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FROM THE PRESIDENT*Louise Greenfield*

Welcome to a new LIRT year.

Our new officers will continue the tradition of strong LIRT leadership. We welcome Dianne Langlois, our new Vice-president, a school librarian from Choate-Rosemary Hall in Connecticut. Rae Haws, the new Secretary, is an academic librarian at Iowa State University. Our treasurer is Timothy Grimes, a public librarian from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Our new officers begin their terms on the heels of a most successful annual conference. Those of us fortunate enough to attend the conference in Chicago found a variety of LIRT sponsored activities. The LIRT conference program, "Beyond the Drawing Board: Using Hypermedia in Libraries" provided the audience with a glimpse into the future, which is today. Dr. Ching-Chih Chen wowed the audience with a hypermedia display which opened our eyes to myriad instructional possibilities.

Our "Bites with LIRT" were so popular that they filled up early in the conference. They provided participants with lunch and dinner opportunities to chat with instruction librarians from throughout the country. A poster session on how to plan a successful program was sponsored by the LIRT 1989 conference program committee.

The conference capped a most successful year for the Round Table. The LIRT Library Instruction Handbook was published this year by Libraries Unlimited. Edited by May Brottman and Mary Loe, it should prove to be an invaluable resource for librarians who are developing instruction programs in their own libraries. The

REPORT ON 1990, ANNUAL LIRT PROGRAM*Chuck Dintrone, San Diego State University*

Fittingly, Dr. Ching-Chih Chen gave a hyper presentation on hypermedia at the LIRT program on Sunday, June 24, at McCormick Place in Chicago. Although she has presented the same material in full day seminars, Dr. Chen was able to impress the audience of the potential of hypermedia in the short allotted amount of time.

Dr. Chen remarked that librarians are just beginning to get involved with the dynamic area of hypermedia. This is beyond hypertext; it is a combination of many media, involving the computer, video, audio, and etc. The approach is non-linear, non-sequential. Demonstrating the amazing ways Project Emperor can be used shows that the technology is available now.

Project Emperor deals with the archaeological work being done with the Chinese site of the Tomb of Soldiers. It has both Chinese and English soundtrack which one can switch back and forth to with ease. There are

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volume has contributions from school, special, public, and academic librarians.

And we have much to look forward to. LIRT has received a World Book ALA Goal Award this year to develop a critical thinking model for middle school students. A video tape will be made in which Virginia Rankin will demonstrate the research process which she developed for her own classroom. The videotape will make an outstanding library instruction model available to librarians across the country.

The Continuing Education Committee is working on a new book of case studies on problems associated with the evaluation of BI librarians. The Affiliates Committee has begun collecting information on a guide to regional, state, and local library instruction organizations throughout the country. An update of our directory of speakers has been approved.

Throughout the LIRT organization we will be working on the goals established during our Midwinter Retreat. Three goals that we will give special emphasis to this year are: contributing to the movement toward information literacy, broadening LIRT's membership to include more school, public, and special librarians, and communication within the LIRT organization.

We look forward to a very good year.

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INFORMATION MATTERS HELP CONVINCE THE SKEPTICAL

Dianne Langlois, Long Range Planning Committee

INFORMATION MATTERS. Every member of LIRT knows this, but convincing non-librarians of this simple truth requires an aggressive educational campaign. One of the organizational goals reaffirmed by the 1990 LIRT Planning Retreat directs LIRT to support initiatives which will open dialogues with non-librarians on the importance of information literacy and library instruction.

LIRT's President, Louise Greenfield, has charged the Long Range Planning Committee with the task of collecting information which could be used by librarians who want to address non-librarians on the importance of information literacy and library instruction. The Committee needs dynamic examples which will really catch the attention of the unconvinced or skeptical.

The ALA's Presidential Report on Information Literacy effectively used this type of information. It is hoped that LIRT can collect anecdotes, examples, or testimonials which prove that knowing how to find information can make a real difference in an individual's personal, professional and/or academic life. The committee is looking for testimony from all areas of librarianship and for all types/formats of information. Statistical information on library use, as well as information literacy and illiteracy which can provide powerful commentary are also being sought.

PLEASE forward any evidence or anecdotes which can be used to convince non-librarians that **INFORMATION MATTERS** to Dianne C. Langlois, 13 Woodlot Lane, Middletown, CT 06457. Once the file of testimonials and statistics has been created, LIRT's officers will determine the most effective way to disseminate this crucial information.

FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks to last year's editor Linda Richardson and to the production editor Emily Okada. Emily will be continuing this year.

The LIRT Newsletter Committee will be gathering news and reminding officers and committee chairs of deadlines. The committee members are Bescye Burnett, Cleveland Heights-University Heights Library in Cleveland, OH; Marianna Fitzgerald, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS; Susan Gangl, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN; Chestalene Pintozi, The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ; Ruth Rutledge, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA; Kwasi Sarkodie-Mensah, Northeastern University, Boston, MA (assistant editor); and John Van Balen, U of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD.

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108,000 pictures on a videodisc along with a computer containing 80 hours of information. One can use the source material any way one wishes from general public (for museums) to high level research. There is a dictionary, a bibliography with access to full text of the article, an atlas, and an index with boolean searching capabilities. One can rotate or zoom in on the image.

Following Dr. Chen's talk, there were four presentations in breakout sessions. For accommodation, each presentation was given three times. Presenters were Mary Piette of Utah State U. with an Apple Hypercard based program that teaches the research process, James Jeffries from Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh on the use of hypermedia for secondary schools, Ed Stockey of Indiana University on the use of a Linkway graphic user interface with NOTIS online catalog, and Sylvia Carson from Penn State University on library applications with the NeXT computer.

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REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

AFFILIATES COMMITTEE

Phillip Powell, College of Charleston

The Affiliates committee continues its never-ending quest to gather enough information about LIRT and LIRT-like groups at the state and regional library association level to assemble an Affiliates directory. Initial efforts provided precious few responses, enough for a pamphlet, maybe, but certainly not a directory. We are learning that different associations have a variety of organizational structures.

It is the Committee's opinion that some of our best sources (informants?) would be the LIRT membership in general and LIRT committee members in particular. We have requested a list of LIRT committee members, and some of those members living in states from which we have no information might be hearing from us this Fall. Or, if you are just reading this and may have some pertinent information regarding a section, committee, or roundtable in your state and/or region which sponsors BI activities, please contact either Phillip Powell, 803-792-8006, or Susan Ellsbury, 601-325-7677.

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chuck Dintrone, San Diego State University

The Computer Applications Committee discussed updating the Computer Aided Instruction (CAI) Library Program list, beginning with a look at the previous questionnaire. The analysis of a survey on teaching users how to use OPAC's is due at Midwinter. It was noted that the article on expert systems was published in the June LIRT Newsletter.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM PLANNING 1991

Cecilia Staffard, Tulane University

Cultural Literacy is the topic chosen for the 1991 Annual conference program. The Conference Program Planning Committee met to discuss potential speakers, design of break-out sessions, schedule of the program, and possible promotional items. Work was completed very quickly and the committee members were assigned tasks which are progressing nicely into the final phases of planning.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Mary Nofsinger, Washington State University

This past year four major projects were undertaken. First, the LIRT "Top Twenty BI Articles for 1989" bibliography was approved and published in the June issue of LIRT News. Secondly, the Committee compiled a bibliography listing materials relevant to the conference topic, "Hypertext and Bibliographic Instruction." This was distributed at the program. Thirdly, an article with the "Hypertext" bibliography was contributed to a future edition of this newsletter. Fourthly, the committee discussed publication of a new book of case studies on problems associated with the evaluation of BI librarians and programs.

The Committee will begin the process of gathering citations for next year's "Top Twenty," as well as citations for the Annual

program bibliography.

[Editor's note: The Continuing Education Committee prepared an article to accompany the hypertext bibliography. Due to space constraints, the article and bibliography will appear in the December issue of LIRT Newsletter.]

ELECTIONS/NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Thelma Tate, Douglass College

The Elections/Nominations Committee prepared a slate of nominees for the 1990 ballot in which Dianne Langlois was elected Vice President/President Elect, Rae Haws was elected Secretary, and Timothy Grimes was elected Treasurer. Recommendations for a revision of the Committee Questionnaire was referred to the Organization & Bylaws Committee.

The Committee continued its work to develop a LIRT Directory database of officers, committee chairs, and committee members; and to analyze Statements of Concern for ALA Council members. One article was published in the LIRT News that invited recommendations of names to be considered in preparation of a slate of nominees, and another article encouraged LIRT members to consider candidacy for ALA Council.

The 1991 Committee prepared a preliminary list of names for consideration in the preparation of a slate of nominees to be recommended for the 1991 ballot. Notices will be appearing in the Newsletter inviting members to contribute names as well as encouraging members to run for ALA Council.

LIAISON COMMITTEE

Kristin Ramsdell, CSU, Hayward

In addition to its primary function of attending ALA meetings and discussion groups related to library instruction, the Liaison Committee also discussed submitting appropriate articles to the LIRT Newsletter and encouraging others to do the same. The Committee voted to establish a liaison channel with the LIRT Newsletter Editor, to prepare a brief summary of the pertinent programs at Annual and Midwinter making these available to the LIRT membership after the conferences, and to redesign the meeting report form to facilitate the collection of data for the summary reports.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Louise Greenfield

The Long Range Planning Committee planned and coordinated a one day Retreat designed to assess current LIRT goals and to plan future directions for LIRT. The Retreat was held during the Chicago Midwinter Meetings, and it was attended by LIRT officers, Committee chairs, and Long Range Planning Committee members.

Important issues identified prior to the Retreat included: defining LIRT's strategic role in the movement toward information literacy; broadening LIRT's membership to include more school, special, and public librarians; and improving communication within the LIRT organization.

The Long Range Planning Committee compiled, summarized, and categorized the documentation produced during the Retreat and distributed it to LIRT Steering Committee members for review and comment.

A report on the Retreat activity was given at the beginning of the All Committees Midwinter meeting in Chicago, with opportunity for comments by committee members. An Executive Summary was distributed at the Annual Conference program in Chicago. The Executive Board made specific charges to appropriate committees based on the priorities and tasks discussed during the Retreat.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Linda Richardson

The Newsletter Committee produced four newsletters this year. Program announcements with attractive graphics, meeting schedules, and committee reports are necessary components of an informative newsletter, especially when it is the means of communication with LIRT members who are unable to attend conferences.

The 1990-91 production schedule was widely distributed, and it was agreed that officers and committee chairs/liaisons would be reminded by phone rather than through the mail. We hope all LIRT chairs and board members will mark their calendars and submit news items in a timely manner.

ORGANIZATION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Tybeylynn Birch, Calif. School of Professional Psychology

The Organization & Bylaws Committee discussed two possible bylaws changes: increasing the treasurer's term to two years and changing the status of the Affiliates Committee from Ad Hoc to Standing. Also discussed was the proposal of a LIRT archivist who would sit ex-officio on the Organization & Bylaws and Steering Committees, a proposal to allow individuals or organizations who are not members of LIRT to subscribe to the LIRT Newsletter (cost would be the same as a LIRT membership and would primarily be marketed toward non-ALA individuals and organizations), and how Organization & Bylaws can address goals and objectives identified at Midwinter long-range planning retreat.

PR/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Billie Peterson, Baylor University

At the 1990 ALA Annual Conference we organized and staffed the LIRT exhibit booth where we exhibited CAI (Computer Aided Instruction) programs on both Apple Macintosh and IBM. Computers were provided by Apple, Inc. and IBM. BI handouts from various libraries, LIRT ribbons, and LIRT "Hypertext" lunch bags were available at the booth. Next year we plan to have a drawing for the new LIRT handbook and a free LIRT membership at the booth.

We had four very successful LIRT BITE meals, with 15-20 people attending each meal. The committee submitted two "Member A-LIRT" columns to the Newsletter telling about the activities of a LIRT member at Florida State University and

Northwestern University. We produced a flyer which was mailed to over 2000 public and school librarians in Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, and Indiana, as well as distributed at the Indiana Library Association and the Illinois Library Association annual meetings. The flyer was also available in a basket at the ALA Annual Conference.

The committee revised and updated the packet of materials to be sent to new LIRT members, as well as devised a mechanism for mailing those packets. We are continuing to revise the membership flyer. Finally, we have developed a letter to be sent to individuals who have dropped their LIRT membership.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Marilyn Whitmore, University of Pittsburgh

For the next project, the Research Committee will formally request samples of library instruction evaluation forms from LIRT members and LOEX. Some examples will be published in the Newsletter. Planning will begin at the next meeting. The current series of articles on research which have been written by Research Committee members is expected to be completed with the appearance of No. 8 in the next Newsletter. Four articles on the results of the user education survey are currently being completed by members. This will complete the "Aims of User Education" national survey.

15TH ANNIVERSARY TASK FORCE REPORT

Lois Pausch and Mary Pagliero Popp

Reports from the 15th Anniversary Task Force Subcommittees are as follows... The Joint Conference Event Subcommittee reported that they have contacted a number of speakers and two have expressed interest so far. Information is being gathered on costs for the social events. The Publications Subcommittee has identified possible authors for the invited papers and are developing a list of referees for a competition. Criteria for the competition are being discussed.

The Promotions Subcommittee has made a proposal on the numbers and types of promotional items which was accepted by the Task Force as a whole. A proposed logo was also approved. The Public Relations Subcommittee developed a tentative timetable for all activities and has requested input from all other subcommittees for additions and changes. PR liaisons to each other subcommittee were appointed. The next step is to identify sources of funding for the proposed activities.

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CANDIDATE A LIRT!

The LIRT Elections/Nominations Committee is seeking a slate of at least two candidates for each office. This year our rotation of officers is Public for Vice-President, School/Special for Secretary, and Academic for Treasurer. If you would like to run for LIRT office or would like to recommend someone, please contact Thelma Tate, Mabel Smith Douglas Library, Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. (201-932-9407).

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Candidates must be current LIRT members and must have served at least one year on a committee or task force of the organization. Deadline for nomination is November 1, 1990.

PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE PROGRAM POSTER SESSION, ALA, 1990, CHICAGO

Bescye Burnett, Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library

LIRT members Madeline Copp, University of Washington, Seattle, and Kay Cutler, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, along with several other librarians presented a poster session on "Planning a Successful Conference Program." This poster session identified a logical sequence of steps needed to execute a program including:

1. responsibility of the chair,
2. publicity projects,
3. preparations for the speaker,
4. organization on the day of the program, and
5. evaluation and follow-up.

The presenters' attractive and well designed display communicated a knowledge and understanding of program planning. Noteworthy tips include: "prepare for emergencies on the day of the program," and "remember to call your speaker about two weeks before the program"

ALA ACTIVITIES RELATED TO LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

Kristin Ramsdell, California State University, Hayward

Once again, as is their custom at both Annual and Midwinter, the members of ALA's LIRT Liaison Committee dispersed themselves among the many committees, programs, and discussion groups related to library instruction. This is done each year for the purpose of noting trends and new directions within the field. At this year's Annual Conference in Chicago, the Committee members observed the following:

The Poster Sessions that related to BI issues were excellent and covered a wide variety of issues. Topics presented include multicultural BI programs, networking, and how to put together a great conference program. (NOTE: Poster Sessions, even more than the programs, indicate the current BI trends, reflecting what is actually being done in the field right now.)

Cooperation among many types of library and non-library groups is being explored at all levels. This movement seems particularly strong in the academic and school arenas.

Technology as it relates to library instruction is still a hot topic, e.g., the 1990 LIRT program was "Beyond the Drawing Board: Using Hypermedia in Libraries" and the 1991 ACRL/BIS program is entitled "Technology as a Barrier to Information Literacy."

Networking, telecommunications, and the impact of these on library instruction is generating a lot of interest. Along with this, electronic mail is becoming increasingly important, witness the birth of BI-L at SUNY-Binghamton.

ERIC is being actively marketed to the schools (ACCESS ERIC) and the potential impact on school librarians is a topic of current discussion.

Multicultural issues continue to be of interest, e.g., one of the poster sessions featured workbooks aimed at students from various ethnic backgrounds and the 1991 LIRT program and the BIS Pre-Conference each deal with different aspects of this topic.

"Information Literacy" is fast becoming a part of the accepted library vocabulary and, as a concept, is generating a lot of interest.

Critical thinking issues surfaced in a variety of contexts. There is currently much interest in and movement toward incorporating critical thinking or analytical skills into library instruction.

The second edition of the ACRL/BIS Handbook will come out in 1993. It will be aimed at practicing BI librarians (not beginners) and will focus on the teaching process rather than specific sources, reflecting the evolutionary direction of bibliographic instruction over the past decade.

COMPUTER AIDED INSTRUCTION (CAI)

Jeanne Drewes, LIRT PR/Membership Committee

The PR/Membership Committee of LIRT once again staffed a booth at ALA. This year, in addition to the handouts of sample instructional guides, there were also computers with sample CAI (computer aided instruction) packages. Last year there was one Macintosh computer with three programs. This year there were two computers, one with seven Macintosh programs and one with four IBM programs. Apple and IBM furnished the hardware. The software titles and contact people are listed below.

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(Deadline is December 7, 1990)

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LIBRARY INSTRUCTION ROUND TABLE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER FORM

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