

FISHER LIBRARY STAFF STRIKE

The University Library Officers' Association called a half-day strike of members on Thursday April 10, 1986 over a major reshuffle of the Technical Services Division which, the union claimed, had occurred without consultation with the staff involved, and was disruptive to the career paths of staff with specialist skills.

At a compulsory conference before Commissioner O'Neil, the university agreed to reverse the decision until consultation with the staff had been carried out. Talks are now taking place between the parties regarding appeals procedures and reclassification procedures.

MAV APPEAL — LIBRARY STAFF TO HOLD 24 HOUR STRIKE

The Municipal Association of Victoria is to appeal against the decision handed down by Commissioner Sheather on March 17, 1986, which varied the Municipal Officers' (Victoria) Consolidated Award to establish a new classification for Library Technicians.

MOA ACTION ON NOTIONAL BOOKSTOCK — SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Following concern from Chief Librarians in South Australia, the Municipal Officers' Association has circulated a questionnaire to obtain information which might provide the basis for a more realistic means of grading Chief Librarians and/or public libraries than that of 'notional bookstock'.

Louise Lansley

People in Profile

Joy King

Joy Marjorie King who retired on 30 August, 1985 as Librarian NT Dept of Health came to librarianship late in her working life.

She describes her first library job in the library of the Old Darwin Hospital early in the 1970s, as the equivalent of being sent to a penal colony — isolated, in a demountable 'out the back' of the hospital; neglected, funds very short, and ignored, (library staff and its users were not a high priority!)

However, with inservice training, lots of assistance and good advice from Bert Pribac, Dept of Health, Canberra, and her own ability to get things done, Joy built up a Territory-wide library service which is certainly admired within the NT and is well known in health library circles in Australia. Joy is particularly proud of the fact that the Dept of Health Library in the Territory pioneered:

- the combination of the student nurses' medical library service with that provided for the physicians and the specialists working in Health in the Territory and
- the introduction of a library networking system which reflected the Dept of Health administrative arrangements of regions and hospitals in the one system, and which operated through the use of modern technology.

Joy King describes her decade in librarian-



ship as 'a friendly, genuinely mutual-help . . . close kinship situation'. She sees as her intense interest in the para medical area, her idea of herself as a self-starter and her desire to do things properly as contributing to her enjoyment of librarianship.

She completed her Registration Examination in 1977 but still believes that coming to the job, as she did, completely untrained may have been an advantage. All her previous work, both paid and voluntary, had been service oriented, which carried over into her work in librarianship. In retrospect in Joy's opinion, the 1970s in libraries were very 'professional' in their emphasis with 'professional procedures' taking precedence over service to users. Joy always felt the needs of the users must come first.

Joy King was born in Australia but went to England at the age of two. She attended a private school and ballet Academy in London, dancing at the Palladium in a Royal Command Performance and at private garden parties. She and her mother returned to Australia, arriving in Melbourne on the Black Friday of bushfire fame in 1939. She was educated in Melbourne at the Church of England Girls Grammar, Kilbreda College, Mentone and at Kildara College. She was interested in science and enrolled in an industrial chemistry course at the then Footscray Technical College completing two years of the course.

Her dedication to helping others has become apparent during her time in Darwin, where she has held many positions including:

Divisional Commandant of the Red Cross
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Joy was also a founding member of the Library Association of Australia Branch in the Territory as a member of the Steering Committee formed to set up the Northern Territory division. She contributed to the operation of the fledging branch as Treasurer for two years, as *Newsletter* editor for three and in 1985 as a member of Branch Council and Council's representative on the Darwin Institute of Technology Certificate in Library Practice Advisory Committee. Until 1984 she was NT Dept of Health representative on the ACOBS NT Committee.

Joy was one of the first in the library community in the Territory to see what an impact computer technology would have on library work, and she undertook computer studies to keep abreast of the new technology.

Joy King is a liked and respected member of the Darwin community. In NT library circles she is admired for her intelligent approach to, and dedicated work for libraries and library-related activities. She is generous with her time, her money, her energy, her affection, her friendship and her vision. She sees the NT Dept of Health Library as a key link with medical libraries in Asia and the near north. She's probably right — as usual.

Robyn Young

Swinburne report launched

Collection development: a report to the Swinburne Librarian was officially launched by John Horacek, Senior Acquisitions Librarian at La Trobe University, recently. The report, written by Tony Arthur, was the culmination of a 16 month consultancy.

Swinburne Library serves the Swinburne Institute of Technology and the Swinburne College of TAFE. In 1983, the Library and a separate stack building had reached capacity storage and it was obvious that some serious decisions were needed about the size and scope of collections and procedures for discarding materials. In 1984, Tony Arthur was seconded from the Institute of Early Childhood Development to:—

- Develop policy recommendations which, if implemented, would ensure that the Swinburne Library collection is balanced in such a way as to reflect most closely the requirements of its users, in terms of subject interests, level of treatment, form of material and intended use;
- Establish procedures and techniques that will enable the Library to implement these policies effectively.

Tony Arthur made recommendations on evaluation of collection adequacy, establishment of a model for a collection policy, implications for budget allocation, selection of materials, discarding and relocation of materials, etc. He surveyed users on availability of known items (based on the methodology developed by Barry McIntyre at RMIT), academic staff on selection practices, and analysed data on in-house use of monographs, interlibrary loans, use of audio-visual materials and periodicals, to identify patterns of use and potential deficiencies in the Library's collections. He obtained data on current and future needs of students and staff and identified areas of the collection which required expansion.

The project was completed at the end of 1984 and a Collection Management Librarian appointed.

The two-volume report, including background, recommendations and methodology of all surveys, is available from Library Administration, Swinburne Library, P.O. Box 218, Hawthorn, Vic. 3122. Cost: \$35.00 including handling and postage, prepaid.



SCHOOLS SECTION AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Schools Section of the Library Association of Australia will be held in Darwin on Wednesday, 2 July 1986.

AGENDA

- Apologies
- Minutes
- Annual report & Balance sheets
- General business (see below).

RULES OF MEETING

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing, in duplicate, to the Secretary, Schools Section, National Section, C/- SCIS, 234 Queensberry St, Carlton, 3015 by Friday May 30, 1986. Motions should be signed by the mover. Motions received will be published in the June 20 issue of *InCite*.
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this publication.
3. The only items that may be raised under General Business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered by the above will not be allowed.
4. The chairperson has the power to accept or reject an item of urgency not within the business of the meeting.
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