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REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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The College Libraries Section program in Chicago focusing on the new Performance Measures Handbook was very successful. The program committee chaired by Mignon Adams did an excellent job.

At the CLS Board meeting we considered adding two new discussion groups, one in collection development and one in automation, to focus on college librarians' concerns in these areas. Petitions are currently being circulated in accordance with CLS policies to begin these discussion groups.

The Planning for College Libraries Committee has been meeting to facilitate a workshop to train consultants to assist college librarians in the planning process. This workshop will be based on an OMS program but tailored for college library needs. More information should be available on this committee's work after Midwinter.

The 1990 program in Atlanta will deal with staff development at all levels in the college library. John Montag is chairing a committee that is putting together a program that should be of
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NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Norman Jung
Director, Library/Media Center
State University of New York/
College at Old Westbury

The National Advisory Council (NAC) originated as a result of a challenge issued by William Moffett during the 1985 annual ALA conference in Chicago. At the College Libraries Section membership meeting Bill made a proposal to either revitalize the Section or abolish it. After lively discussion, Bill's challenge to invigorate the section was accepted. Discussion then turned to ways in which we could rejuvenate the section and make it more responsive to the needs of college librarians. One of the results of these events was to establish the National Advisory Council to help to advise the CLS Executive Committee as to thoughts and ideas of many college librarians around the country. The ACRL Chapters were asked to nominate interested members to the NAC. These were to be individuals who would attend both the annual and midwinter conferences. They also must be members of the College Libraries Section. The CLS Executive Committee then selected a steering committee to guide the NAC.

During the past few years, the Steering Committee evolved into a smaller group and most recently into one coordinator
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interest to all of us.

The ACRL Sixth National Conference will be held in Phoenix April 1-4, 1992. The theme will be "Academic Libraries: Advancing Excellence in Higher Education." Each day of the conference will be devoted to one of the following sub-themes: diversity in the academic community; the increased complexity of information resources in many formats; the research agenda for academic and research libraries; and technology and library users. More will be coming out soon, but I urge all of you to think about contributing papers that deal with college library issues.

The Section has been very active in the past few years thanks to your contributions. We are expanding the opportunities to be involved in the College Libraries Section as well as offering programs ourselves and with other sections that will be of interest to you.

We are always open to new suggestions from the membership. If you have any ideas on programs, activities, or how we can be more responsive to your needs, please give me a call at 612-363-2119 or write to me at the address above.

CLIP NOTES

Two new CLIP NOTES are available

Performance Appraisal in Academic Libraries, CLIP Note #12, compiled by Barbara Williams Jenkins with the assistance of Mary L. Smalls, 1990, 128p. ISBN 0-8389-7444-9, \$16.95 or \$13.95 to ACRL members.

College Library Newsletters, CLIP Note #13, compiled by Patricia Smith Butcher and Susan McCarthy Campbell, 1990, 154p. ISBN 0-8389-7445-7, \$16.95 or \$13.95 to ACRL members.

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of the NAC. The selection of representatives to the NAC has also evolved. Currently, each ACRL chapter has been asked to select a delegate and an alternate delegate to the NAC. Most of these appointments are in place and attempts are being made to cover areas not yet represented.

Although the activities of the National Advisory Council have been relatively unheralded, I believe that the NAC has helped to revitalize the College Libraries Section. This newsletter is a result of discussion among NAC members and its steering committee. The idea of a College Library Directors discussion group began in the NAC. Concern about pay equity and fringe benefits for college librarians has led to the formation of the Fringe Benefit Committee which is now working with ACRL's Academic Status Committee. Materials Exchange sessions have been attempted. In August 1986 Richard Werking sent out a survey to NAC members soliciting their views about issues that concern college librarians. Based on the results of this survey, Eleanor Pinkham and Jan Fennell sent out a questionnaire seeking input from the NAC as to possible future annual program topics for the College Libraries Section. The section's recent successful annual programs have been based on responses to this questionnaire.

The National Advisory Council has given many of us a chance to become more involved in the CLS. We have also been able to discuss mutual problems with each other, and we realize that our section is an important part of the ACRL. It is important that we keep active and continue to keep the CLS Executive Committee informed of our concerns and interests.

A two-year position as chair of the College Libraries Section Newsletter Committee and editor of the Newsletter will be available in July 1991. Mary Lee Sweat, vice-chair, chair-elect of the section, would welcome nominees or volunteers for the position. Letters of interest should be addressed to Mary Lee Sweat, University Librarian, Loyola University Library, 6363 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118 before January 1, 1991. Appointments will also be made to the CLS Clip Notes Committee, Newsletter Committee, Planning Committee, and Standards Committee. Anyone interested in being considered for appointment to these committees should contact Mary Lee Sweat at the above address before January 1, 1991.

**FREE COPY OF CLS
"COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT PAPERS"
OFFERED TO SECTION MEMBERS**

Haworth Press has donated to ACRL 100 copies of Collection Management containing the article "Collection Development Issues in Medium-Sized and Smaller Academic Libraries: Papers from the College Libraries Section's 1988 program in New Orleans." These are available free of charge to the first 100 CLS members who write to: Collection Development Papers, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611 or call 1-800-545-2433, ext. 2520.

ATTENTION!

College & Research Libraries is seeking reviewers for material in higher education and academic libraries. Please contact Stephen Lehmann, Reference Dept., Van Pelt Library, Univ. of Penn., Philadelphia, PA 19104. Indicate background and interests.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

Walter D. Morrill
Director of Libraries
Hanover College

For the last four years, one of the most popular CLS programs at Mid-Winter and Annual Conferences has been the two-hour sessions of the Library Directors Discussion Group. At Mid-Winter this year a new time slot has been mandated by the President's "no conflict" schedule for Sunday afternoon; therefore, our group will meet from 8-10 p.m. Sunday, January 13. The traditional format of breaking into small groups to discuss pressing questions, followed by a short reporting and discussion session with the entire group, will be maintained. From straw polls taken at our last two sessions, it would appear that we might have four main topics for consideration: Collection Development, Performance Measures, Staff Development (Para and Professional), and the traditional session for newly appointed or prospective library directors. The co-chairs would welcome volunteers to lead any of these suggested discussions.

In the past we have had 40 to 60 participants. We welcome and encourage participation from all CLS members; one need not be a library director or a hopeful library director to share with us! We hope to see you all, 8 p.m. Sunday, January 13.

Co-Chairs:

Sue Myers
Austin College

Walt Morrill
Hanover College

CANDIDATES FOR COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION OFFICE PRESENT THEIR VIEWS

The College Libraries Section this year elects three officers: (1) a Vice-Chair, Chair Elect, (2) a Secretary, and (3) a Member-at-large of the CLS Executive Committee. The Newsletter publishes statements from candidates as a means of providing candidates an opportunity to share their goals or values with section members so that you can make a more informed choice when voting. The elections are held in the Spring.

For Vice-Chair, Chair Elect

Mignon Adams

Director of Library Services
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy
and Science

Judy Gibson Green
University Librarian
Colgate University

During the time that I have been associated with the College Libraries Section (now over a decade), there have been extraordinary changes in a section once barely viable.

Each year the section presents a provocative program. The meetings of the executive committee produce full agendas. The section's CLIP notes remain one of ACRL's steady sellers, year in and year out. Discussion groups are lively and well-attended. College libraries have found their voice within ACRL.

The potential for all this activity and involvement was always there. After all, college libraries are a substantial percentage of academic libraries in this country. Excellent leadership throughout the eighties has allowed the section to flourish.

If chosen to serve as the leader of the section, I would work to maintain the momentum we have achieved. In particular, I would encourage even more involvement of section members, and the identification and carrying out of projects of special concern to college libraries.

Challenges abound for college librarians these days, and the College Libraries Section of ACRL has an important role to play. In the last few years we have witnessed continued membership growth, exceptionally strong leadership, excellent programs and numerous accomplishments in this section, but more work lies ahead. Information sharing is more vital than ever. CLS must continue to be responsive to the needs of its large and diverse membership.

As the CLS Liaison to ACRL's Legislation Committee, a member of the ALA President's Committee on Preservation Policy and a former member of the CLS Nominating and National Advisory Committees, I have noted many significant strategic planning goals for this section and the importance of communication among all its members. As Vice Chair/Chair Elect, I would stress these priorities and pledge to work for the continuing development of an organization that is important to us all.

For Secretary

Richard J. Kuhta
University Librarian
St. Lawrence University

It has seemed to me that over the past few years college and mid-sized university libraries have achieved a new prominence among academic institutions. In particular, CLS libraries have positively forged ahead in the implementation of new technologies, creating a surge which has drawn the attention of librarians and vendors alike. Indeed, mid-sized academic libraries are now a target market for numerous OPAC vendors, strengthening the overall place of libraries in the computing industry. I interpret this as a sign of things to come in the new decade.

These and other accomplishments have strengthened the role and profile of the CLS library. In fact, there is no better time to be working in a CLS library. We are entering the 1990s with momentum and energy, and we have a full agenda of issues which need to be addressed and require discussion, debate and resolution.

CLS librarians should be helping to shape those discussions and play a part in the decisions which await the attention of our profession. CLS should, in turn, become a stronger voice within ACRL and it is my feeling that we shall do so by commanding attention through example. The computing industry has begun to look to us as a new resource; there is no reason why ACRL shouldn't do the same. I would welcome the opportunity, as a CLS officer, to take part in the dialog which begins the 1990s, share in a continued process of growth, and work to make the section exemplary in achievement and reputation.

Larry R. Oberg
Director of Libraries
Albion College

Academic libraries today are characterized by rapid change. The intense application of technology, declining budgets, and information-glut, rouse to action even the most sedentary amongst us. In order to understand and, indeed, promote change, forums where ideas are generated and exchanged and new leadership nourished are essential. A vital CLS is needed because college librarians have traditionally been underrepresented in ACRL programs, appointments, and publications. Although we have unique problems and concerns, they may not be routinely addressed in forums dominated by the RLG heavyweights.

As secretary, I would bring to the CLS a commitment to section growth, membership involvement, relevant programs, and the development of the leadership that will sustain college librarianship in the 1990s and beyond. My recent interests have focussed upon the role, status, and working conditions of both librarians and paraprofessionals; the research interests of college faculty; and the evaluation, development, and management of college collections. If elected, I would expect to fulfill the duties of secretary and work to develop an active and responsive section.

For Member-at-Large of the CLS Executive Committee

Stephanie Bangert

Library Director

Saint Mary's College of California

Mary Sellen

Library Director

Chapman College

Through its publications, conference programs, and strong section leadership, CLS has distinguished itself as one of the more active and dynamic sections of ACRL. Like all vital organizations, a continued strong Executive Committee is necessary. In recent years, the CLS Executive Committee expanded its membership to include two member-at-large positions. As representatives of the section's diverse membership, these positions will attempt to bring new perspectives, ideas, and interests to CLS.

My participation as Executive Board member of California Academic and Research Librarians, past chair of the CLS nominating committee, past chair of California Private Academic Libraries, team member of Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and member of the California Multi-Type Library Task Force, are selected experiences which, if elected, I would bring to the position of member-of-large.

As board member, I would hope to work with the section officers in the development of a strategic plan for CLS, membership recruitment, and programming which speaks to the role of the college library in higher education. Issues related to standards, accreditation, the White House Conference, diversity, and academic computing are examples of themes for future discussion and programming. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to CLS.

The College Libraries section has a very significant role to play within ALA. College libraries are unique entities. This section can help define this uniqueness. The section must reach out and bring college librarians together through newsletters and conferences so that we realize we are not alone. We can learn from our common experiences with budgeting, staffing, college relations and other concerns that make college librarianship different.

As a member-at-large, I will work to disseminate information to members and seek your input so that we can share our concerns and successes and structure our section to be responsive to the needs of its members. My membership on the CLS Planning Committee and Leadership Committee strengthen my candidacy. I would welcome the opportunity to interact with my colleagues.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE - January 12 - 15

Saturday, January 12

- 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CLS Executive Board
- 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Clip Notes Committee
- 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Newsletter Committee
- 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Planning Committee
- 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Standards Committee

Sunday, January 13

- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. National Advisory Committee
- 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Planning Committee
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Conference Program Committee 1991

Sunday, January 13, cont.

- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Fringe Benefits Study Committee
- 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Directors' Discussion Group

Monday, January 14

- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Conference Program Committee 1992
- 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Planning for College Libraries Committee

Tuesday, January 15

- 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. College Library Leadership Committee
- 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CLS Executive Board

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