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## MLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Missouri Library Association will be held at the Airport Marriott beginning at 9:00 am September 25 through 3:30 pm on September 27. Please apply to the Travel Committee if you would like to attend. The Division wants to make it possible for as many to attend as coverage allows. The theme will be "Cooperative Collection Development for Missouri Libraries: A Beginning ... Goals and Methods."

There will be leading librarians and authors from all over the country participating in the conference. There will be special programs for Women in Libraries, wine and cheese parties, and a job placement center for all staff levels.

The theme could not be more significant now that the State of Missouri has committed in an union on-line catalog. See you there.

Ronald D. Krash, Director of Libraries

## NEW EQUIPMENT

New equipment is pouring in. The long awaited partitions ("good fences make good neighbors (?)") have arrived. Two new exhibit cases have also arrived which will help to launch our year of the exhibit. If you have ideas for exhibits contact R.S.V.P. Committee. (See Committee list, Division Heads or Office). New rugs for 3rd level will arrive in the near future and other exciting items which will enrich your 40 hour work week. We were unable to order the following items: drum set requested by Bibliographic Services, golf cart for Acquisitions, the gym set for Reference, the cage for Circulation, nor the sauna for the Education Library (better luck next year Virginia). Chris in the Office

has a complete list of all equipment ordered.

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## PRIORITIES FOR 1980-81

A more detailed list of priorities for the library was distributed earlier. See Division Heads or Office Staff. A quick review of the 1st level priorities are as follows: AACR2; on-line catalog; Retrospective Conversion; security system for Thomas Jefferson and Education Libraries; Personnel security; Library governance; space utilization; Collective Development policy outline; the cataloging of government publications; library policy review and update. Work has begun in most of the areas. Periodic reports will be made to the staff on our progress on the priorities. Thank you for participation at the Division level in their development.

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## SERIALS COOPERATION TASK FORCE

At the July 14 meeting of the University of Missouri library directors, the Serials Cooperation Task Force was established in response to a discussion of a paper on serials cooperation submitted by myself. The Task Force "is to come up with a proposal as to how the four campuses might communicate and coordinate intents to cancel serials or to inaugurate new subscriptions." Helen Spalding will serve as Chair and the Task Force will submit its proposal to the directors through Dr. LaBudde, UMKC Library Director, who is chairing the directors group this year.

Ms. Spalding has scheduled a meeting of the Task Force

at UMc's Ellis Library Conference Room on the 4th floor for September 19 at 11 am. Jim Cubit will report on the completed one year study of periodical usage in the UMR Library. Charles Hamaker will try to bring a copy of RLG's Serials Petition, outlining the serials cooperation program used at Yale.

We will also want to consider the following questions:

- 1) What present criteria and policies are followed to cancel or inaugurate new subscriptions at each library?
- 2) What present cooperation exists with other libraries concerning serials subscriptions? (UMC announces proposed serials cancellations in its Library News Notes. The Linda Hall Library of Science and Technology notifies UMKC of its serial cancellations). What network relationships exist? Others?
- 3) What special problems are involved in current cooperation efforts?
- 4) What special problems need to be addressed in forming this new cooperative relationship?

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#### MELVIN D. GEORGE ON WLN

The Cabinet and President Olson have accepted the library directors and Jim Corey recommendation that we proceed with the development of an on-line catalog for the University, in cooperation with Washington University and the Missouri State Library. The Cabinet was much impressed with the Washington Library Network demonstration, and all four campuses have supported implementation as soon as possible.

I am very pleased at this decision. Certainly, it reflects the careful work which you did in reviewing the system, in making available the WLN demonstration to the entire University community, and in openly evaluating the system after the demonstration. I am confident that this will lead to significant improvements in library operations in years to come.

Because the full amount of money required for operations

is not yet in hand, I have suggested to Jim Corey that he work with Purchasing to plan the solicitation of bids and the bid openings in such a way that a final decision would not have to be made until April or May of 1981. This should be late enough in the legislative session so that we have a pretty good idea about the availability of resources. I assume also that Jim Corey will be working closely with the computer network people so that the impact of this decision can continue to be taken into account in their plan for network operations for 1981-82 and beyond.

Melvin D. George, Vice President-Acad. Affairs

#### COMING UP

Sometime this fall a special presentation will be made by Ronald Krash and James Cory on WLN (Washington Library Network) in the entire UMSL Senate.

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#### FRIENDS GROUP

The creation of a Friends group has been talked about for quite a while here at UMSL. Irene Cortinavis and Ron Krash are preparing a proposal based upon the work of former director Bob Miller and Chris West, for review by the Administrative Committee staff and Administration. Now may be the time.

Ronald D. Krash, Director of Libraries

#### ST. LOUIS REGIONAL LIBRARY NETWORK

A new committee has been created called "Collection Development - Resource Sharing," chaired by Ron Krash. It will hopefully become the focal point for resource sharing agreements in the greater St. Louis area. It will have its first meeting after the MLA Conference in September.

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#### EDUCATION LIBRARY

This summer it was announced that SERS (Special Educa-



tion Resource Center), which is housed above the Education Library, would lose its funding. Although we regret the loss of the full complement of SERS services to UMSL students and faculty and area teachers, we are very pleased that the Education Library has been given the SERS collection. This collection includes many kits, tests and other materials in the field of special education. The staff is now inventorying the collection so that the appropriate records can be made to give full access to the collection. While the inventory is being completed, these materials can be borrowed by requesting access at the Education Library Circulation Desk.

Portions of the elementary and secondary textbook collection and the juvenile literature collection have been shifted to make room for the new Health Sciences collection. This collection will serve the Optometry program this year and will be expanded to include materials for the Nursing program next year. Our fearless leader, Ron Krash, was the Prime Mover.

During the MACRL session of MLA, Sally Beck has been invited to present a paper on bibliographic access to curriculum guides. This paper has also been accepted for publication in the 1980 fall issue of Behavioral and Social Sciences Librarian.

Sally Beck, Education Library

#### UMSL STAFF ASSOCIATION

The UMSL Staff Association will be meeting Sept. 17, at that time a list of 10 top priorities concerning all staff of UMSL will be completed and then sent out to be looked over by the UMSL Staff Association members. We are hoping that there will be a large response to the

#### INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT AT THE MLA CONFERENCE?

There will be a meeting in my office on September 12th at 9:00 am for staff members who would be interested in helping out at the MLA Conference for short periods of time if the need arises.

The conference will begin on Thursday morning, September 25th and end the early afternoon, on Saturday, September 27th.

Ronald D. Krash, Director of Libraries

questionnaire.

Nell Meixner, Bindery

#### LETTER FROM PAUL TRAVERS - SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

I want to submit this note of commendation to you concerning several librarians for their excellent support last July 8, 1980, in reference to the visiting educators from Taiwan.

The librarians are:

Virginia Workman  
Leta Webster  
Sally Beck

Linda Borger  
Barbara Lehocky  
Betty Wilbanks

Each above person spent much time explaining the the resources of the library to the group. They were most cooperative and enthusiastic. I appreciate their help very much. The students felt very welcome to UMSL as a result.

Paul Travers, School of Education

#### THE HOBBY CORNER

#### WILDLIFE IN MISSOURI - WHAT TO LOOK FOR THIS FALL

The fall migration season is upon us again. You, like most people, are probably unprepared for the event. Where are your binoculars, assorted bird books, audubon bird whistlers, sun visor, mechanical duck, various bags of exotic seeds, cameras, variegated bird watching attire and camp stool? Without these items you will probably miss the migration of the greater-lesser lumpkin, a rare bird of the Mississippi river way. It is perhaps most noted for its habit of nesting in the direct path of uncoming barges on large floating nests of industrial waste, (clever fellows). Another rare bird, which can only be seen in the deep forest regions of downtown St. Louis or surrounding suburbs, is the Wilma Budgee, named after its discoverer Wilma Dotter of Old Orchard, Mo. The Wilma Budgee is noted for its peculiar feeding habits, flying as much as

hundred miles in search of health bread crumbs. The nature of their diet and exertion necessary to find a adequate supply of health bread has, over the years, reduced their size to that of a horse fly, making their citing a challenge even for the most avid bird watcher.

An outstanding example of native Missouri bird life is the Lemon-Winged Firth, or rather first, cited at Pomroy, Missouri by Elroy Firth, founder of the Pomroy Exotic Bird and Archiac Ballard Society. Ancient legend has it that the first person to see the firth will suffer a curse of constant thirst, but there is no scientific evidence to support the legend. The firth is one of America's slowest moving birds, sometimes taking up to two weeks to negotiate a distance of one hundred yards.

These are only a few of the adventures awaiting the amateur acnethologist.

From the desk of Ronald D. Krash

### BIRTHDAYS

I was notified that the following people have birthdays in the months of June, July, August and September:

Laura Bannon	June 17
David Kiefer	June 2
Patricia Kinamore	June 30
Brian Laramie	June 9
Sharon Mohme	June 27
Martin Schuster	June 9
Scott Gaylord	June 15
Jeffrey Willis	June 4
Leanne Miller	June 3
Shirley McKinney	June 13
Diane Burnett	July 13
Ken Klages	July 30
Debra Litzsinger	July 7
Susan Rice	July 30
Mina Saiedy-Nami	July 8
Mark Vilmer	July 10
Sally Beck	July 10
Joyce Edinger	July 13
Ruth Hohenstein	July 13

### BIRTHDAY (CONT.)

Ann Schmidt	July 19
Lynne Curley	August 21
Mary Macinski	August 16
Melinda Schuster	August 14
Marshall Silvermintz	August 14
George Ulises	August 12
David Williams	August 27
Grant Brown	August 30
Sandy Schelling	August 12
Mushira Haddad	August 30
Gina Castellano	September 4
Jennifer Green	September 23
Leslie Raia	September 29
Charles Lofton	September 10
Carolyn Weber	September 21
Frank Green	September 9
Pam Venhaus	September 22

Happy Birthday !!!

### NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The Instructional & Research Services Division would like to welcome its new staff members - Mary Doran, Nancy Zander & Mark Scheu. Mary Doran started July 15. She comes to us from Los Angeles, California. She recieved her MLS from the University of California.

Nancy Zander started August 18. She comes from Columbia, Missouri. Nancy previously worked as a Teaching Assistant at the University of Missouri, School of Library and Informational Science in Columbia.

Mark Scheu started September 2. Mark graduated from the University of Illinois School of Library Science and has worked in the ALA archives. He is currently completing the dissertation for his Ph.D in History from the University of Kansas.

The Bibliographic Services Division would like to welcome Linda Umoh to their staff. Linda started working August 23, replacing Jan S. Smith. She has her BS in Home Ec. Education from University of Illinois in Urbana, Illinois.



### NEW STAFF MEMBERS (CONT.)

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Pam Piccolo has accepted the Library Assistant I position as part of the Optometry Library staff. Pam has a B.S. in Sociology from James Madison University. She is currently working toward a graduate degree in Counseling.

The Library Office would like to welcome David Williams to the office staff. David worked as a part-time Library Clerk in the Education Library since August 1978.

Also, Leslie Raia has accepted and begun working as a part-time secretary in the office. As you all know, Leslie has worked in the office as a student assistant since 1977.

The staff of the Education Library is happy to welcome Lorraine Gettinger who is our new permanent part-time employee working in Circulation. Some of our long-term staff members will remember her as Lorraine Rootz who worked earlier in both Bibliographic Services and Government Documents. After several years as a full-time teacher, Lorraine is studying for a Masters degree as a reading specialist in addition to holding a library position.

### NEW STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Laura Bannon	Margaret Sullivan
Cheryl Williams	David Williams
Marshall Silvermintz	June Williams
Sarah Harris	Jay Buck
Michael Johnson	Stephen Adkisson
Debra Litzsinger	Larry Holloway
Marilou Romero	Gina Marie Castellano
Janice Smith	Grant Brown
Celeste Boll	Scott Gaylord
Frank Green	Turah Morton
Jeffrey Willis	

I know the entire staff joins me in welcoming them to the Staff.