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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

On October 2, 1972, the Indiana University Graduate Library School featured a guest speaker, Charles Stevens, Executive Director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. The following report reflects Mr. Stevens' discussion of the Commission.

Historical Background

The National Commission on Libraries was established by President Johnson in 1966 as an advisory commission to the President. In July, 1970, the U.S. Congress legislated the Commission as a permanent independent commission reporting both to the President and to Congress.

However, the desire of President Nixon to have the Commission be established under the HEW instead of directly under him delayed the appointment of the Commission until 1971. The Legislature authorized \$750,000 per year, but for the first year the Commission received an appropriation of only \$200,000.

The Mission

The Commission's charge is to assess the current information needs of Americans. The goal is to strive toward the assurance that all people have access to any information that is needed. The Commission is to conduct studies and research, supplying data required to advise the President and all governments - local, state, and federal. National planning on information accessibility is seen as the most important objective of the Commission.

Commission Members

The Commission consists of 15 members appointed through the President's office for 5-year staggered terms. The Librarian of Congress is an ex-officio member of the Commission. The Commission includes only 4 librarians with the remaining members being lay persons from diverse disciplines and areas of our society, e.g. a railroad labor leader, an Arkansas educator, a Bell Telephone executive, an information scientist. At present, Dr. Frederick Burkhardt, historian and President of the American Council of Learned Societies, is Chairman of the Commission. The Commission's executive staff, of which Mr. Stevens is director, is small--5 members--including 3 administrators and 2 secretaries. The present composition of the Commission has drawn some criticism as it contains no nonwhites and only 2 women.

Policies and Programs

The plan of action for the Commission to this point has been to educate itself by surveying the literature, visiting libraries, and hold-

ing public hearings in various sections of the country. Representatives from library schools, A.L.A., S.L.A., Office of Education, and anyone with interests in the area of information have been invited to these public hearings for input to the Commission and its functions. The Commission has its priorities in the following areas:

1. Characteristics of user needs.

Previous user studies have dealt only with the disadvantaged, scientists, and technologists. It is a sad commentary that we know little about the information needs of the general user, or more specifically the nonuser. One objective of the Commission is to discover what exactly are the kinds of information needs of the user.

2. Library finance.

Public libraries get funds from a variety of sources ranging from fines paid by law breakers in Michigan towns to dog tax in Massachusetts. The Commission hopes to discover what possible sources exist for financing and if present sources are being utilized to their fullest potential.

3. Consortia, networks, cooperative ventures.

Since many things can be done better by working together, regional library services will probably be emphasized.

4. Adequacies and deficiencies of libraries.

The survey of needs will result in the Commission counseling governments, librarians, and professional groups as well as recommending legislation. The role of leader may be an important one for the Commission, for as a President's Commission, it has prestige that lends influence to whatever it recommends.

Role of the Librarian

Time will be required for the Commission to gain momentum. Patience

and support of librarians during this period of self-education will be needed. The Commission is not a legislative body and must depend on Congress to implement its programs. This somewhat hinders the power of the Commission as it is not allowed to lobby. It will depend upon librarians and organizations such as A.L.A. to lend support to programs by lobbying in Congress.

Mr. Stevens spoke to 2 points of behavior that would improve the effectiveness of librarians:

1. Willingness by librarians to listen to what is happening around them and to respond on an individual basis to the community's needs.
2. Librarians should tend to cooperate and suspend prerogatives of ruling their own domain in order to take advantage of joint ventures, i.e. "a willing suspension of autonomy".

At this time, the role of the librarian in the education process of the Commission and the formulation of its objectives is important. Mr. Stevens stressed the willingness of the Commission to hear from any librarian, student, or person interested in information needs of the country and in the role the Commission should play on a national level.

Larry Fortado
Betty Jo Irvine

Robert Wedgeworth, the new Executive Director of the American Library Association, will address the Graduate Library School Convocation on the subject "Your Professional Association", on Thursday, November 16 at 2:30 pm. Prof. Bruce Shuman has extended an invitation to InULA members and other interested librarians to attend.

At the request of InULA--anticipating that a large number of members will be interested in hearing Mr. Wedgeworth--Mr. Wedgeworth's presentation is being made in the Fine Arts Auditorium and not in the G.L.S. Auditorium.

You will soon receive a Scoop Sheet supplement of the form prepared by the InULA Committee on Status and Advancement. This form has been designed by the committee to provide the librarian with a means of describing his/her professional development.

The Center for Research Libraries has just been awarded a \$450,000 five year grant for the establishment of a lending library of journals. The Center hopes to add about 6,000 current subscriptions to the approximately 7,000 it is already receiving.

LIBRARIANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 16, 1972

Members present: Irvine, Tullis, Heiser, Bennett, Cridland, Crippen, Jarboe, Jizba (for Day), McLeod, Nickamp, Self, Underwood.

Administration: Jackson, Flener.

1. Jackson joined the meeting to request LAC's assistance in forming a Task Force Group to work on the filling of the position of Personnel Director. He first expressed his view that this position would be more of a University level Personnel Director having contact with the three branches of the IU library system. He thought that the position should be more of a coordinator/communicator, serving as a resource person for the total library staff, the university faculty and the administration, rather than a line administrator. With this in mind, the position title may be changed from Assistant Director. He saw the position as being possibly more staff oriented than administrative. The person filling the position would be responsible to his office. He requested that LAC arrange for this committee to be set up, as quickly as possible. It should be constructed with a fair balance in terms of geography (i.e. Bloomington, RCL, and Indianapolis), sex, age, race, and philosophical attitude. He saw no objection to having representatives from the library clerical ranks on the committee. This committee will work with Flener to 1) establish a job description, 2) determine the qualifications necessary for the position, and 3) prepare a list of possible candidates. Jackson emphasized that he hoped there were persons already on the staff who would qualify and apply for the newly defined position as he preferred to promote from within when possible. At the same time, he encouraged the seeking of outside applicants. LAC will meet with Flener on Wednesday, October 18, to start work on establishing this committee.
2. Jackson stated that he hopes Career Status Implementation will get

off the ground soon. He plans to contact LAC as soon as he has completed his analysis of the documents involved with the intent of having LAC establish a committee to work on the definitions and criteria of rank.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Addendum

The following are members of the Task Force on the position of Personnel Director:

Jane Floner, Chairman
 Kay Womack--Kokomo
 Barbara Fischler--Indianapolis
 Clara McLeod--Swain
 Lois Heiser--Acquisitions
 Jim Greaves--Reference
 Mary A. Walker--Catalog
 William Studer--Regional Campuses

STATE UNIVERSITIES' LIBRARIES
 AND HIGHER ED. COMMISSION

At a meeting of Directors and library administrators of the five state university libraries and the State Library of Indiana at Purdue University on October 20, 1972, the following resolution, to be forwarded to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education through the Presidents of the state universities and the Director of the State Library, was un-animously adopted:

That whereas the development of cooperative undertakings for the purpose of making library and audio-visual resources more readily and widely available to students and citizens throughout the State has been of concern to the library administrators of the state university libraries and the State Library over a period of many years, and,

That whereas, as a result of this concern of the state university libraries and the State Library, specific programs of cooperation have been initiated and are in effect, among which may be cited: (1) the provision of interinstitutional library services under a contract entered into by four of the state universities, (2) the TWK interlibrary lending and borrowing network linking the State Library, public and university libraries, (3) the preparation of a union list of serials held in 64 Indiana libraries, (4) the ERIC search system for educational research materials, and (5) the current Task Force study concerning the establishment of a bibliographic data center for Indiana libraries, all of which have produced and will produce benefits to all citizens of the State,

Be it resolved that this concern and these accomplishments be brought to the attention of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education with the request that librarian representatives from the state university libraries be appointed to serve on any task forces, committees, or advisory groups that may be formed to consider the recommendations of the Commission having implications, direct or indirect, for libraries and the provision of library and audio-visual services.

THE MUSIC LIBRARY MOVES

In an attempt to confirm a recent subversive rumour, the Music Library has moved (the book and score library formerly located on the 2nd floor of the old Music Building only) into new quarters in Sycamore Hall. The new Music Library was included as part of the Sycamore Hall re-modeling project and it can be found by using the northeast entrance to Sycamore Hall.

The cramped, old quarters for the 70,000 volume book and score collection were left during the week of August 21st. Earlier in the year, the technical services and administrative staff moved into offices in Sycamore Hall. The Record Library Division and the Performing Editions Division (also known as the Music Library Annex) remain in their usual locations. The Sycamore Hall facility contains three administrative offices, two technical service offices (including one large workroom), a

rare book room, circulation office, space for 87 reader stations, microform collection and readers, photoduplication center (Xerox and an anticipated microfilm reader-printer) and approximately 5200 linear feet of shelving. While the space for all of the above may not be luxurious, we do feel that it is efficient. In any event, it is a considerable improvement over the old facility.

Moving the music library was complicated by the fact that a large number of new book stacks were purchased, but a large percentage of the old stacks were also used. Therefore, the move had to be accomplished in several stages: 1) move the collection on to the new shelves; 2) tear down, move and re-construct the old stacks in different configurations; 3) re-distribute the entire collection on the combined new and old book stacks. The new book stacks were put up on August 14-16. Stage one indicated above was accomplished in only three and a half days, August 21-24, with the dedicated help of the Music Library staff and borrowed staff from the Main Library's Circulation Department and the less than dedicated help of the personnel from Physical Plant. At this time, I would like to indicate my gratitude to Mr. Tom Souter and Mr. Marshall Thompson for their fine cooperation. The Music Library was open for at least minimal operation on the first day of classes, September 5th. From September 5th to September 13th, the old stacks were moved over and re-constructed. The patience of Music Library patrons who had to use a collection with most of the books shelved on their sides and to endure the noise ought to be recognized also. At this point, our plans hit a snag. An exterior wall of the Music Library leaked with every heavy rain. The wall was supposed to have thirteen single face book stacks in front of it and the missing stacks occurred in the middle of the shelving configuration. After waiting for a few weeks for the wall to be fixed before we re-distributed the collection, we were finally forced to re-distribute the collection without the missing stacks out of consideration to our patrons. The wall still is not repaired. However, the Music Library is fully operational now.

There are several other stories which would not survive editing which can be told to you when you visit the Music Library. You are hereby cordially invited to visit the Music Library.

David Fenske
Associate Music Librarian

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS
(Appointed since Sept. 1)

Grievance Committee

Ruth Davison--Government Publications
William Boyd--Law Library

Membership Committee

Glendora Swain--Serials

Professional Advancement & Status Committee

Mary Hurt--Catalog

National Library Week

Laurel Jigba--Gov't Pubs.

Program and Social Committee

Mary Baker--Interinstitutional Librarian
Nancy Cridland--History Bibliographer
Clara McLeod--Swain Hall Library
Dorothy Nickamp--Catalog
Odette Shepherd--Serials
Karen Weddle--UGL
Keith Westover--Acquisitions

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
InULA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 28, 1972

Agenda: Committee reports

The meeting was called to order by President Eva Kiewitt. She introduced the rest of the Executive Board to the membership. The minutes of the June 6, 1972, meeting were read by Secretary Jean Taylor and approved. Treasurer David Fenske reported a bank balance of \$2501 as of September 22, 1972; \$1600 of this money was to go for scholarships as pledged during National Library Week.

The next part of the meeting was concerned with committee reports. A brief summary follows:

1. Communications and Publicity Committee - Barbara Honn announced that the committee intends to publish Scoop Sheet at least once a month to appear around the first of the month. In each issue they hope to have a feature article, minutes of Executive Board and committee meetings, and a calendar of events. They will publish supplements as the occasion demands. They are open to suggestions on any of their activities.

Tom Michalak inquired about what list the mailings were being done from, noting that some members from regional campuses and the Medical Library in Indianapolis had complained that they had not been receiving issues of Scoop Sheet and announcements both last year and this year. After some discussion as to possible reasons for this, Michalak replied that an effort should be made to send all mailings to members on other campuses and leave it to their discretion to decide how much they can participate; otherwise, InULA could lose their support. There was general agreement among those present that this advice should be heeded.

2. Grievance Committee - Polly Grimshaw reminded the membership that she is also the library representative to the Advisory Committee on Women's Affairs and invited women members to bring any grievances of a university-wide nature to her in this capacity.

3. Membership Committee - Mary Baker reported that there are eleven new members. In all, InULA had 137 members, 110 of whom are regular voting members. The biggest weakness is in the Regional Campus Libraries where there are about 25 professional librarians who are not members. She stated that the committee is going all out for 100% membership. Membership dues run from January to December.

4. Program and Social Committee - Alan Taylor reported that the Program and Social Committee had jointly sponsored the Library Picnic on September 10 with the Clerical Association. On Tuesday, October 24, Professor Frank Franz, President of the Bloomington Chapter of AAUP, will address

the InULA membership. He also announced that all librarians are invited to attend the GLS Convocation on Thursday, November 16, when the speaker will be Mr. Robert Wedgeworth, the new A.L.A. Executive Director.

He also asked for suggestions regarding the annual staff Christmas party to be sponsored jointly with the Clerical Association, mentioning that there had been some sentiment toward moving the setting from the University Club. There was no specific comment from the floor except that the party should be referred to the Program Committee.

Taylor asked members how they felt about paying a fee such as \$1.00 per person to defray expenses for an InULA reception for W. Carl Jackson, the incoming Dean of IU Libraries; the constitution specifically forbids the outlay of InULA funds for strictly social functions. A show of hands indicated approval of this suggestion. He said the committee had not yet projected into the second semester and invited suggestions.

The Program committee is also working on a series of visits to other major libraries. Among places suggested from the floor were, Chicago, the University of Illinois at Champaign, Washington, D.C. during the A.L.A. Midwinter Conference, and Cincinnati. Lois Heiser also suggested that a major InULA program be held in Indianapolis coinciding with a possible A.S.I.S. meeting on microforms to be held there. The membership approved the further investigation of this suggestion with a voice vote.

5. Professional Advancement and Status Committee - Tom Michalak reported that this committee had discussed the following issues:

1. Travel and conventions - the amount and availability of funds, the dissemination of information about their availability, possible broadening of travel allotments.
2. Professionalization of work environment - lack of accessibility to work points when the library is closed. Subcommittee has been appointed to deal with this.
3. Investigation of standardized hiring practices of professional librarians.
4. Continuing education - at some future time, the committee would

like to compile a handbook of available information of opportunities both within and without the university.

5. Guidelines for vita sheets - this project was requested by the Executive Board. Intention is to provide a basic outline of information to help librarians remember their accomplishments and put themselves in the best light. Tom Michalak read the suggested categories the committee had drafted and asked for comments. The members present gave the project a unanimous vote of confidence.

In response to a question from the floor, Michalak said the committee had written to several university libraries about the implementation of faculty status, but that the replies were usually quite vague. An unprofitable computer search had also been done on the ERIC Probe service. David Fenske said the Executive Board intended to serve only as a catalyze and would disseminate the draft of the guidelines for vita sheets when it is ready. He stressed that it is to serve as a guide, not a form to be strictly followed.

6. Committee on Constitution and Bylaws - Lois Heiser announced that every InULA member would receive a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws as a supplement of Scoop Sheet and asked that members glance over them and make suggestions to the committee on possible revisions.

7. National Library Week Committee - Lilian Riggs said the committee plans to meet the last week of October and asked for suggestions for activities from the membership. In response to a suggestion from Nancy Vossmeier, Eva Kiewitt announced that there is space on the eleventh floor of the main library to store books if anyone wants to donate them before solicitation begins.

8. Committee on Disbursement of National Library Week Funds - Jim Greaves reported that the committee had decided the money was committed to scholarships and had met with Mr. Jimmy Ross of the Financial Aids Office. Mr. Ross suggested constructing an InULA scholarship of \$400 per year for a period of four years which would not commit InULA for beyond the \$1600 it now has available; he asked that the criteria for eli-

gibility not be too narrow; preferably financial need only. All the work of setting up the scholarship, getting publicity, and awarding it would be handled by the Financial Aids Office; the scholarship would be limited to undergraduates since this office handles only undergraduates. After some discussion, it was moved and seconded that the \$1600 be turned over to the Financial Aids Office to be distributed along the lines suggested by Mr. Ross. The motion carried unanimously. The committee also submitted a list of fourteen recommendations which are herewith attached.

9. General Announcements - Eva Kiewitt said some committees could still use additional volunteers and that other committees could be formed if interest was expressed. She announced that the Executive Board is writing a letter to W. Carl Jackson to invite him to join InULA and meet with the Executive Board and committee chairmen. She also suggested that InULA members send suggestions to the Search and Screen Committee for the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. The next board meeting will be on Friday, November 17; the board will meet before that if the need arises.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jean A. Taylor
 Secretary.

A.A.U.P. AND InULA

InULA members received some valuable insight into the activities of an important professional group when Professor Frank Franz, president of the Bloomington Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, spoke at a program on October 24 and invited librarians to join his organization. He noted AAUP's concern over the banishment of faculty travel funds and read a draft of a proposal which will shortly be presented before the Faculty Council to institute faculty participation in budget-making decisions. He strongly argued that the faculty's influence on the direction of the university is severely hampered as long as they have absolutely no input into budgetary affairs. On collective

bargaining, he took the position that AAUP should be prepared to use it as tool if necessary. On librarians' representation on the Faculty Council, he stated that AAUP had not yet taken a position because it was not yet certain what this entails. He questioned whether it meant that the librarians represented would have to meet equivalent criteria to faculty or if the definition of "faculty" would be changed to accommodate those not included in the present criteria.

He also explained the AAUP position on the Rafalko case and credited AAUP with being a strong force in the improvement of hiring practices and salaries for women faculty.

Jean Taylor

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

November 9-10: Conference on the Use of Audiovisual Archives as Original Source Materials, sponsored by the National Archives in cooperation with the history Department of the University of Delaware to be held at the Conference Center of the University of Newark. Information: James W. Moore, Director, Audiovisual Archives Division, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

November 12-15: The 1972 Allerton Library Institute's theme is "Information Resources in the Environmental Sciences". The institute is to be held at Allerton House, Robert Allerton Park, University of Illinois Conference Center, Monticello, Illinois. Information: Leonard E. Sigler, Institute Supervisor, 116 Illini Hall, Champaign, Illinois 61820.

January 25-26: Computer-Based Operations Research Institute to be held at Embassy Row Hotel, Washington, D.C. Information: The LARC Association, P.O. Box 27235, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

January 25-27: Special Libraries Association Winter Meeting to be held at Fairmont-Mayo, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

January 28-February 3: American Library Association Midwinter Meeting
to be held at Shoreham and Sheraton Park Hotels, Washington, D.C.

February 1-3: Music Library Association, Midwinter meeting to be held
at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

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