Editor's Comments

It is exciting to be a part of JMRT right now. We wish all of you could have been at Midwinter and experienced the exhilarating enthusiasm as the various committees prepared for June. Particular excitement was associated with the child care plans and the COG newsletter (see Midwinter Report). As the Committee on Governance sat around a huge Palmer House table and discussed various projects, the idea of a convention daily newspaper spontaneously erupted. It was almost the same with the child care plans as each day brought new information and the news of overwhelming cooperation from AILA.

We do hope that all JMRT members can share our enthusiasm and join with us in these action projects.

Included in this issue are several rather important items. The Forrest Carhart Task Force on library research has published their preliminary report and it gives one much to ponder. Most librarians can spout a horror tale of wasted time and money due to a patron's refusal to check the library for previous research on a project. The Carhart TF suggests that the horror story is right in our own back yard. It has been apparent to this writer for years that there is a wealth of information contained in the master's thesis completed by MLS candidates. But there is no access to this material. (continued on page 2)
DAILY CONVENTION NEWSPAPER PLANNED

The JMRT Committee on Governance (COG) is preparing to coordinate a daily convention newspaper during the 1972 ALA convention in Chicago, covering daily happenings and events to come.

JMRT reporters will attend assigned meetings and bring reports to the JMRT suite each evening where the copy will be edited and prepared for reproduction. ALA headquarters has offered generously its production facilities and staff for the printing phase which will be completed each morning at the ALA headquarters. JMRT will assume the cost of the paper, approximately seventy-five dollars. Three thousand copies will be distributed to ALA attendees daily, Sunday through Friday.

It is hoped that this newsletter will promote a better understanding of Conference activities by JMRT members through attendance at and reporting of Council, Executive Board, committee and other meetings. The newsletter will communicate to the membership the events of the preceding day and a highlight of the forthcoming day's activities in an objective and factual capsule format.

In order for this venture to be a success it will need the support and talent of every JMRT member who attends the ALA convention. The scope is broad; the competition stiff (from LJ/SLJ Hot Line); and the possibilities unlimited for self-education and involvement (not to mention fun and excitement.) As Chairman Ron Dubberly says, "Be a constructive activist."

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The biggest need at present is for reporters to be scheduled. If you are attending ALA, please complete the form below and help us make this project a huge success.

YES, I VOLUNTEER TO REPORT ON MEETINGS FOR THE JMRT CONFERENCE DAILY.

Name__________________________Address__________________________
Home Telephone__________________Work Telephone__________________
When will you be in Chicago? From__________________To__________________
Where will you be staying for A.L.A.? _____________________________
List special interest areas:
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List committee meetings and other commitments
(Please give dates & times.)
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Meeting______________________Date______________________Time______________________
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Notified________________________
"I say censor books, censor pictures, censor poetry, censor music and censor sex education so kids grow up to be like us adults."
Editor's Comments

This issue of FOOTNOTES is made to be taken apart. Pages 406 contain a schedule of JMRT activities at the annual ALA conference in Chicago. We hope you take it with you and attend the JMRT meetings while you are there.

On page 13 there is an ALA committee preference form. Many ALA committees, divisions and round tables approach JMRT for names of young librarians when there are positions to be filled. We can't give them your name if we don't have it.

This issue also begins a new feature in FOOTNOTES. The JMRT officers and committee chairmen try to lead JMRT in a direction their constituency would desire and to take positions in line with the wishes of the members. This is sometimes difficult when there is little direct contact with JMRT members except at a membership meeting once a year where only a small percentage of the total membership are able to attend. We would like you to talk back to us. Each issue will feature a question on which we would like your opinion. This issue deals with a question seen often in our pages recently -- ALA as a strictly professional association.

An apology is in order from your editor to you. For several reasons, essentially beyond my control, some of you did not receive the March, 1972 issue of FOOTNOTES. Others of you received only the last page. Anyone in either of these situations may receive another copy by writing to me. You might also complain to the post office.

Nancy Doyle
JMRT BOOTH IN EXHIBIT AREA

Come to the booth and campaign for JMRT. Media Man will be "speaking" throughout the day on JMRT. There will be campaign buttons and committee preference forms at the booth. Be sure and see the unusual displays. Each day will be filled with surprises.

The exhibit will officially open at 9:00 am Sunday, June 24. At high noon on Sunday, Media Man will be resurrected. At 2:00 p.m. daily your comments will be recorded on Media Man on the TOPIC OF THE DAY. Everyday at 10:00 am the JMRT daily newspaper, COGNOTES, will be distributed in the booth. Please plan to come and be heard. So come join the fanfare and cast your vote for JMRT at Booth No. 300 in the Palmer House. See you at the booth. Arlene Schwartz.

COGNOTES

COGNOTES is the name of the daily convention newspaper to be published by JMRT's Committee on Governance and printed daily by ALA staff. The paper will cover daily happenings at the conference and highlights of coming activities. Help is needed in covering conference meetings. If you would like to participate in this project you can volunteer at the JMRT suite and cover whatever meetings you are attending for the paper. Reports can be turned in at the JMRT booth or suite in the Palmer House or at the OIF/JMRT table in the ALA offices in the Hilton. COGNOTES will be written each evening and printed every morning at ALA headquarters. Daily issues will be available at 10:00 am each morning at the JMRT Booth and suite and outside the exhibit area in the Hilton. It will also be distributed at Council and Membership meetings.

At a recent meeting of the Committee on Governance, an editorial policy was written for COGNOTES: "COGNOTES is a daily newspaper, sponsored by the Junior Members Round Table and published by its Committee on Governance. All attempts will be made to report ALA conference news in a factual and objective manner. All news has been contributed by volunteer reporters."

If you are interested in assisting or joining the COG staff, fill out the form below or come by the JMRT suite in Chicago.

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Name ___________________________ Address ___________________________
Home Telephone __________________ Work Telephone __________________

When will you be in Chicago? From _____________ To _____________
Where will you be staying for ALA? ________________________________
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Meeting ___________________________ Date _____________ Time _____________
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New JMRT Officers: l. to rt. Arlene Schwartz, newly elected member-at-large; Fred Glazer, Vice-Chairperson-Elect; Shelah-Bell Cragin, JMRT Chairperson; and Maurine Gray, Secretary-Treasurer.
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thank you for making the ALA/JMRT activities during the Chicago conference successful. Shirley would have been proud of the results -- the booth, child care, COGNOTES, orientation, students to Chicago, and the Executive Committee. Much was accomplished and there's hard work ahead. The innovations of 1972 will serve as measuring sticks for 1973.

Before we direct our attention from the success experience in Chicago to the year ahead, let's express sincere appreciation to two of our most dedicated officers, MARY JO LYNCH, who has just completed her three year term as representative-at-large, has been actively involved in numerous areas of JMRT. Mary Jo, thank you and good luck! DICK WATERS is resigning as immediate past chairperson. He feels that it's time for him to step aside and allow a newer member to work with the Executive Committee. There is little way of expressing how much JMRT appreciates the leadership, time, energy, and enthusiasm Dick has provided.

The Executive Committee for 1972-73 is almost complete as you will see in this issue of FOOTNOTES. Please do not hesitate to let us know your willingness to work. After all, to paraphrase that old cliche, "You only get out of JMRT what you put into it." Help JMRT maintain its role of leadership within ALA. Shelah-Bell Crcgin, JMRT Chairperson

Letters

Having JMRT Child Care Center at ALA this year was a tremendous service. I cannot express the appreciation my husband and I have for the dedication of the people who spent a great deal of time there.

My 9-year-old son was delighted; we could hardly drag him away for lunch and dinner. He already assured his friends in the "Junior set" that he's making plans to go to Las Vegas.

For the sake of your Las Vegas staff, I might add that his plans might have to be changed.

Ruth Dougherty, Library Materials Center, Indiana State Teachers Association

Congratulations on a great job of reporting the Conference. "Cognotes" was a tremendous help.

My only trouble was to keep up with you -- sometimes copies of yesterday's reports were taken away before I could pick them up.

Hope this is something you plan to continue.

Elizabeth C. Cooper, Library Director, Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, New Mexico.
COGNOTES was a success in Chicago. JMRT's daily newspaper of Conference activities proved that JMRT can be useful to the entire ALA membership while achieving JMRT goals of involving new members in the Association. COGNOTES created for both the average ALA'ner and the neophyte JMRT'er a better understanding of the Association. The opportunity for working constructively with a very cooperative headquarters staff was another fringe benefit for the Committee on Governance members.

The long hours late at night and early in the morning spent over sleepy typewriters all seemed worthwhile each morning as the membership eagerly grabbed up the morning's edition of our capsulized report of the previous day's activities.

COGNOTES was printed Sunday through Friday by the ALA staff at headquarters. The articles were submitted by COG members and other volunteers. At least once a "scoop" story was tracked down at two o'clock in the morning. Meanwhile the editing and the typing was being completed. One evening the proof reader fell asleep waiting for the typist to complete a page. He woke to find the typist had fallen asleep waiting for the correction fluid to dry.

COGNOTES was successful because it received cooperation from everyone connected with it. It was truly a team effort. Without the assistance of James Harvey of the Intellectual Freedom Office, JMRT's liaison person with ALA Headquarters, COGNOTES would not have survived its birth as an idea in January.

It is certain that we never knew the names of many of those who contributed to this effort. The names we do know include the following: Mary Cillufo and Betty Obey of the ALA staff, and JMRT's Bill DeJohn, Barbara Bennett, Kenna Forsythe, John McCracken, Elliot Shelkrot, Ross Stephen, Joe Lindendall, Elizabeth Smith, Sue Welch, Susan Dresbach, Nancy Doyle and Catherine O'Connell.

Yes, Hotline, there is a COGNOTES, and there will be in Las Vegas, too.

(Anyone wishing a set of the COGNOTES printed in Chicago may obtain them by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Ronald Dubberly, Sioux City Public Library, Sixth and Jackson Streets, Sioux City, Iowa 51105.)

Committee on Governance members: Catherine O'Connell, Ron Dubberly, Chairperson, Susan Dresbach and an unidentified member.