The library holds over four thousand volumes of books, 60 titles of magazines including educational and recreational magazines, and about 500 video tapes. For 1994, we have to cancel some reference sources like Books in Print, Current Biography, and some recreational magazines such as McCall's, Goodhousekeeping, etc. The money is budgeted for reference books, video

tapes, and maintenance of AV equipment only. We are also thinking of installing a 3M library security system. Therefore, the budget for library materials may shrink for a couple of years. However, once this security system is installed, everybody will be happy. Having a secure library is better than having a library without books!

Now that all the fun of moving has gone, I have to attack my worries and get ready for the next school year.

*Thuc Cong*

#### OLDS COLLEGE LIBRARY

We are nicely into our spring session here at Olds College. We have approximately 200 students remaining on campus and the use of the library has waned considerably. This has allowed us to clean up the plant and get some work done that we can't seem to accomplish during the regular term. Our spring hours are reduced and some of our temporary part-time staff are gone until the fall.

We are going to do an inventory this summer. This is the first in a number of years. We are hoping the results will not be disastrous.

We have just completed our 93/94 capital budget at the college. We have basically held the line from last year in our library budget which is really a plus considering the size of the grant we were allotted this year. Hopefully our service will be maintained on a comparable level in the upcoming year.

*Garry Grisak*

#### ALBERTA VOCATIONAL COLLEGE - EDMONTON

The Alberta Vocational College Learning Resources Centre does not have any major News to report. All operations are running

smoothly. The College administration is actively engaged in a strategic planning renewal process. TQM is also being explored. With the possibility of implementation of this new management philosophy, LRC staff are looking at ways to improve library service by 'doing better with less'. On a trial basis, from mid-May to mid-June, the LRC will be open Saturdays for 5 hours, a fax machine has been installed to improve communication with outreach programs (for those interested the number is 422-5342) and, a read-only link with the Edmonton Public Library is being investigated.

Two staff members recently attended a Columbia Users Group Workshop. We have been having several problems with the system (losing records) and no other library seems to have the same problem.

*Vicki Williams*

#### CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE

Isn't it amazing what librarians do to keep themselves busy! A year ago we decided it would be interesting to do an evaluative study of our collection, and we chose the conspectus method marketed by WLN in Washington State. The system comes with a manual and software which can generate a variety of forms and reports. We have employed several of our part-time student workers throughout the year in gathering the data for the study, and now we are about ready to produce our final reports, which will show for each subject discipline comparative codes for collection level, acquisitions commitment, and collection goal. Teaching faculty have been assisting us with establishment of the goals.

Actually, the results of the conspectus study will form part of an institutional self-study due to be completed this next fall. The results will also guide in the allocation of budget resources to the various departments and disciplines.

The most exciting news is that we signed a contract with Sobeco last February for the installation of MultiLIS in our library. Training of our staff occurred in mid-May, and we look

forward to having the full database initialized and ready for the opening of the school year in September. We have purchased modules for cataloguing, authority control, circulation, and OPAC. For the time being acquisitions will remain in Bib-Base. The library is now connected to the campus network so our teaching faculty eagerly anticipate being able to log-on to the system from their offices.

Since all of that sounded like too quiet a summer, we agreed to host the annual conference of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians on our campus during the first week of July. The first such conference outside the U.S. will feature a week of business and program sessions, including several well-known guest presenters from within Alberta. Full day coach tours to Edmonton area and the Rockies will break the meeting monotony and introduce our visitors to the fabulous highlights of this great province. Organization of the conference in all its details is a major effort for a small staff such as ours.

Come September 1, we will be welcoming Cathie Trenchuk as our first full-time Library Technician appointment. Cathie has been our part-time secretary/supervisor of technical processes, and although she will still be doing some of the same things next year, we are happy for her upgraded status. Incidentally, Cathie should receive most of the credit for the production of this Newsletter.

*Keith Clouten*



#### EDITORS'S NOTE

This is the last issue of the AACL Newsletter which I will be privileged to produce. Next September my wife and I will be heading south-east to Michigan, where I have accepted the appointment of library director at Andrews University. While looking forward to new challenges, we will miss very much the friendly people and pleasant landscapes of Alberta.

I have especially enjoyed my association with all of you in AACL, and wish each one of you a prosperous and progressive future.



