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REPORT FROM THE A.L.A. CONFERENCE:

The Library's Travel Grants and Expenses Committee - on a second thought - graciously granted the usual expenses to attend the A.L.A. Conference in New York, July 8 - 12. The theme of the conference: The Library Profession.

Here are some second-hand thoughts/ideas talked about (and often kicked around):

Faculty Status and Governance:

a. Polarization of administration:
Classical style: hierarchic (archaic?) organization with a chief having absolute power and delegating responsibility at his discretion. The staff consists of a Head and a lot of Joes.
Democratic style: librarians form a faculty of their own and manage the library on a collegial basis. The staff is made up of peers.

b. Question of administration not clearly defined; neither are questions of faculty status, union status and jurisdiction. Further pitfalls: degrees and research work undertaken by librarians. So many warning signs in the approach to the faculty question.
Librarians are better off not being a faculty: less problems.

c. It is not proven that the democratic system has a place in education neither is it demonstrated that democratic administration is better than the absolutistic.

d. Before talking about faculty status librarians must clearly define their professional role as disparate from that of clericals and put this into practice. Librarians are still in the discussion stage about this point.

e. Librarians are in a complex fix.

The Place of the Library in the Budget:

The governor of West Virginia stated that libraries rank with education in general and with highways during budgeting and challenged all U.S. states to develop a library system similar to the interstate highway system.

Canadians:

At the first general meeting the chairlibrarian called for foreigners to show hands as their country was named. Canada was not named. Does this mean Canadians are not foreigners in American eyes, being children of a common mother?

Education and Libraries:

The library should be more closely integrated with the teaching assignments of the university. Mutual dependence, not equality of librarians and faculty, should

be emphasized. This could be achieved by placing less emphasis on Ph.D.'s and more on teaching. The library and librarians do not fill their legitimate place in the educational system because faculty does not accept them as partners. (Some librarians, of course, give cause for such a state of affairs).

Technology and Librarians:

Librarians had better gain education in the field of technology or else they will have to rely on outsiders who, lacking library training, may misdirect the development of the library or take it over. Technology is coming inevitably and it will prove cheaper in the long run. The application of advanced technology is still in its infancy in libraries.

The above are almost word-for-word excerpts/crumbs from the panel speakers and commentators.

Steve Johnson.

TRANSFER OF POSITION

Pam Matheson will be transferring, in her present position, to the Librarian's Office at the beginning of August. A review of work in the Circulation Division has resulted in the creation of an additional service point at the Loan Desk and a decrease of work in the Circulation Office. In order to make this possible, Pam has been transferred to the Librarian's Office, where additional help at this level is required, and equivalent additional time has been allocated to Circulation.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Rosaria Llereza	Clerk I	Acquisitions
Sheila Cooper	Library Assistant III	LC Cataloguing
Josephine Levas	Library Assistant I	Sedgewick
Patricia Shen	Library Assistant II	Biomedical Branch

TRANSFERS:

Zuzana Jasik temporary L.A. II in Map Divisions to position number 576 in the Map Division.

Harriett Harper position #237 Library Assistant II (Cat. Prep) to position #079 Library Assistant II (Cat. Prep.)

PROMOTIONS:

Donna Herriott	Woodward L.A. I to B.M.B. L.A. II
Robin Bowser	Woodward L.A. I to Serials L.A. II
Meily Wong	Cataloguing L.A. II to MacMillan L.A. III
Leslie Evans	L.A. Catal. L.A. II to L.C. Catal. L.A. III
Maureen Knight	Serials L.A. II to L.C. Catal. L.A. III
Lisa Grzebieluch	Periodicals L.A. I to Serials L.A. II
John Campbell	Systems P.A. II to Systems Analyst
Bill Daly	Systems P.A. II to Systems Analyst.

RESIGNATIONS:

Cathy Skelly	Library Assistant I	Photocopying
Geraldine Slater	Library Assistant III	LC/Cataloguing
Linda Senum	Library Assistant II	Curriculum Laboratory
Sherry Smugler	Library Assistant II	Humanities
Barbara Duncan	Library Assistant I	Catalogue Preparations
Barbara Teagle	Library Assistant III	Original Cataloguing
Margaret Wilson	Library Assistant II	Interlibrary Loans
Gaylord Leung	Stack Attendant	Sedgewick
Susan Crossley	Library Assistant II	Original Cataloguing
Polly Walker	Stack Attendant	Circulation

Tom Eadie has resigned from his position in Information and Orientation Division to take the position of Head of Arts Reference at the University of Waterloo.