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Carol Lindsay (left) presents Kwapil Award to **Lou Thomas**.



Carolyn Hardnett (left) receives Certificate of Merit and a surprise from **Kathy Foley**.



Homer Martin (right) presents Roll of Honor to **Ernest Perez**.



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Nan Stoddard (right) receives Roll of Honor Award from **Bob Isaacs**.



Shirley Mooney (left) awards **Jim Scofield** the Roll of Honor.



Joy Hill (right) receives Roll of Honor Award from **Barbara Semonche**.

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Canada*

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I am especially honored to become Chairman of the Newspaper Division at a time when many newspaper libraries are experiencing the benefits computerization.

During the decade that I have been a member, I have seen the Newspaper Division strive to remain on top of the technological developments in our industry. The automation of newspaper libraries will greatly benefit from the expertise that the members of this organization have gained and willingly shared.

At the same time news librarians who have not yet automated continue to offer their newsrooms service which benefits from their participation in the Division's programs and support network.

My goals this year are to continue to support the efforts of the members in the areas of publication, membership and continuing education.

The improvements in News Library News that began under the editorship of **Bobby Issacs**, and continue under **Barbara Semonche** are appropriate to an association made up of news professionals. I know that with our support, Barbara will continue to publish an informative and classy bulletin. I would like to see our Division publish more of the work of our members that result from our surveys and from the presentations given at our meeting. Let's think seriously about publishing **GUIDELINES TO NEWS LIBRARY AUTOMATION**.



By: KATHY FOLEY
Houston Post

As our ranks swell to close to 500 members, I will encourage the Membership Committee to continue their efforts to reach more news libraries. I would like to see not only members from news organizations not now represented, but also to see the Division made up of more than just the heads of news libraries by increasing the number of assistant librarians, photo librarians, and other staff members in our Division. I first joined the Newspaper Division as an Assistant Librarian and found in its programs and members an enthusiasm which kept me in the field newspaper librarianship. Our Division already benefits from the participation of such members on committees and programs.

Regional seminars and publications are excellent means to involve such members during years when they might not be able to attend the annual conference. I will support these efforts wholeheartedly. I further see great potential benefit for our Division in providing speakers and curriculum to

Kent State University for the seminar that will take place this August under the leadership of **Harish Trivedi**. It is a chance for the Division to attract fresh and enthusiastic professionals into our field while developing a reputation as a leader in professional education.

With the help of the Public Relations Committee, I'm going to try to keep the visibility of the Division high. I want to strengthen our ties with vendors to encourage their active participation in the Division.

Finally, I believe it is crucial that we recognize the growing networks of automated news libraries that are forming as a result of common systems. These groups are planning regular meetings and creating new channels of cooperation and communications. I do not want our Division to be left behind by these developments. Rather I hope we can encourage their growth while remaining a strong base for their efforts.

It was in considering this last goal that I finally understood the theme of the Winnipeg Conference--A Bridge to the New Communications. I have always been fascinated by the engineering necessary to build a bridge. I am proud to realize that in our industry the Newspaper Division represents the expertise and enthusiasm needed to build bridges. I am proud to lead such an organization.

NEWS LIBRARY CLEARINGHOUSE

In an effort to increase job opportunities at all levels in news libraries, **Kathy Foley**, Program Chair, has appointed **Nora Paul** of the *Miami Herald* to organize a NEWS LIBRARY CLEARINGHOUSE. Nora will collect resumes of interested job hunters and submit them to libraries which report openings. All queries will be kept confidential.

If your library is looking for a new staffer, give Nora a call or send a copy of the job description to her. If you or someone you know is interested in a possible relocation, send a resume and cover letter explaining your requirements to Nora. We'll see how it all turns out!



Current NWS Division Chair **Kathy Foley** (far right) shares a moment with past Division Chairs (from left) **Homer Martin**, **Carol Hardnett**, **Joe Mehr** and **Shirley Mooney**.

WINNIPEG CONFERENCE PROGRAM EVALUATION

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Newspaper Division

Panel: "SERVING THE GRAPHICS NEEDS OF THE NEWSROOM"

This panel of three librarians from papers in the forefront of Newspaper Graphics innovation and the graphics editor of the *San Jose Mercury News* discussed all aspects of graphics collections: sources & acquisition, subject heading and storage. They describe an active role for the library in this expanding area.

Moderator: **Diane Miruis**, *Syracuse Herald Journal*

Speakers: **Howard Finberg**, *San Jose Mercury News*; **Barbara Newcombe**, *Chicago Tribune*; **James Scofield**, *St. Petersburg Times*

105 Attendees:

31 Evaluations

Overall Rating: 3.8 (out of 4.0)

Audience Reactions: Excellent - We should do it again next year.

Speakers helpful, knowledgeable, informative. Bibliography a bonus.

The session not only was everything I had expected but more.

Very well done. All four speakers knew their material. We could have used more room. The room was too cool.

The real eye-opener. Makes me want to run home and talk to our art dept., photo editors, etc. Thanks for the handouts-always appreciated.

Topic - good. Speakers timing - poor. "Graphics specialist" - not helpful. Not enough time for questions.

Examples helped get point across. After 3 speakers what I found missing was usage regarding copyright restrictions. For those of us just acquiring volumes of graphics in the library, general standards could have been discussed more.

Eye-opening. Especially enjoyed Diane and Jim. Would have liked to take a sample of Jim's paper - even one page.

Excellent...we're discussing things as they happen-not after the fact. Color and graphics are main concerns of our editors NOW.

...Going home with much food for thought.

Really appreciate handouts. Appreciate the practical ideas.

Topic very relevant. Good to see others being more aggressive role in collecting graphics. Our design dept does it all.

Excellent panel- everyone well versed on subject matter and enthusiastic.

12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Newspaper Division

Publishing Division

Social Science Division/International Affairs Section/Legislative Reference Section

Panel: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND THE INFORMATION SPECIALIST"

The panel traced the background of both American and Canadian Freedom of Information Acts. Schmidt gave interesting insights into the American political climate which affects the acts effectiveness. Commissioner Hasen gave a parallel look at the Canadian climate. Michael Dagg showed how a librarian can create a new career for himself by representing others in their efforts to gain access to government information. Dave Zweifel described his newspaper's efforts to gain access to information from a public state university on the local level where the freedom on information act does not reach.

Moderator: **Laura Gasaway**, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Speakers: **Richard Schmidt**, Cohn & Marks; **Inger Hansen**, Commissioner of Information for Canada; **Dick Zweifel**, Capital Times; **Michael Dagg**, Dagg Associates.

Attendees - ranged from 120 - 160

No evaluation done.

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Newspaper Division

Program: "NEWS LIBRARY AUTOMATION UPDATE"

Homer Martin presented his current survey of the state of news library automation.

Speaker: **Homer Martin**, *Bergen Evening Record*

100 Attendees

30 Evaluations

Overall Rating: 3.9 (out of 4.0)

Audience Reactions: Homer Martin has accomplished a great service for us with his unique review of newspaper library systems. Three cheers for Homer!

A program on comparison of in-house and service bureau electronic systems installations would be helpful. Some step-by-step histories complete with problems and solutions would be great. And as Homer said - we how have reached the state of the art to allow this.

We should "subcontract" Homer to speak at the analogous ANPA session. We should at least sell mass reprints to ANPA, API, ANPA/RI and to vendors as an income source.

Very important - should be done annually.

Please include a program on the latest laser optical disc storage options and costs. A "how to" program on photo and clip conversion onto the discs.

Prime example of an individual - Homer Martin - going above and beyond duty and professionalism. Should discuss various aspects of data prep, corrections, editing, etc.

We have so many new members that is isn't accurate to assume that "we all know about Infotex". It's difficult not to bore long-timers by filling in new people, but repeating background info would save some of us a little research.

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Newspaper Division

Program: "MARKETING A NEWS LIBRARY DATABASE"

Mr. McConnell presented his marketing approach to the proposed Southam National Canadian Database, focusing on the same day publication concept which he feels will win clients interested in more than archival access.

Speaker: **Robert McConnell**, Informart

105 Attendees

35 Evaluations

Overall Rating: 2.8 (out of 4.0)

Audience Reactions: Speaker was boring.

A little slow - but useful.

Speaker should educate himself the newspaper libraries are no longer called morgues.

I hoped he wouldn't lie and he didn't. He told me what I expected to hear - nothing.

Marketing will become an important topic in the future now that we have so many more on-line newspaper libraries. Please schedule more programs on this topic.

I was expecting an operational system, not speculation. Discussion of this product was premature.

I expected more general information than a case history.

Speaker had important ideas but took forever to get them across.

Three one-hour sessions work better than 2 one and one-half sessions.

Schedule program on newspaper libraries and revenue producers.

Speaker did not give information relevant to marketing a database. Need specific program dealing on how to sell database to the public and to firms.

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Newspaper Division

Program: "ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPER INDEXING USING AN IBM PC"

Ms. Semonche detailed why and how her library developed an index of her newspapers.

Speaker: **Barbara Semonche**; *Durham Herald-Sun Newspapers*

120 Attendees

23 Evaluations

Overall Rating: 3.8 (out of 4.0)

Audience Reactions: Could have been a little longer.

Great! Please give us more on this topic - newspaper indexing.

Hope we can follow up on (1) the case study and (2) the database development guidelines.

Excellent.

Some selling (unexpected), but a lot of other info that made attendance worthwhile.

Top notch program. Informative.

Very well done. Nice set of slides. Most informative.

B. Semonche was outstanding as always. Pat Wood was very good.

Would have liked some information on other systems.

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Newspaper Division

Program: "COLOSSUS--A NEW TECHNOLOGY ENTERS THE LIBRARY AUTOMATION UPDATE"

Using slides, Kabaker described the technology behind his firm's hardware approach to news storage & retrieval.

Speaker: **Ray Kabaker**, Datafusion Corp.

76 Attendees

15 Evaluations

Overall Rating: 3.4 (out of 4.0)

Audience Reactions: Excellent presentation.

This really sparked my interest

I enjoyed it. I think that it is a good idea to let a "sales rep" from a company give his informative pitch to us as a group. It may be the only way we can get such a good thorough presentation with an opportunity for questions and answers.

3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Newspaper Division

Panel: "THE EFFECTS OF AUTOMATION ON YOUR LIBRARY STAFF"

After brief reports of their library's automation experiences, the panel lead an open dialogue focusing on the "human side" of automation. Staffing routines, schedules, work flows were discussed, as well the changes in morale, job descriptions and pay.

Moderator: **Kathy Foley**, *Houston Post*

Speakers: **Beverly Russell**, *Seattle Times*; **Sharon Reeves**, *San Diego Union-Tribune*; **Gail McLaughlin**, Vu/Text Information Service

96 Attendees

24 Evaluations

Overall Rating: 3.7 (out of 4.0)

Audience Reactions: Very useful - could be made into a longer seminar discussing job descriptions, etc.

Fascinating and valuable. Need more of the same. Examples are so helpful.

Great stuff from Bev Russell.

Very informative. Could use more like this.

An outline of steps taken before "going up" would have been helpful.

Excellent presentation - brief, which encouraged give and take with questions.

Excellent, excellent topic and presentation. It scares the hell out of me to think what's coming - but top notch information. We need to know this stuff.

Best so far this year.

Very good session! Wish we'd had it before my library automated.

Excellent. Let's do it again next year. Report in News Library News. Please, do a survey.

Many comments from floor difficult to hear. It would have helped if persons had stood for questions or responses from the floor. Need additional data on employee practices - dealing with unions, salary guidelines, etc.

Program got a little off track with technical matters. Not enough research on library staff has been done.

Newspaper Division

Small Interest Group Workshop

Program: "I'M ON DEADLINE: COPING WITH STRESS IN A NEWS LIBRARY ENVIRONMENT"

A husband-wife team broke the audience into groups to discuss various aspects of work-related stress. Each group then presented their conclusions and ideas in an open exchange.

Speakers: **Pauline & James F. Tiffen**

50 Attendees

24 Evaluations

Overall Rating: 3.4 (out of 4.0)

Audience Reactions: Not exactly what I expected, but useful. Presenters good at getting group enthusiastic.

Great idea - need to discuss this matter.

Excellent program - too bad people left. I think they thought they were going to be tested. But I got a lot from the exchange.

Group format great. Good exchange of information with other librarians.

I liked the idea of breaking into small groups; it worked very well. Maybe a longer program next time so there would be more time to get into specific solutions to the problems.

Hate small group work. Discussion was fine, but I'd rather have professionals outline program and give pointers along with our questions. Have topic in Boston with different setup.

Publish list of responses to the questions.

A nice laid-back presentation of a stressful topic. It might be better if speakers for this topic were newspaper librarians.

Sort of like an organized suite discussion.

Breaking into small groups worked better than I have ever seen it before.

I got some great ideas to calm down my library. Especially liked the idea of an aquarium (or pet tarantula)...

NEWSPAPER DIVISION

61st ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Winnipeg, Canada June 10, 1985

Carolyn Hardnett, 1984-85 Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:55 PM. There were 76 Division members attending. Board members present were: Chair-Elect **Kathy Foley**, Secretary **Joy Hill**, Treasurer **Judy Gerritts Canter**, Director/Education **Richard Ploch**, Director/Publications **Louise LeGette** and past chair **Barbara Semonche**. **Andy Ippolito** served as parliamentarian.

Carolyn introduced **Judith Field**, observer and representative from SLA. Carolyn noted that all committee reports have been copied and packets are available to attendees. (Non-conference attendees may request copies of any or all reports from the Division secretary.)

In her review of the past year's activities, Carolyn pointed out that we are financially sound, membership has increased to 488 as of today. Audio/Visual programs were distributed and consultation services continued. *The International Directory of News Librarians* prepared by **Andy Ippolito** has just been published. ANPA Foundation sold 394 copies of *Guidelines for Newspaper Libraries* as well as many copies of conference programs. Division members travelled within the country and internationally and represented our profession in splendid fashion. The Smaller Libraries Interest Group committee continued to meet the special needs of the one-person library.

Because the minutes of the 1984 Annual Meeting had been printed in *News Library News*, it was not necessary to read them at the meeting according to our by-laws. Membership approved the 1984 minutes as printed.

Judy Gerritts Canter reported a balance of \$9,607.99 in the Division treasury. A Certificate of Deposit for \$5,000 authorized last year, was purchased and created \$908 in interest revenue. She noted that the CD will be rolled over this summer, probably at today's lower interest rates; however the money not currently required will continue to earn more than our checking account pays. The treasurer's report was accepted by voice vote.

NLN Editor **Barbara Semonche** reported that *News Library News* has increased in size from 12 to as many as 32 pages and we are now printing 650 copies of each issue. Despite heavy promotion, we picked up only two non-membership subscriptions; she recommended we not attempt this again soon. Mailing costs were \$375.07; printing charges were \$3,084.67, indexing the 1983-84 issues cost \$100. Total costs: \$3,459.74. Revenues from advertising, subscriptions and sale of back issues on microfiche were \$2,075.75. Division outlay was \$1,383.99. Barbara's report was accepted with a vote of thanks from the chair for a superb job and a publication that has attracted much favorable attention.

Richard Ploch, Division Director for Continuing Education, reported that since the 1984 conference, 165 people have attended regional seminars and workshops. Events have been held at Kent State University, Ohio, Gainesville and Bradenton Florida, Worcester, Mass. and Waukegan, Illinois. An additional 46 people signed up for the Winnipeg pre-conference seminar. **Barbara Apple**, who organized the seminar in Waukegan, has created a booklet on how to plan and present a regional seminar, based on her carefully kept records. In addition, the Waukegan seminar has turned over \$600 in excess funds to the NWS Division. The Executive Board

has voted to match that sum; the total will be used as seed money to help support other regional seminars. The Continuing Education report was accepted on a voice vote.

Program Chairman **Kathy Foley** described the work of the **Winnipeg Program Committee** and introduced **Esme Langer**, librarian of the *Winnipeg Free Press*, who is heading the **Hospitality Committee**. The results of their efforts may be seen in the outstanding series of programs being offered this week. Kathy also noted that the suite assessment has been set at \$15 American, or in Canadian funds for our Canadian members attending.

Diane Miller reported on the advance planning for the **Boston Conference Program** and asked for program suggestions. **John Cronin**, *Boston Herald*, will head the **Hospitality Committee**. Conference headquarters will be the Sheraton Hotel. The *Boston Globe* will host a luncheon for Division members. Volunteers for the **Boston Conference Committee** should contact Diane Miller. The report was accepted.

Awards Committee chair **Barbara Semonche** introduced this year's winner of the **Student Stipend Award**. She is **Christine Malesky**, a graduate student at Catholic University, Washington, D.C. Her report on her internship at the National Public Radio library will be printed in the summer issue of *Special Libraries*. Barbara reminded the group that Bell & Howell, with encouragement from Mr. Chris Nicely, donated \$500 to the Student Stipend Award which the Division voted last year to match. Christine Malesky spoke briefly in appreciation and of the value of Division support and the conference experience.

Nan Stoddard reported that the **Archives Committee** mailed copies of the 60th Anniversary Issue to 147 Journalism and Library Schools and to over 600 editors and publishers. All mailing costs over and above the initial budget granted last year were absorbed by the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*. Membership brochures were included in all mailings, as well as information about *News Library News*. The Archives report was accepted as presented in its full, written form.

Chairman **Lois Doncevic** submitted the report of the **Membership Committee**. One hundred twenty-five letters were sent to U.S. and Canadian news librarians not affiliated with the Division. One problem encountered by the committee: many members use home addresses for their SLA membership, which makes it difficult for the committee to determine business affiliation. The Committee asks that when you renew your SLA membership, you include you title and employer. Or send this information on a postcard to the Division secretary. This will save time and prevent unnecessary mailings. The Committee plans to issue a membership directory soon, and has set a goal of 500 members for the year. The report was approved on a voice vote.

Jo Reitman spoke for the **Nominating Committee**. She reported that new candidates for office not held over from the previous year were: Chair-Elect **Diane Miller**, unopposed; Director/Education: **Dargan Richards** and **Nan Stoddard**; Treasurer: **Richard Geiger** and **Ben Lightman**. **Elane Cant** of Sant Rosa, CA tabulated the ballots. Final results were: Chair-Elect, **Diane Miller**; Director for Education: **Dargan Richards**; Treasurer, **Richard Geiger**.

The Committee submitted its recommendations for consideration by the members:

- 1) That we consider nominating only one candidate for each office, with write-in candidates permitted. And
- 2) That the Executive Board consider appointing a committee to re-evaluate the by-laws governing nominations, terms of office and the composition of the Nominating Committee.

Homer Martin moved and **Harish Trivedi** seconded a motion that the Board study the recommendations of the **Nominating Committee** for changes in the nominating procedures and submit a report at the next annual business meeting.

The Committee explained the recommendations, pointing out that having only one candidate indicates Division backing for that person. It is also easier for the candidate to get management support. They also feel that the Committee should be composed of past officers because they have a clearer picture of the time and effort needed to fill the office.

Old Business: None.

New Business: **Andy Ippolito** presented the newly-published *International News Librarians Directory* and indicated the scope of its contents. He also reported that **LDS Publishing Co.** will donate any royalties to the Division after expenses are met. The Directory could be a source of income for the Division. **LDS** hopes to update it annually.

Ernest Perez raised the question of the time lag between our elections and the pre-conference planning schedule set by **SLA**. Chair-Elect **Kathy Foley** said she hopes the **Nominating Committee** can act quickly so elections can be completed by Christmas. Our by-laws do not forbid this and it would make it possible for the incoming chair in the capacity of program chairman to attend the midwinter meeting and start planning the 1987 program.

Barbara Newcombe wondered about the continuation of the **Consultation Referral Service** which she has been conducting, in light of her impending retirement. The Board will discuss it at the next Executive Meeting.

Carolyn informed the meeting that the question of an increase in **SLA** dues will be decided at the **SLA Annual Meeting** to be held Wednesday, June 12th. Anyone interested in speaking to this issue is urged to attend. She also pointed out the allotment to divisions would be increased if the dues are raised.

Jo Kirks moved the Division make a \$200 contribution to the **SLA Building Fund**. Motion seconded by **Nan Stoddard**. After discussion, the motion was carried by 48 votes to 17.

Joe Mehr moved the **Kwapil Award** be increased from \$100 to \$500 in 1986. Seconded by **Shirley Mooney**. Motion carried on a show of hands.

SLA representative **Judith Field** commended the Division on its vigor and growth.

Chair recognized new members and first-time conference attendees. She also introduced **Jacqueline Chamberlain** of the **Riverside, CA. Press-Enterprise**, who won the **Scripps-Howard Freedom of Information Award** for her paper. Her story was carried in *News Library News*.

Harish Trivedi will host a news library labor-management discussion at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday.

Bob Neswick was unable to attend the conference, so no humorous odes were written to express our appreciation for the help to the Division given by many firms and individuals. **Carolyn** read a Resolution of Appreciation thanking **University Microfilm, Inc.** for the pre-banquet cocktail party, **Commonwealth Microfilm Ltd.** for providing wine for the banquet, **Bell & Howell** and **Chris Nicely** for the conference wine and cheese party

and their contribution of \$500 to the Student Stipend Award, the **Winnipeg Free Press** and **Esme Langer** for their hospitality, to **ANPA** for their continuing support of the Division, to **Datatek** and **VU/Text** for conference programs and Division Suite demonstrations.

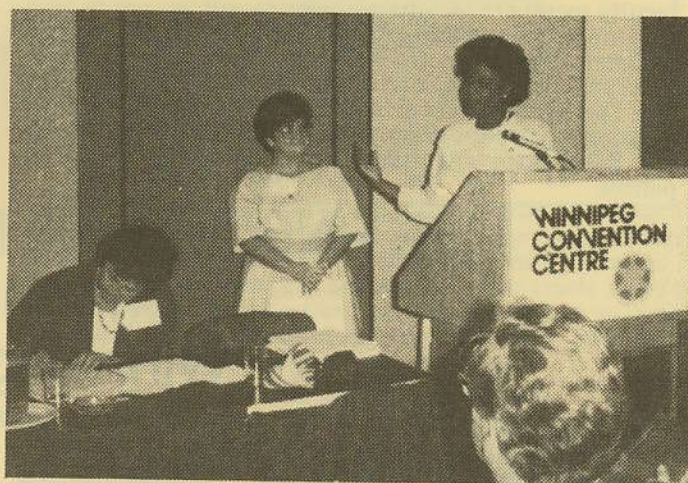
The Division secretary will send letters of thanks to several individuals who, although not Division members, participated in Division programs. **Carolyn** also offered a special vote of thanks to our newspapers for all their support of us as librarians and of the Division.

Incoming Board members were introduced. The Board for the 1985-86 year will be: **Kathy Foley**, Chair; **Joy Hill**, Secretary; **Richard Geiger**, Treasurer, **Diane Miller**, Chair-Elect and Program Chairman for the Boston Conference; **Louise LeGette**, Director/ Publications; and **Dargen Richards**, Director/ Education.

Kathy Foley took the podium and in view of the lateness of the hour offered to submit her comments on the upcoming year for publication in *News Library News*.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM.

Joy Hill, Secretary
Newspaper Division



Joy Hill (seated) records Business meeting notes as **Carolyn Hardnett** (right) installs **Kathy Foley** as 1985-'86 Division Chair.



Mary Jane Handy (standing) addresses Division Business meeting.

MEETING 1984-85 EXECUTIVE BOARD

June 9, 1985

Winnipeg, Canada

Present: **Judy Gerrits Canter, Barbara Semonche, Richard Ploch, Kathy Foley, Harish Trivedi, Louise LeGette, Joy Hill.**

Meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m. by **Carolyn Hardnett**, Chair, in the Division suite, Place Louis Riel Hotel.

Harish Trivedi reported on the upcoming seminar to be sponsored jointly by Kent State University and the Newspaper Division. It will be held in Columbus, Ohio from August 8-10, 1985. This year's program will be shorter and more intense. It will focus on library students although some professional news librarians are expected to attend. The 18 hour seminar will offer 1½ college credits. Descriptive brochures have been prepared and mailed to 13,000 library school students and faculty members. Another brochure will be sent to Division members and taken to the Ohio ANPA meeting this summer. Attendees are especially solicited from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan and western Pennsylvania. The Division has no financial responsibility; we are responsible for program planning and providing speakers. Kent State will reimburse speakers for travel expenses.

Richard Ploch reported that the Waukegan seminar organized by **Barbara Apple** has donated \$600 in excess funds they generated. He suggests the Division set up a fund with the money to help others who want to sponsor a seminar. He pointed out that 165 people attended regional seminars last year, far more than we reach at the National Conference C.E. courses. He suggested the Division match this initial sum and use it for seed money, to be distributed by a committee consisting of the **Financial Advisory Committee** and the **Continuing Education Director**. The Board approved the idea and will offer it to the membership at the Annual Meeting for approval of the funds. This year will be in the nature of a trial run, with long term feasibility to be considered at next year's Board meeting.

The subject of a donation to the SLA Building Fund was raised by **Carolyn**. The Board reviewed problems we have had with SLA in financial areas and it was decided to table the question for further discussion.

Kathy Foley asked the new Board to meet in the suite Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Joy Hill, Secretary

MEETING 1985-86 EXECUTIVE BOARD

June 11, 1985

Winnipeg, Canada

Meeting called to order in the Division suite, Place Louis Riel Hotel by the Chair, **Kathy Foley**, at 5:10 p.m. All new Board members were present.

Kathy noted that ANPA will no longer produce the News Library Memo, so **Yvonne Egertson** will be called the ANPA Liaison hereafter.

Kathy will appoint a committee to do a survey of staff salaries, as an extension of the survey published in the *Guild Reporter* for August 10, 1984.

In response to the planned Automation column in *News Library News*, **Louise LeGette** will head a committee to create guidelines on newspaper automation. **Jo Reitman** and **Anne Legett** will assist her.

The Board explored the possibility of sponsoring a **Continuing Education** seminar in conjunction with the Boston conference, without SLA sanction. Any C.E. courses sponsored the weekend prior to the convention gets SLA promotion, but profits are split 70% to SLA, 30% to the division. No alternative to traditional scheduling could be found and it was decided to work on a better division of monies generated with SLA.

Harish Trivedi suggested we subscribe to *News Library News* as individuals, both as a way to reduce the deficit and to have an extra copy to pass around among our staff. The Board approved the suggestion.

The question of paying conference speakers was raised. It appeared to the Board that a precedent problem could be created, but it was noted that we have covered travel expenses in past emergencies.

The **By-Laws Committee** was asked to consider the motion of the Business Meeting relating to voting procedures and **Nominating Committee** composition. They

will try to suggest ways to solve the problem of our Chair-Elect/Program Chairman being elected a year too late, in terms of SLA pre-conference planning schedules.

Richard Geiger, Treasurer, reported on an SLA meeting about financial proposals made to the Division this year. Response to the proposals were unpopular with all divisions and will probably be defeated in Cabinet.

On the subject of allocation of funds (\$1200) for **Regional Workshops**, **Dargen Richards** moved that grants be no more than \$200 per workshop, and that the money be considered seed money to be returned to the Division if possible. **Diane Miller** seconded the motion. After discussion, it was approved by the Board, with the suggestion that **Dargen** consult with the Board before making the grants.

Kathy reported her concern about possible fracturing of the Division by special meetings being held during conference for on-line library user-groups. They are being scheduled at a different time and place from Division activities and could, in time, be a disruption to the Division. She said she did not ask for action on the issue, but merely wanted the Board to be aware of the situation.

Kathy Trimble has submitted her resignation from the committee to rewrite the **Audio/Visual** programs. **Joy Hill** will replace her.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Joy Hill, Secretary

1986 BOSTON PROGRAM

by Diane Miller
1985 NWS Division Program Chair

I'm an avid reader of travel literature and I must admit before I even dreamed that I would be planning the program in Boston, I had sent for literature. I was that excited about having the opportunity to visit Boston.

I've digested that literature and I can promise you that Boston is a wonderful location for conference. But something that struck me as I read the literature was the many references that the city was the setting for intellectual, historical and political revolution and offers visitors a harmonious blend of the past and present, the old and the new. And this is exactly what I hope achieve in the Boston program. My committee and I will draw heavily from those who came before us and those who have been in the business for many years. Their advice is truly golden and is something to treasure just as the marvelous historic buildings of Boston. We do not want to lose sight of the tried and true methods that have worked for years. And then, like Boston we can build an even better world of professionalism by using the past, dealing with the present and looking into the exciting world of modern technology that has already become a part of the present for many of us, while others of us learn and listen and wait for that exciting future.

Helping me make this all possible is a committee already at work. **John Cronin** of the *Boston Herald* is serving as contact person and has made arrangements for our suite which will be at the headquarters hotel, the Boston Sheraton. John will also be planning library tours in Boston and the surrounding areas.

Shirley Jobe of the *Boston Globe* will be serving as our hospitality chairman. When I first began planning for Boston, I'd been around enough to know what the number one most important job was. Shirley said yes and I'm delighted because we all know how we treasure our liquid refreshment at the end of the day. **David Jennings** of the *Boston Globe* will be working with vendors.

So we have a marvelous city, libraries to tour, the suite, the booze and the vendors. What's left. Of course, the program.

I've gathered together an outstanding committee to help with program planning. And if you aren't on this committee but would like to be please tell me. But if you aren't on the committee don't think for a minute that you will not be involved in Boston because I'm gathering a long list of people to utilize as specific program planners, monitors, room helpers, and speakers.

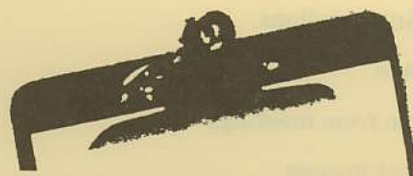
Committee members are **Sandy Vance** of Springfield, IL, **Elaine Cant** of Santa Rosa, Calif., **Harish Trivedi** of Dayton, Ohio, **Barbara Semonche** of Durham, N.C., **Richard Ploch** of West Palm Beach, Fla., **Bridget Janus** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, **Geoffrey Fingland** of Boston, **Ellie Briscoe** of Flamouth, Ma., **Sharon Carter** of Wooster, Mass., **Dargan Richards** of Columbia, S.C., and **Anne Leggett** of Baton Rouge, La.

Program ideas and a tentative schedule are being developed. Topics include the shape of pictures for the future, alternatives for preserving newspaper information, labor-management relations in the news library, automation, small libraries interest group and a broadcast libraries roundtable.

And so Boston, that city with its matchless blend of culture, history, modern technology and entertainment awaits us June 7-12, 1986. A city that seems to offer us the perfect environment to learn, to inspire and to be inspired, to meet old friends and make new friends. And aren't we lucky.



Diane Miller (left) poses with past Division Chairs Barbara Semonche and Carol Lindsay.



THE CLIPBOARD

(Editor's note: This is a new column for *News Library News*. Its purpose is to provide a focal point for news librarians to ask/answer questions, offer trade secrets, supply winning suggestions and in general set the scene for BRIEF information exchange. Readers' comments and contributions are eagerly sought.)

Filing Errors Unlimited?

One savvy news librarian has reduced the number of filing errors and tracked down long-time "missing" clip files by offering a reward to library staffers. The reward? One-half hour's pay for finding a lost or misfiled clip file. Of course, the fact that the file is indeed missing must be documented. The reward is offered after a routine search has not turned up the errant file. The reward is for rescue service above and beyond the call of duty.

OCLC, Anyone?

Alan Tuttle, National Humanities Center librarian in Durham, NC, wants to discover which news librarians, if any, are using OCLC. Alan can be reached at the National Humanities Center, P.O. Box 12256, Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Appraisals Wanted

Diane Miller, *Daily Pantagraph*, would like to know if any news librarians are considering donating photos or negatives to historical societies. If so, how are the news librarians appraising the collection? Any help on this topic would be much appreciated. Contact Diane at the *Daily Pantagraph* Library, 301 W. Washington, Bloomington, IL 60701.

This entire area of appraising news library collections, photos and clippings presents an interesting challenge. Perhaps it could become the focus of a future conference program.

NEWSPAPER DIVISION TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Statement January 1, 1984 through December 31, 1984

OPENING BALANCE January 1, 1984

\$10,935.57

INCOME

12,117.57

SLA allotment	1,759.50
Bulletin	1,434.75

Subscriptions	110.00
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Ads	1,324.75
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Income from meetings	102.42
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Interest income	908.89
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Donations	5,280.51
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1170.51 Mead	
750.00 Mgt. Analysis	
950.00 Datatek	
950.00 Bell & Howell	
750.00 Infodata	
250.00 Software Consult.	
360.00 West Canadian	
100.00 Clem Vitek	

Conference Room Charges	1,919.50
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Suite Assessments	660.00
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AV rentals	52.00
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Total income

23,053.14

EXPENDITURES & DISBURSEMENTS

-13,445.15

Bulletin Costs	2,496.00
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Conference Costs	9,322.78
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Bank Charges	12.69
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Publishing Costs	1,070.85
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340.08 Brochure	
653.02 Anniversary	
77.75 Postage	
U.K. Serials Membership	15.00

Tape recorder	61.77
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Student Stipend	400.00
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Awards Trophy	66.06
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BALANCE Dec. 31, 1984

9,607.99



Judy Gerritts Canter
San Francisco Examiner
NWS Division Treasurer

Financial Statement January 1, 1985 through May 23, 1985

OPENING BALANCE January 1, 1985 \$ 9,607.99

INCOME

Bulletin Subscriptions	20.00
Bulletin Ads	925.20
AV Rentals	60.50
SLA Allotment	2025.00
SLA 1984 Conference (plus 30% interest)	1598.75
Donations (84 Conference)	452.00
Bank Interest	144.21
Savings Account Interest (CD at 12.25%)	162.59
Income	5,388.25

TOTAL INCOME 14,996.24

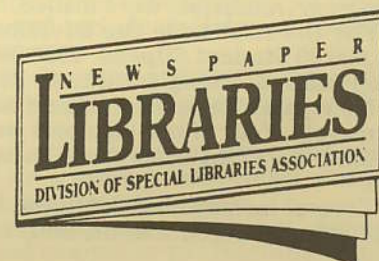
EXPENSES

Bulletin	1984.31
Flowers (Rose Volmelker)	58.58
Awards Trophy	48.41
Recruitment Brochures	92.56
Library Brochures	92.56

Total Expenses 2,276.42

BALANCE May 23, 1985 12,719.82

SAVINGS ACCOUNT - \$5000.00 at
First Nationwide at 12.25% -
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Newspaper Division Annual Report

by: Carolyn Hardnett
Baltimore Sun Library



First, I would like to thank all of you for a very good year. The Newspaper Division has been extremely busy for the past twelve months.

All committees were charged with continuing to implement the goals set forth by the Long Range Planning Committee's report of 1983.

Now I will present to you the highlights of a very productive year.

The **Archives Committee** mailed copies of the 60th Anniversary issue of *News Library News* to 147 Journalism and Library Schools, and over 600 editors and publishers.

Included in the mailings were publicity brochures for membership in NWS/SLA, order blanks for the **GUIDELINES FOR NEWSPAPER LIBRARIES**, and an information sheet regarding the publication.

Through the assistance of SLA the Division was able to acquire the papers of **William Alcott**, a former librarian at the *Boston Globe* and one of the founders of the Division.

The **Audio-Visual Committee** designed and printed a news brochure promoting the Division's audio-visual presentations. 130 were mailed to colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and Canada. A/V Presentations were made at the National Newspaper Publishers Association Convention in Reno, Nevada, Kent State University News Media Workshop in Kent, Ohio and Newspaper Library Workshop at the *News-Sun* in Waukegan, IL. Requests for the shows were received from Schools of Library Science, Journalism Schools and individual librarians.

Consultation Referral Service was successful in providing the *El Paso Herald-Post* with expert assistance in setting up their library.

Our membership is at an all time high of 488 and we will hear from the **Membership Committee** later.

The **Publications Committee** reports that four editions of *News Library News* were published this year and that NLN is now indexed on computer and back copies are available on microfilm. We will hear more on this from our editor **Barbara Semonche** later.

The *Directory of International News Librarians* was published by **Andy Ippolito's** LDA Company in cooperation with the Division and SLA and is available today.

Yvonne Egertson of the ANPA Foundation Library reports that 394 copies of **GUIDELINES FOR NEWSPAPER LIBRARIES** were sold this year. There were requests for 235 information packets and 252 conference program transcripts were mailed.

For the first time the Division will be awarding a \$1,000.00 **Student Stipend**. \$500.00 comes from the Division and a matching grant from Bell & Howell.

Newspaper Division members have been traveling extensively. Four of our members were in Paris, France to attend the **IFRA** conference on automated news libraries.

Several members attended the **Inland Daily Press Association** conference in the Midwest.

Publishers Association convention in Reno, Nevada.

The Division is financially sound and we have several very important projects we will be working on next year in the area of education and professional development.

What I have given you are the highlights we will hear more details from the standing committees reports.

I want to tell all of you that it has been an honor and a privilege to represent you this past year. My thanks to all of the committee chairs and committee members for a year well served. Thanks to all of you for your encouraging words, comments, suggestions and lending a helping hand when asked.

Dear Friends,

My new job at the *Baltimore Sun* is just fine. I have a great staff and I have finally learned everyone's name.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of my colleagues across the U. S. and Canada for all the great post cards. This has been better than getting just one from Paris. My new home is just three blocks from Harbor Place so if you plan to come this way, come see me.

Sincerely,

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NEWSPAPER DIVISION ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS

Congratulations to Newspaper Division members for their writing efforts during 1984-85. However, what follows is not a complete list. Members are urged to notify *News Library News* editor about contributions to professional publications.

Andy Ippolito, *Newsday*, had an article published in *Editor & Publisher*, May 11, 1985 titled "Databases in Newspaper Libraries." Also, his publishing, editing and distribution of the 1985 *International News Librarians Directory and Guide To Vendors* deserves special commendation.

Yvonne Egertson, ANPA librarian, compiled and published a detailed study titled "Killed, Wounded, Jailed and Expelled" for the World Press Freedom Committee. The 29 page report covered instances involving journalists during 1984. It has received strong praise from the World Press Freedom Committee and been widely reported in the news. Yvonne's work is an impressive contribution on serious subject.

Christine Malesky, 1985 Student Stipend Award winner, has an article in the summer 1985 issue of *Special Libraries*. It is titled "All Things Researched: Internship at National Public Radio's Library."

Presstime published a two-page spread on news libraries in the July 1985 edition. Written by **Marcia Ruth**, *Presstime* news staff, it updates the 1982 article on full-text news library systems. The current article is titled "Electronic Library Systems Reach Watershed Year."

Barbara Newcombe from the *Chicago Tribune* and **Harish Trivedi** with the *Dayton Newspapers* collaborated on an article published in the October 1984 issue of *Wilson Library Bulletin*. The title is "Electronic News Media Libraries."

LEGAL QUESTIONS...LIBRARY ANSWERS

Lexington Herald-Leader Library Faces Public Challenges to Accessing Online Database



by: Lu-Ann Farrar
Lexington Herald-Leader Library

Recently, the Lexington (Ky.) *Herald-Leader* was subpoenaed to appear in court; not a reporter and his or her notes, but the librarian and the clip files were subpoenaed. The subpoena raised some questions that other news libraries may already have encountered or may soon encounter.

We were served with a subpoena by the state public defender's office on February 28, 1985. The office requested that we provide copies of a clip file to be admitted into court as evidence for a change of venue hearing.

Previously, we have provided notarized copies of stories from our clip files to be admitted into court. We charged our expenses to the lawyer requesting the copies. This system has worked until the public defender's office called.

THE CASE

The case for which they had requested clips was a murder that our newspaper began covering in 1978. One of the people involved was for three years the youngest person in the United States on death row. Clearly, the file was quite large. Included in the 'file' are the stories from Vu/Text, where our newspaper has been stored since 1983.

When the appeal finally reached the Kentucky Supreme Court in 1984, it was ordered retried because of errors in the first trial. The case is now seven years old. Since the only copies we certify are from the microfilm, it would have easily taken one librarian two days to find the stories on microfilm, print them and have them notarized. With our small staff we simply did not have that time to spare.

When we were approached by the public defender, every member of the library staff said the same thing: We will provide the dates of the stories for free, but it is the responsibility of the public defender to get the copies from microfilm at the public library. The PD's office responded with a subpoena for our files.

The *Herald-Leader* Company sought to have the subpoena quashed. The judge ruled that the *Herald-Leader* did not have to provide the copies, adding that he did not want to set a precedent in which newspapers do the job of defense attorneys.

The judge did stipulate that the *Herald-Leader* grant the public defender's office access to clippings in the newspaper's library.

This stipulation led us to the next problem. It is very easy to give a person an envelope of clips to transcribe or photocopy, but a very different question to provide

access to stories from Vu/Text. The library staff would have to spend time online for the request.

The final aggravation occurred when the representative from the public defender's office arrived. We gave him the clip files and a print-out from Vu/Text (showing only the dates and headlines). He took one look at them, commented that he could have gotten all this at the public library and left. After all the legal wrangling and expense to the *Herald-Leader*, the public defender decided to do what we had originally suggested.

PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

This situation is one we may be facing again. The responsibility for providing files for evidence seems to depend on the whim of a judge. I think providing the dates of stories is where the responsibility of a newsroom library ends when providing evidence for court.

In some ways, the library faces the same problem the newsroom faces: The public perceives us as publicly-owned, when in fact, we are a private business. Even though we are glad to cooperate when we can, our resources are limited.

Our public policy concerning requests is:

For any request (other than from a library) that requires over five minutes of staff time, a fee is charged per hour (with a one hour minimum).

The public defender and all lawyers fall into the category of "other than a library." We did learn from this experience to make sure whoever calls understands the availability of information at the public library. For stories from 1984 or 1985, we'll provide a print-out with only the date and headline fields from Vu/Text.

If ever faced with this situation again, I know we have the support of the *Herald-Leader* management. The only factor more important is having public access policy that addresses this question.

INFORMATION MALPRACTICE SUITS?

Librarians and information professionals are asked to search for, evaluate and determine whether additional information should be sought to fill an information need. As there are no credentials legally required in the information field, it is up to the profession to define the proper or improper practice of information delivery.

Information malpractice has been variously defined as misrepresentation to obtain information, industrial espionage, misrepresenting the quality or type of work one can perform, breach of client or source confidentiality, providing false information on purpose, and sloppy research.

Possible liability protections:

- Contracts define the client relationship, set limitations on the research, and include disclaimers for information published by others.

- Good educational background and continuing education and training help to guarantee competent employees.

- Personal values of ethical behavior, honesty and moral judgment will help protect individuals and the profession against information malpractice.

- Malpractice insurance, used by attorneys, doctors, real estate agents, and computer professionals, may need to be extended to the information professional.

PERSONAL GLIMPSES

The members of the Newspaper Division are saddened to learn of the death of one their staunchest supporters. **A. Robert Rogers**, Dean of Kent State University's School of Library Science, died June 22, 1985. The funeral was June 26. Dean Rogers came to Kent State in the Fall of 1969. He became Acting Dean of the School of Library Science in 1977; he became Dean in 1978. It was during that time that Dean Rogers met and developed an admiring friendship with **Rose Vormelker**. The two of them collaborated in making the **News Library Workshop** at Kent State an extraordinary contribution to the professional development of news librarians. The **Rose Vormelker Scholarship Fund** is due in large measure to his active support.

Dean Rogers was born in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. He obtained his doctorate in Library Science for the University of Michigan. He was 57. Letters and cards to the School of Library Science at Kent State from his colleagues and friends would be welcome.

Overheard at the Division suite in Winnipeg:

Carolyn Hardnett announces that she has left the *Chicago Tribune's* Washington Bureau Library to take the head librarian's job with the *Baltimore Sun*. She takes office July 8. Best wishes to Carolyn in her new position! Carolyn's new address is: The *Baltimore Sun* Library, 501 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21278. Phone: (301) 332-6250.

Mary Jo Crowley, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, reported that she is following up on a lead from *News Library News*. M.J. is exploring digital disk technology for her news library via **File Net**. We look forward to an update from M.J. at the '86 SLA conference in Boston.

Jim Scofield (alias "Dimetrios"), with the *St. Petersburg Times-Independent*, was greeted by the Greek maitre d' at Winnipeg's finest restaurant with a show of warmth and hospitality ordinarily reserved for visiting royalty. Jim's fellow guests were impressed. They were also astounded that their Florida colleague was so well known this far north. Mind you, gentle readers, Jim has never been in Winnipeg before, but his Greek connections obviously extend to all parts of the world.

Add **Louise Tucker**, *Gary Post-Tribune*, to the growing list of librarians who are indexing their photo negatives. **Joan Stern**, *Los Angeles Times* and **Ernest Perez**, *Chicago Sun-Times* are managing similar projects. *News Library News* would like to hear from other news librarians undertaking such efforts.

Dargan Richards, *Columbia Newspapers*, announces the inaugural of an SLA chapter in South Carolina. A first! Well done, Dargan!

Esme Langer was a super host during the tours of her library in the *Winnipeg Free Press*. Everyone was impressed with her Western Canada historical photo index, but what really captured the attention of **John Hodgson**, **Barbara Newcombe**, **Pat Lord**, **Elyse Eisner**, and others was the foolproof method of filing beauty

pagaent photos where librarians could get them BUT no one else could. The heading? "Birds, broad breasted." Clever, these Canadians.

Some news librarians talk about their electric power files. Others rave about their microcomputers. Still others carry on about their automated full-text systems. Nevertheless, there is one librarian who can top it all. **Lany McDonald**, *Raleigh News & Observer*, can boast of an art budget! We're talking mega bucks...for original North Carolina art to enhance the *News & Observer* building. We can all take lessons from Lany and we're not talking about art courses!

Jo Kirks, *Knight-Ridder* Washington bureau library, revealed that Winnipeg's crisp, cool weather came close to prompting the need for her newly-acquired full length blue fox fur. Sigh! Jo also informs us that the *Knight-Ridder* Washington bureau library is changing its address and telephone number as of August 5, 1985. The new location is: 700 National Press Building, 529-14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20045. The library phone is: (202) 383-6070.

Our newly-installed Division Chair, **Kathy Foley** of the *Houston Post*, wondered aloud what extraordinary, atypical duties news librarians performed for their news organizations. Examples flooded into the conversation. Kathy volunteered that she keeps **ALL** the *Houston Post's* keys. Further, she supervises the news room receptionist. Other librarians recalled how they keep the first aid kits, are responsible for keeping track of departmental phone numbers, organizing corporate archives, acting as fire drill marshalls, collecting cotton quotes, directing public requests to syndicated writers, making photo reprint requests, writing historical columns and more. *News Library News* will publish a running list of the unusual duties as librarians respond.

Barbara Newcombe, director of the *Chicago Tribune* Reference Library, announced her retirement effective the end of June. She plans to remain active in the profession and the Newspaper Division. After relocating in Oakland, California, Barbara is looking forward to pursuing news library consulting projects. *News Library News* readers are awaiting the resumption of her lively columns. The next one is due in the Fall edition of NLN.

Louise Robinson, *National Geographic* Library, retired April 30. She takes with her the respect and admiration of all who have worked with her through the years.

From **Shirley Mooney**, *Pacific Press Ltd.*, we discover that the School of Librarianship and Archival Studies at the University of British Columbia will be offering a course under Shirley's tutelage. Titled "Special Libraries and Information Centers," it will be offered during the Fall 1985 semester. "Professor Mooney" is looking forward to this new experience. Lucky students!

Shirley Mooney has also been appointed to the SLA's Professional Development Committee. This committee is charged with implementing that part of the Long

Range Plan addressing graduate education for information professionals and accreditation of library/information schools. One of the major goals is to develop closer relationships between professional schools and SLA. **Barbara Semonche**, *Durham Herald Co.* and liaison with University of North Carolina's School of Library Science, joins Shirley on this 15 member committee.

Bob Jansen, *Minneapolis Tribune*, reports that his star assistant librarian, **Linda James** has taken a one-year leave of absence effective late March 1985. Linda is undertaking a project with the Minnesota Historical Society and Department of Archives & Manuscripts. She is investigating current microfilming procedures in Minnesota and recommending proper standards for microfilm quality control. Linda is scheduled to return to the *Minneapolis Tribune* in April 1986. In the meantime she can be reached at: Minnesota Historical Society, Dept. of Archives & Manuscripts, 1500 Mississippi St., St. Paul, Minn. 55101, Phone: (612) 296-6980.

Filling in for Linda at the *Minneapolis Tribune* is **Sylvia Frisch**, formerly with the Minneapolis Public Library. Welcome, Sylvia, to the community of news librarians!

Ron Larson, *Wisconsin State Journal*, announces the birth of his son Karl, on May 19. Karl and parents are doing well.

Winnipeg was not all work. A few of the more adventurous members indulged in other activities. One light-hearted group went looking for horses... and found, surprise, horse racing. The good news is that several horses won. The bad news is not all of our members bet on the winning ones. Nevertheless, those that did win cracked jokes on the bus trip home and regaled non-racing members for hours about their exploits. The members not collecting winnings reverted to type and talked about doing "on-site research on the inside track." Further grumbling was noted about "Scarlett Rich", "Little Quacker", "Miss Prunner", "Arctic Rhythm" and "Mr. Flinger." Apparently those were the horses. The betting members were: **Dargan Richards**, **Chris Wells**, **Bob Jansen**, **Carolyn Hardnett**, **Rich Ploch**, **Lany McDonald**, **Jo Kirks** and **Herb Pierson**. The one memorable comment about the sum total of the experience came from **Dargan Richards**. It could not be verified at press time.

Other less costly trips centered on a paddlewheel excursion to Fort Garry. Somehow the tour guide was diverted resulting in leaderless librarians struggling to keep the troops together. An attempt to round up stragglers for the return trip added to the confusion. As nearly as can be determined, **Andy Ippolito**, acting as surrogate commander-in-chief, rushed into action urging librarians to return to the bus for the ride to Winnipeg. So earnest in his efforts that **NO ONE** be left behind, that he wound up with people who were not in the tour group. One such librarian, **Ben Lightman**, *Time, Inc.* was puzzled about being corralled into the bus. "Listen, Andy," an exasperated Ben exclaimed, "I didn't come with your group! I came by myself...in a rental car!" As it turned out, the bus-riding librarians wished that they could have followed Ben's example. The bus was slower and less scenic than the paddleboat. Contact **Rich Ploch** for a detailed description of the paddleboat negotiating the locks.

A few librarians arranged for vacation time to extend their Canadian experience. **Donna Scheeder**, **Cathy Jones** (from the *Congressional Research Service*) and **Holly Mirchel** traveled via train to Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Columbia Ice Fields and then on to Port Townsend in San Juan Islands and thence to Puget Sound. A report from **Cathy Jones** gave the tour rave reviews and recommends the trip highly. She is looking forward to returning.

Other members, **Harish Trivedi**, **Nan** and **Paul Stoddard**, plus **Jo Reitman** joined **Shirley Mooney** in Vancouver for a delightful evening together highlighted with a Greyline tour of the sparkling city.

Those attending the Winnipeg conference were impressed with many features. The program was enthusiastically received by the members. Special mention was made of the excellent accommodations in the Division suite at the **Hotel Place Louis Riel**. The really good news is that the conference was over and the librarians had left before a fire in the hotel caused six floors to be evacuated.

Welcome **Aurora Davis** to the community of newspaper librarians. Aurora joined the *Kansas City Star* as Director of Information Services. **John Springer** will remain as head librarian. Aurora has a long list of publications to her credit including articles on investigative reporting through access to public documents. We look forward to hearing more from Aurora in the future.

DAILY NEWS OF L.A. NAMES DEBORAH REIFMAN CHIEF LIBRARIAN

LOS ANGELES, Calif.--**Deborah Reifman** has been named chief librarian of the *Daily News of Los Angeles*.

In that capacity, Reifman will oversee the implementation of an electronic library system at the *Daily News*.

Before joining the *Daily News*, she was a researcher in the Detroit Bureau of the *Los Angeles Times*. Prior to that she was a librarian for the *Detroit Free Press*.

Reifman, a native of Detroit, received a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Michigan State University in 1976. She received a master's degree in library science from Wayne State University (Detroit) in 1977.

Welcome, Deborah, to the community of news librarians! We look forward to meeting you at future conferences.

WANTED

A Newspaper Library Manager who has served as a management representative on a company negotiating team is needed to take part in the Newspaper Division program at the 1986 SLA annual conference in Boston.

The program will be a panel on news library unions and labor relations. If you have served as a negotiator for your company (not the union side) or know someone who has and would be willing to participate, contact:

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ACCESSING ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Journalism Investigates Databases



By Robert Stevens
Journalism Library
University of Missouri-Columbia

Any journalist will tell you that the most arduous and time consuming task in the pursuit of investigative reporting is the research. Coupled with this task is usually the looming threat of a deadline. So what the journalist really needs is a thorough way of finding information without consuming a lot of time. Librarians have learned that automated database searching is the best way to confront this dilemma and at the University of Missouri-Columbia, they are spreading the gospel to journalism students.

In January, 1985, the University launched a graduate level seminar in Information Science called "Access to Electronic Information." The course was offered by the School of Library/Information Science. The seminar was tailored specifically to teach reporters the rudiments of database searching and to inform them of the vast research potential which this tool offers. The class, which concluded in mid-May, is the first of its kind and currently is not being offered elsewhere.

The seminar evolved when faculty and students from the Journalism School expressed a deep interest in database searching. The Library School, knowing of this interest, approached the Journalism School. The enthusiasm began when a few enterprising journalism students enrolled in a Library Science course on where to find and how to use public documents and records. The course included an online demonstration. Other journalism students were exposed to computerized research through classes taught by professors who invited Library/Information Science faculty to lecture and demonstrate database searching. The interest that was generated prompted Dr. MaryEllen Sievert, an Information Science instructor, to work with journalism faculty in designing the seminar.

Dr. Sievert has taught online searching and other computer related courses at the University for eight years. Her instruction for the course included tips on selecting databases, using boolean logic and formulating search strategies. The students were introduced to databases that offered biographical sources, information on business and corporations, national and international events and other topics that attract journalists. The search systems offered in the class were Dow Jones News Retrieval, BRS After Dark and DIALOG. Exposure to these systems included lectures, demonstrations and hands-on experience. Dr. Sievert also had intended to introduce her students to NEXIS, but unfortunately, the cost of using it for educational purposes was prohibitive.

The students attending the seminar emphasized they were eager to learn. Two of them had previously been employed at newspapers and realized at the outset that

database searching could give reporters immense capabilities. Stan Abbott had been the executive editor of the *Anchorage Daily News* for seventeen years before coming to the University of Missouri in 1982 to be a journalism instructor and a city editor at the *Columbia Missourian*. During the course, Abbott took advantage of the computer facilities to research topics for the newspaper. The *Missourian* printed a two-part series and an editorial about the increased use of tobacco chewing among high school students. Although the articles focused on the local scene in Columbia, Abbott used automated searching to compile national statistical data, collect abstracts on medical literature and to get the names of experts in the field who were interviewed.

Another story concerned an interview with rural banker on the state's farm crisis. The banker mentioned the failure of the Bucklin State Bank in Bucklin, Missouri. Abbott followed up by locating an article on the bank's failure by using the Dow Jones News Retrieval.

Abbott says that he found the seminar to have been a "good survey course, familiarizing the student with a complex and creative process of research." He said that although the course may not teach one to be a professional online searcher, it does give journalists a better idea of how searchers conduct their work. Abbott says he found that the scope of the database searching field is too great to be mastered in a single semester.

Ken Reid, a J-school student and former reporter for the *Newark Star-Ledger*, became interested in the class by attending a lecture on online resources. While he thinks that this technology is definitely a boon to reporters, he recommends that the seminar be aimed at graduate level students. Reid maintains that students must first be trained to use printed research sources before they can become adept at using automated ones. Like many students involved in automated instruction, Reid found the course useful, but wanted more opportunities for hands-on experience.

For the most part, an informal survey of the students resulted in favorable opinions of the seminar. Abbott strongly urges his students at the J-School to take the course. Dr. Sievert will again offer the seminar to graduate students in the Fall. In the future, she hopes to include juniors and seniors.

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June 6-11, 1987	Annual Conference	Anaheim, CA
Jan. 27-29, 1988	Winter Meeting	Williamsburg, VA
June 11-16, 1988	Annual Conference	Denver, CO
June 10-15, 1989	Annual Conference	New York, NY
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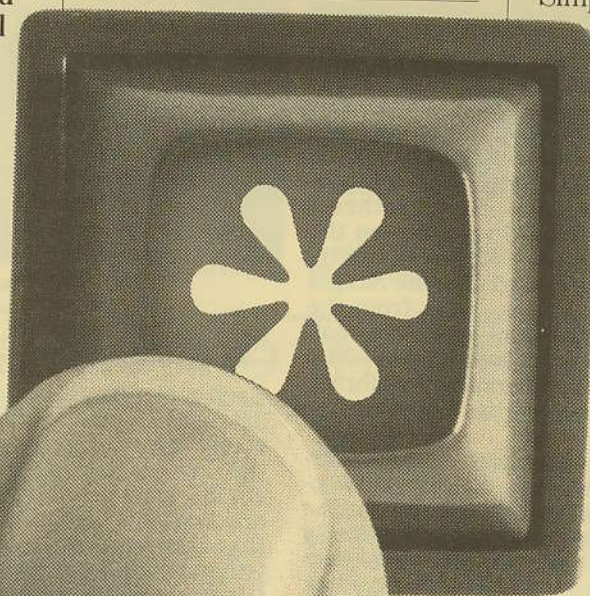
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COMPUTERIZED FULL-TEXT NEWS DATABASE

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The Daily Breeze Library

Since the early 1970s, when full-text newspaper library systems began to appear, the *Union-Tribune* Library has been watching their progress with interest. By 1978 it became apparent that such systems were working well in some situations.

In 1978 the U-T Library submitted its first proposal for a full-text library system and over the next three years continued to monitor the progress of various systems. In 1981 Digital Equipment Corporation and Battelle Memorial Institute began a joint project to develop a full-text, free-text newspaper library system at The *Daily Oklahoman* and the *Oklahoma City Times* using BASIS software running on a VAX. In November 1981, the library became operational.

In April 1982, Trevor Wallis came to the *Union-Tribune* as Director of Computer Systems. With his arrival considerable progress toward an on-line library system began. Under his direction contacts were made with Copley Computer Services about available space on their DECsystem-10s. It was determined that the system in Springfield, Illinois, had excess capacity. With this determination the plan to expand the system to include the libraries from other Copley Newspapers materialized.

In January 1983, the Copley Press began a three-month test to load the Battelle BASIS software on the DECsystem-10 at CCS, Illinois. The test proved highly successful and the staff proceeded, with Eugene Skopal of CCS writing a filter program to take data from the U-T front end system and translate it to BASIS format. During this same period equipment was acquired by CCS, the U-T and The *Daily Breeze* to make the library system a reality, and initial training of the library staffs began.

On December 5, 1983, CCS began successfully capturing and filtering data, and after three weeks of intensive training the U-T library went live with both *The Union* and *The Tribune*. In March of 1984, *The Daily Breeze* followed suit, and since that time all three papers have successfully captured each edition with the system.

Updating the database is facilitated by cooperation among several departments. After the paper leaves the composing room floor, the news desk and various editorial sections send their stories to a holding area in the front end system where the librarians then prepare the stories for inputting into the database. This preparation consists of checking that the stories that appeared in the paper have indeed been sent to the library and enhancing the stories with additional index terms to facilitate later retrieval.

Once the librarians have prepared the stories, computer-services personnel take over. They pull a computer tape containing the day's stories from the editorial system and transmit the data via phone lines to Copley Computer Services where the DECsystem-10 computers are housed.

Computer operators then add the stories to the permanent database. This is done in the middle of the night after the deadline for the morning editions has passed.



Photo: Union-Tribune Publishing Co.

The *Union-Tribune* Library makes the technological leap from clips to bytes.

Each morning the librarians check the newly updated database to make sure that the stories have been accurately recorded in the permanent database. Mistakes are then corrected using an editing component in the BASIS software. Within 24 hours of publication stories are available on the library system. This is far less time than was required to mark, cut and file newspaper clips. Other advantages are far-reaching. In the manual clip file system, the librarian had to choose three of four major subjects under which a story would be indexed. All clippings would then be filed, then refiled after each use. Often files were lost or misplaced, causing problems for staff writers working under deadlines.

With the on-line library system, virtually all words occurring in a story are searchable. This full-text capacity greatly increases the number of ways to locate stories. Filing (and misfiling) becomes a thing of the past, as the database automatically retrieves stories on a particular subject starting with the most current story first. Because information is stored electronically, stories no longer get lost and a reporter no longer has to wait for a file to be returned by another if the same story is sought.

In addition to searching on any significant word, stories can be located in the system through a variety of other access points. These include searching by date of publication, by byline, by the type of story (e.g., letter to the editor, editorial, analysis, etc.) by page number

and section, and by many other elements. These elements can also be combined for a more efficient search. Searches can be made by using a combination of words in the text, date, byline, section, etc. This helps to narrow the search down to the most relevant stories. Once stories are located they can be displayed on the terminal and printed out online printers, saving everyone the drudgery of photocopying odd-sized clips.

In addition to the efficient retrieval of past stories, the library database system has other uses as well. Editors can use it to monitor the number of wire stories being run versus those produced by staffers; the Photography Department can keep a running count of stories published in their individual sections.

Currently, staffers at all daily Copley newspapers have access to stories from *The Daily Breeze* and the San Diego newspapers. Library terminals have been installed in their newsrooms to facilitate access to stories.

In January of 1985 the Copley Computer Services (La Jolla, California) system was significantly upgraded, and at that time the entire BASIS Library was moved to California.

Although the library system contains only stories published in *The Union*, *The Tribune*, and *The Daily Breeze*, it is clearly a step toward expanding resources of all the Copley papers. As the system gradually expands, the *News-Pilot* and *Evening Outlook* stories also will be added to the Copley West databases. This is the first operating automated newspaper storage retrieval system on the west coast. The Copley newspapers in Illinois are now coming online beginning with the *Springfield State-Journal Register* in Summer of 1985.

To complement the Copley library systems, full-text access to outside publications is also made possible through Mead Data Central's NEXIS retrieval system, VU/TEXT, REDI Search, Dow-Jones and other databases, making it possible to retrieve entire articles from other newspapers, magazines, wire services, and newsletters.

The proliferation of information in the form of computerized databases is transforming the library from a place to file clippings to a far-reaching information resource center, a transformation which directly affects the newspaper.

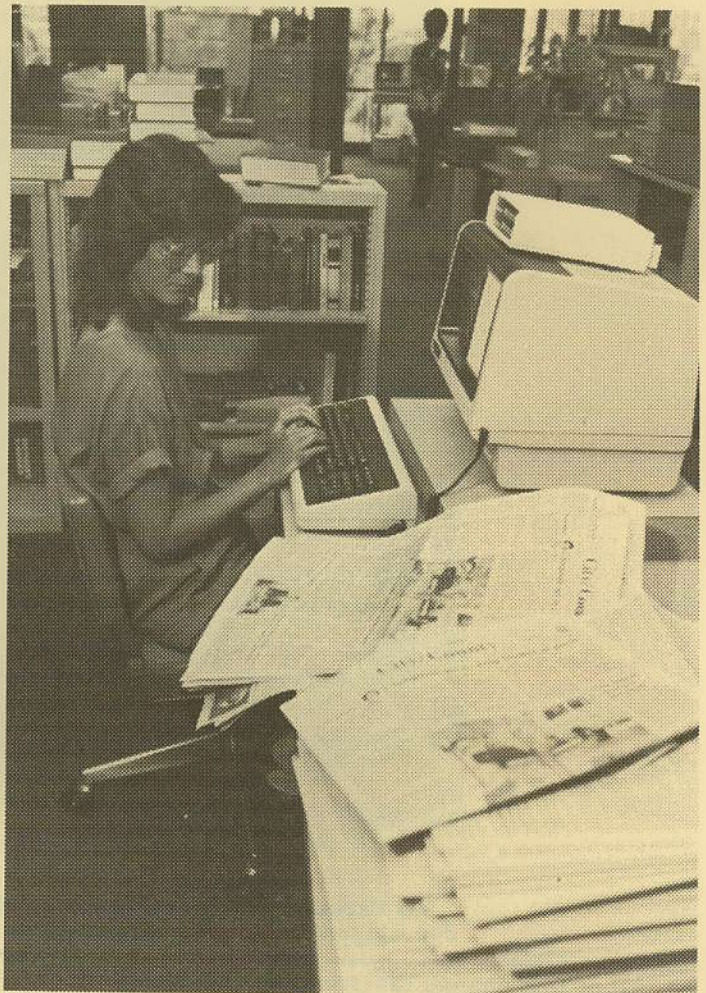


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Librarian Therese Hannon searches the Union-Tribune database.

AUTOMATION AND THE LIBRARY STAFF

By Sharon Stewart Reeves
San Diego Union-Tribune

The *San Diego Union-Tribune* went online 5 December 1983 using Battelle BASIS software running on a Digital Equipment Corp. System 10 computer.

At the time we had a staff of 18.5 permanent employees and one long term temporary. We continued to mark the papers for nine months because we had a number of system problems.

Since we didn't have extra staff for the conversion period, our online people also had to continue marking. Initially we were dealing with four editions of the morning paper, the *San Diego Union*, each day and three editions of *The Tribune*. We were keeping an average of 300 stories each day from the two papers. Many members of the staff feared that automation would replace them. Happily that fear was soon laid to rest. Our staff has, in fact, increased.

Before going online we spent about three weeks training ten staffers to do the online editing. One of our systems people came in one day to train the Library staff. After the first ten minutes eyes began to glaze and by

the end of the afternoon ten people looked very confused. At that point, my assistant and I took over the training and people began to take a real interest. In time all ten became competent online editors. As one would expect, some are better at it than others and some like it better than others.

At this point, our markers, turned online editors, were getting virtually all of my attention and a great deal of the systems people's attention.

Not too surprisingly, the reference people were feeling overworked and left out. To them the online work looked very glamorous and they were seeing no end result. Within a few weeks when the database began to grow, they started to see there was a lot in it for them too, and it really was going to make their work easier. The most convincing event occurred one morning when *The Tribune* called on deadline and asked for a quote they thought had appeared in a very long (over 1 million characters) article we had run. One of the staff went online and came up with the quote in seconds.

To further aid the reference staff, we also started adding commercial databases, and since the reference people use these databases extensively, they, rather than the online staff, are our expert searchers. (continued)

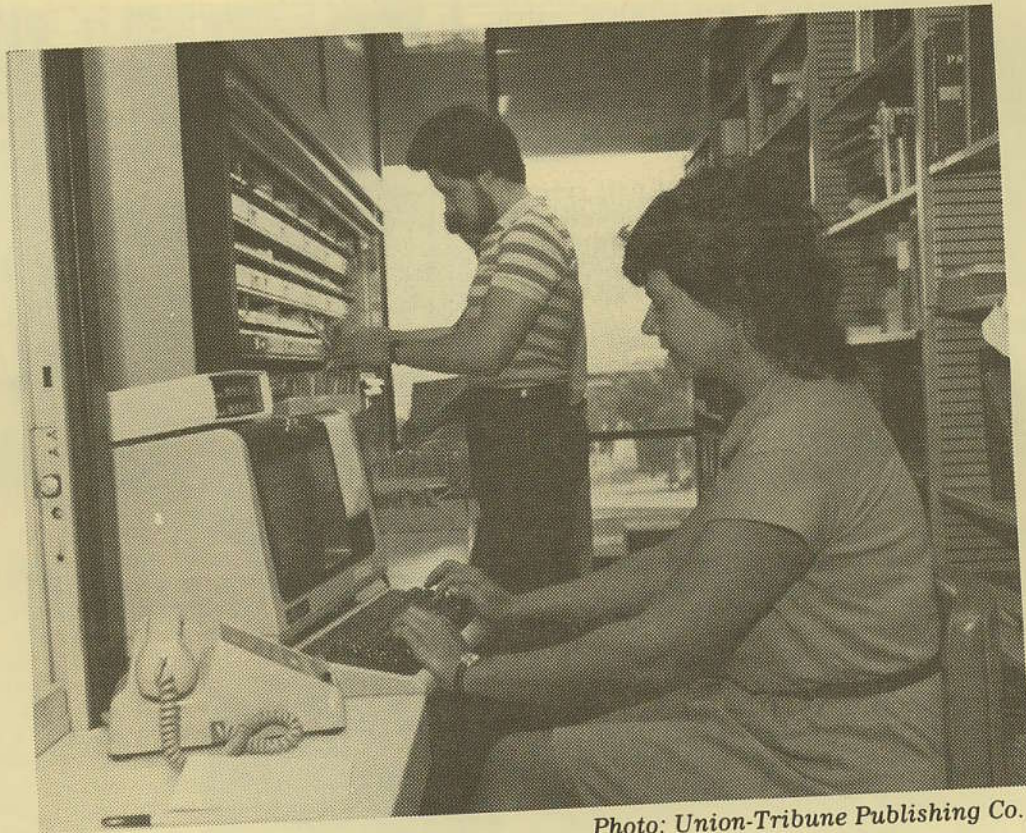


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Liz Rachun searches the online news database system while **Carlos Angeles** and **Joe Ammons** search the old clip files.

All of this change did create stress. Everyone was learning new skills; overtime which had pretty much voluntary suddenly became mandatory; and, since we were dependent upon four different computer systems and long distance telephone lines, there was frequently a feeling of things being out of our control.

We have changed our job specifications since we went online. For online workers, we now require a B.A., good typing (60-65 wpm) and online word processing experience. It is a combination that is a bit hard to find, but the people we have hired who meet those qualifications, have proven to be excellent staff members. For reference staff we require a B.A., typing of 45 wpm, good English skills and library experience is desirable.

We are now hiring people with marketable skills and we are teaching them more skills; it is necessary to pay them well or lose them. We are now in the midst of contract negotiations with **Newspaper Guild**, and better salaries for the Library staff will be included.

We were able to add some new office furniture specifically designed for use with VDTs, and we created special quiet cubicles for online work. We have recently gotten new ergonomically designed chairs. Special lighting filters and anti-glare screens compensate for some lighting problems, and the staff seems quite comfortable.

Many members of the staff were concerned about the possible health consequences of intensive VDT use. Our technical support staff checks the terminals regularly for radiation emissions and they arranged a demonstration of the emissions given off by other items with which we come into contact regularly: a color TV, fluorescent lights, etc. I might add that since we went online two of our online editors have had healthy babies.

Work schedules did not change drastically for our staff. The worst problems have been weekends and holidays because everyone now has to work more of them.

At one point last spring when my assistant and I were wrestling with the vacation schedule, the weekend schedule, the holiday schedule, the online schedule the weekly work schedule, we threatened to ask for a full time person to do scheduling.

The scheduling remains somewhat of a problem, but most of the rest of the chaos is beginning to dissipate.

The conversion to an online system has been not an unmixed blessing, but overall, it has been a positive experience with all involved learning new skills and gaining confidence.

As well as a very useful system, the automation has had some interesting side effects. The Library has become much more visible. We have met people from other departments with whom we previously had no contact. Other departments have begun to consider the Library in making changes and decisions. Along with this visibility has come increased respect.

Did we do it right? It worked, but there are some things I would change, do differently, or not do if I had it to do again.

- * 1. Get intensive training for myself ahead of time.
- * 2. Have software supplier assist with training.
- * 3. Refuse systems people to stampede me into doing things before I was ready.
- * 4. Plan on everything happening at least two months after it is scheduled to happen.
- * 5. Make more of an effort earlier to make the reference people feel important and included.



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REGIONAL WORKSHOP REPORT



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REGIONAL SEMINARS RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The list of successful regional seminars continues to grow, thanks to the energy and initiative of Newspaper Division members, and the generosity of sponsoring organizations -- press associations, library schools, and newspapers. The Division has strongly encouraged these efforts, and now can offer some monetary assistance as well. A surplus of \$600.00 from the workshop in Waukegan last spring has been donated and matched by the Division, so that we have \$1200 available as seed money for regionals. Grants of \$200.00 for each seminar can be made on application to the Executive Board, and used for expenses such as advance mailings.

In addition, there is a packet of information on seminar organizing available from the ANPA library (The Newspaper Center, Box 17407, Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C. 20041), that can be enormously helpful in planning the details. Librarians who have put on seminars will be glad to help you with specific questions if you call or write them. A partial list includes **Barbara Apple, Diane Miller, Ellie Briscoe, Harish Trivedi, Louise LeGette, Homer Martin, Lany McDonald and Bev Russell.**

Regional seminars are reaching news librarians all over the country, as well as library staff people who are unable to attend the national conferences. The seminars represent what most of us have come to value as the



spirit of the News Division - an eagerness to share, to offer support and encouragement to our colleagues.

If there has not been a workshop or seminar in your area in the past few years, the need is there. With the assistance and advice available from the Division, and some hard work on your part, you can make a truly worthwhile contribution to newspaper librarianship.

KENT STATE NEWS LIBRARY SEMINAR

The Newspaper Division and the Kent State University School of Library Science are co-sponsoring a three-day workshop in Columbus, Ohio, on August 8, 9, and 10, 1985.

Harish Trivedi, Director, Reference & Research Services, *Dayton Newspapers, Inc.* will coordinate the workshop entitled "News/Media Libraries: New Developments."

Guest speakers will include:

- **Kathy Foley**, Chair, Newspaper Division, SLA and Chief Librarian, *The Houston Post*
- **Patty Graziano**, Library Director, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*
- **Joy Hill**, Picture Librarian, *USA Today*
- **James J. Hunter**, Librarian, *Columbus Dispatch*
- **Homer E. Martin, Jr.**, Chief Librarian, *Bergen (NJ) Evening Record Corp.*

Topics will include reference services and books, subject classification and subject headings, photo collections, practical applications of micros, automation and information retrieval, microfilm equipment, formats and applications.

There will be a tour of the *Columbus Dispatch* and demonstrations of NEXIS and Battelle/BASIS electronic information systems.

The 18 hour seminar will offer 1½ college credits. Descriptive brochures have been prepared and mailed to 13,000 library school students and faculty members. Another brochure will be sent to Division members as well as distributed at the Ohio ANPA meeting this summer. Attendees are specially solicited from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan and western Pennsylvania. Harish informs us that the Division has undertaken no financial responsibility in this joint venture. We are responsible for program planning and providing instructors/speakers. Kent State will reimburse speakers for travel expenses. As of early June, 21 people have registered.

For complete information on registration please contact: **Dr. Mary K. Biagini**, Coordinator of Continuing Education, School of Library Science, Kent State University at (216) 672-2783.

MICROCOMPUTERS

News Library Micros

News library micro users are back to work from SLA-Winnipeg, after an instructive and exhilarating conference, abounding with microcomputer applications ideas, thought-provoking examples and exhibits, and tales of "How we done it good (with a PC) at the (blank) library."

There was no formal microcomputer program in the Newspaper Division program this year, just informal conversations and Division Suite tale-swapping. There was a signup sheet in the Suite, for current micro owners, which got healthy response, an indication that our specialized group is indeed moving towards this area of new technology application.

My current, very unscientific survey of current News Library micro installations:

Anchorage Daily News

Columbia Missourian

Chicago Sun-Times

Chicago Tribune

Dallas Morning News

Durham Herald-Sun

Los Angeles Herald

Minneapolis Star & Tribune

Providence Journal

Syracuse Newspapers

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Watertown Daily Times

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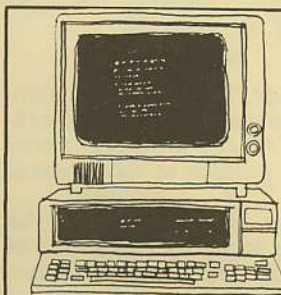
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By: ERNEST PEREZ
Chicago Sun-Times

I'd appreciate hearing from news library micro owners/users/hopefuls that I have omitted. I am starting a database file (of course) of news library PC applications, and would be happy to refer inquirers to other people with similar hardware, software, and applications.

MICRO INTEREST IN WINNIPEG

Library micro interest was evident throughout Conference meetings and exhibits. There were numerous meetings devoted to the subject, an organizational meeting of a micro SIG (couldn't make it myself, because of a Division program conflict), and lots of informal, suite, and barroom conversations devoted to the subject.

There was a healthy sprinkling of micro software in the exhibits. Not much hardware marketing action, since hardware is so much a standard mass-market commodity. But, there is nowhere better to exhibit and advertise "vertical market" specialized software and applications, than a professional conference or publication.

Many of our standard library vendors, jobbers, database suppliers, etc., are offering micro wares of one type or another, as a specialized product area. There is also a healthy group of library software specialists, offering turn-key systems running the gamut from "total library automation," to specialized packages for such functions as database communication & downloading, newspaper indexing, serials control, OCLC interface, and acquisitions. You name it.

SEARCH STRATEGY AUTOMATION

In the exhibits area, I was most impressed by SCI-MATE, database searching software shown by Institute for Scientific Information. This software offered intelligent interface to the tap database networks, including BRS, DIALOG, ORBIT, and others. Totally automatic entry and searching of ISI's own four database files, of course, as well as 11 other popular databases. SCI-MATE lets you roll-your-own specialized database interaction definitions, by defining unique field specifications, special print formats, search terms, and other specialized characteristics which will let you automate searching you own favorite databases.

Using a menu, you can enter a search query while offline, by choosing from simple English alternatives, e.g., "Specify this name in the author field." As you define the search logic, the correct search query IN THE CORRECT LANGUAGE AND SYNTAX FOR THE CHOSEN DATABASE NETWORK appears at the top of the screen. Logon, transmission of the queries, and downloading is a totally automated process. You can also store queries for regular or occasional reuse.

The ISI menu approach is excellent, thoughtful, and direct. It doesn't get in the way of thinking our and creating a logical query. Menlo Inc.'s IN-SEARCH, the first product of this type, was the pioneer of this software type, but they got into near-video-game graphic glitziness, which I feel got in the way of a direct and effective approach. IN-SEARCH was really aimed at inexperienced end users (database Yuppies, masters of their own fate, with lots of money to burn in vaguely thought-out searches). In Winnipeg, Menlo exhibited a stripped-down and cleaned-up new version of the product, aimed at the information professional. It's much more direct, with some nice features, but still lacks the simple elegance of ISI's SCI-MATE.

Experienced searchers may sneer at "search helper" software, but I detect a bit of job security fear in their objections. They are denying the usefulness of a legitimate aid which can: 1) Enhance searcher productivity and online connect time and expense. I mean, we DID turn away from printed indexes to embrace online searching, for the same two reasons. We were not too proud, after all, to adapt to electric typewriters, automatic transmissions, or vacuum cleaners, with perhaps the same application of lazy, but efficient logic.

More on specific news micro applications, next issue. I invite your communications and requests for topic coverage....

REGIONAL SEMINARS: WAUKEGAN STYLE



by Barbara Apple
The News-Sun
Waukegan, IL

April 20, 1985

I felt like the mother of the bride. Ten months of planning had gone into the first Newspaper Library Workshop ever held at *The News-Sun*. All the work and worry were behind me and only the excitement of the moment remained.

As I stepped up to the podium, I looked around the room at 53 people, professionals in many capacities of the newspaper industry. They had come from 10 states to participate in this event. I was overwhelmed by what my committee and I had accomplished.

"Welcome. I am Barbara Apple, Librarian here at *The News-Sun*. Your response to this workshop has far surpassed our wildest expectations."

The project had begun with an innocent call from my friend and colleague, **Diane Miller**, Librarian at the Bloomington, Illinois *Daily Pantagraph*. She came right to the point. "Do you think your newspaper would be willing to co-sponsor a library workshop with you and I as co-chairmen? We could put together a five state committee with no problem." She made it sound so easy.

I did not think it was the opportune time to approach our editor or publisher with such a request. But why not humor Diane? I typed a project proposal which included the "what, when, why and how" and estimated costs and turned it over to my editor, knowing I had done my professional duty. Imagine my shock when the "project"—as it came to be known—was approved!

If the following sounds a bit exaggerated, believe me, it is the whole truth.

The project committee said "yes" without hesitation and took care of all the mailings and publicity in their states with their papers absorbing the cost. Let me list the members of the committee: **Bridget Janus**, *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, IA; **Ronald Larson**, *Wisconsin State Journal*, Madison, WI; **David Larzelere**, *Flint Journal*, Flint, MI; **Barbara Newcombe**, *Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL; **Rosalina Stier**, *Journal Gazette*, Fort Wayne, IN.

The specifics of the workshop were as follows: There were 48 paid, 7 complimentary and 4 students for a total of 59 registered at \$25 per person. For the fee they received coffee, rolls, soft drinks, lunch, folders and all materials. The workshop was held at *The News-Sun* building with lunch at a restaurant across the street, which was convenient, as no transportation was needed.

Room reservations were made at the Holiday Inn, Gurnee, IL. Along with special room rates it provided transportation to and from the workshop on Saturday.

The News-Sun was most hospitable and on Friday evening hosted a wonderful cocktail party at the Holiday Inn. They also absorbed the cost of the flyers and offered four student "scholarships."

Our program for the day went beautifully and right on schedule. We allowed a half hour for coffee and ar-

rivals. Our program began at 9:30 - right on time.

The speakers were our pride and joy. We had some of the most dynamic, dedicated and professional people in the field. It was a wonderful experience to listen to them all.

After a brief welcome, **Richard Ploch** of *Palm Beach Newspapers* set the pace with his witty and informative topic of "Management and Library Newsroom Communications." He was followed by **Ernest Perez** of *Chicago Sun Times* on "Microcomputer Applications for Newspaper Libraries." After a break and coffee, **Judith Halper**, *Chicago Sun Times*, spoke on "Reference Collections."

Lunch followed and witty **Carolyn Hardnett**, *Chicago Tribune* Washington Bureau, Washington D.C., began her luncheon address with the tale of her strange arrival at O'Hare Airport and her trip to Gurnee. (This is a story worthy of another article.)

We then regrouped and split up into two sections - one to view the Basis Library System at *The News-Sun*, demonstrated by **Sharon Reeves**, *San Diego Union-Tribune*, and the other to see how *The News-Sun* library functions. (If you ever open your library to other newspaper librarians, make sure everything is in tip-top order. Never have I seen cabinets, files, drawers and anything else that was movable opened and examined with such gusto!

Our final afternoon session was "Information Please! Everything you always wanted to know about news libraries but were afraid to ask." **Barbara Semonche**, *Durham Herald Co.*, led the discussion and it was an informative and fitting conclusion to a stimulating day.

We had an enthusiastic group of participants which was evident in the response to our evaluations. Also, the letters of thanks to Diane and me and our publishers were overwhelming.

For those of you who might be thinking of sponsoring a regional seminar, we have prepared a **HANDBOOK** on what we did and included examples of all our materials.

Diane is going to be busy for the next couple of years as Newspaper Division Chair, but as for me, I plan to rest on my laurels and that should be good for at least the next five years.



Co-chairs for the Waukegan Regional Seminar, **Barbara Apple** and **Diane Miller**, add their welcome to arriving participants.

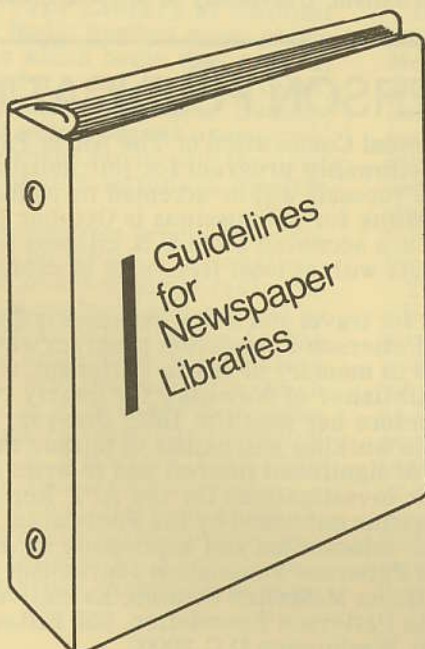


Newspaper librarians, publishers, editors, journalism instructors, public librarians and students gathered at the *News-Sun* building in Waukegan, Illinois April 20 for a day-long News

Library Workshop. There were 59 participants in the workshop, co-sponsored by the *News-Sun* and the Newspaper Division of the Special Libraries Association.

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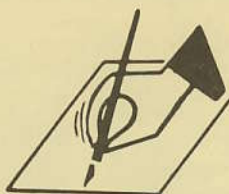
Express Interest in Newspaper Division

Dear Editor,

As a member of the board of the Dutch equivalent organisation as your Newspaper Library Division, the Vereniging van Persen Omroepdocumentalisten, I would prefer to know more about the activities of your organisation.

On various occasions I have met members of the Newspaper Division Branch of your Special Libraries Association and they have made me very curious about those activities and publications.

If there is a special info-magazine I would be very interested to receive one.



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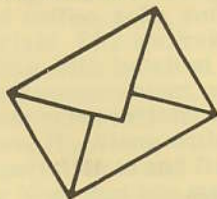
Dear Ms. Semonche,

While in Boston on vacation I visited the Library of the *Boston Globe* and was referred by their head librarian, Ms. Shirley Jobe to you for further help and information.

I am an American, a Simmons College MLS graduate living and working in West Berlin. Presently, I am engaged in putting together a newspaper library for a small national newspaper, "*die Tageszeitung*". Being alone in this endeavor I am professionally isolated and need to open some new channels of communication. The SLA Newspaper Division seems to be one good starting point. I don't know if becoming a member makes sense for me living so far away. Do you have any members in Europe? I would enjoy however, receiving your newsletter, publications etc. to keep me up-to-date. Perhaps you have a bibliography of books and articles concerning this branch of librarianship so new to me. Are there a few standard works which I should begin with?

Of course, I have begun making contacts here, yet in the USA our profession is further developed than here and the direction of change is being determined in America.

I look forward to hearing from you and many thanks for your time and consideration.



Sincerely,

Randy Kaufman
Gervinusstr 19a
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West Germany
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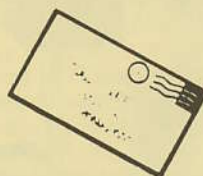
(Editor's note: The Newspaper Division responded with membership brochures, GUIDELINES order forms, A/V information, complimentary issues of *News Library News* and invitations to attend our conferences and write our members abroad.)

Dear Ms. Semonche,

I am the Head Librarian of a Newspaper Group serving the North East of England.

As you may know, in England there is no comparable body to the SLA Newspaper Division. Therefore, I would be very interested to learn more of the work of the Division, and, if possible see a sample copy of your Newsletter.

I hope that you will be able to help me in this matter.



Yours sincerely,
P. Chapman
Head Librarian
North of England Newspapers
Westminster Press Limited
10th July 1985

RECOMMENDED READING

The *Seybold Report*, vol. 14, no. 20, published information about videodiscs and libraries. Several vendors are mentioned as well brief descriptions of systems. Prices are also listed. This is a useful article for news librarians' files. The future awaits, but not for long.

Publishers Auxiliary, from **National Newspapers Association**, published an article in the May 20, 1985 issue that addressed health issues surrounding video display terminals. The establishment of a clearinghouse for VDT information is announced with information about who and where to make contact.

For those newspaper librarians uninformed about the *IRE Journal*, it is not too late to become a subscriber. The focus is on investigative reporting, but there is much to assist the investigative news librarian. The *IRE Journal* is published quarterly. Subscription rate is \$15. Contact IRE headquarters in 26 Walter Williams Hall, School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Columbia. 65205.

PATTERSON FOUNDATION

The 21st Annual Competition of The Alicia Patterson Foundation fellowship program for journalists opens June 1, 1985. Proposals will be accepted throughout the summer. Deadline for submissions is October 1, 1985. Applications are accepted from U.S. citizens who are print journalists with at least five years of professional experience.

The stipend for travel and living expenses is \$25,000.

The Alicia Patterson Foundation program was established in 1965 in memory of Alicia Patterson, who was editor and publisher of *Newsday* for nearly twenty-three years before her death in 1963. One-year grants are awarded to working journalists to pursue independent projects of significant interest and to write articles based on their investigations for the APF Reporter, a quarterly magazine published by the Foundation.

For program information and application for the 21st Annual Alicia Patterson Foundation Journalism Fellowships, write: Helen McMaster Coulson, Executive Director, The Alicia Patterson Foundation, 655 Fifteenth St NW, Suite 320, Washington, D.C. 20005.

1985 STUDENT STIPEND WINNER!



CHRISTINE S. MALESKY



Christine Shields Malesky of Washington, DC is the 1985 winner of the Newspaper Division's Student Stipend Award. The stipend is offered annually to enable a graduate student interested in news librarianship to attend the Special Libraries Association conference. This year the \$1,000 stipend is sponsored jointly by the Newspaper Division of SLA and Bell & Howell. The stipend will be presented at the conference held in Winnipeg, Canada.

Christine is currently a student in the library and information science program at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. She also works in the tape library of National Public radio where her responsibilities include cataloging, indexing and retrieving news, music, and drama programs.

Christine has already been involved in SLA and the Newspaper Division. An article she authored on her experience as a broadcast library intern appeared in the Fall 1984 edition of *NEWS LIBRARY NEWS* and she has had another accepted for publication in the Summer 1985 edition of *SPECIAL LIBRARIES*. Her professional goals in the area of broadcast librarianship are based on experience in broadcast administration and organizational skills she feels are well suited to librarianship.

June 1985

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THE TAPE LIBRARY AT THE NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

"My friend told me about an interview with an author on *ALL THINGS CONSIDERED*, but he forgets the name and the book title..."

The Tape Library at National Public Radio handles many phone queries which begin that way, or, "I heard a piece, in 1983 I think, about nuclear weapons..." Usually, though perseverant prompting, the librarians can identify the news pieces which listeners inquire about.

Every program produced or distributed by NPR - a national network of noncommercial radio stations - is cataloged and indexed by a librarian who listens to the program and enters information about it into the computer. Each element of each of the daily news programs (*MORNING EDITION* and *ALL THINGS CONSIDERED*), for example receives a unique identification number, title, two subject keywords, and entries for timing, format, geographic areas, language, persons

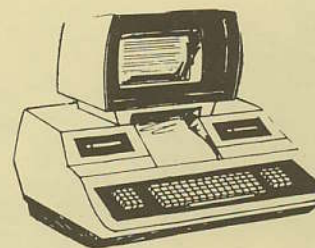
poken to or about, and reporter/producer. Information since 1981 is online, 1979-84 is available in printouts of major fields, and 1971-79 is on microfiche.

Besides answering listeners' vague questions, librarians **Margot McGann** and **Frederica Kushner** and technician **Beth Schulz** also help reporters find news pieces, sound effects and historic recordings, assist freelancers to compile portfolios of their work, and occasionally provide subject printouts for scholars or suggest elements for "Best of..." programs.

The greatest challenge can come when an obituary must be prepared quickly for the evening news. How much material is there; which pieces include him/her speaking; can we find good quotes? everyone might work on it together, checking the computer or printouts, locating the tapes, suggesting appropriate background music. A librarian's memory of what was covered in a two-year-old news interview often

saves much time in a tight situation.

Tape librarians have a responsibility similar to that of their newspaper counterparts: meeting the varied information needs of reporters with speed and accuracy, and with grace under pressure.



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WINNIPEG CONFERENCE PHOTOS



Jackie Chamberlain and Joan Douglas



Jim Scofield and Louise LeGette



Ann Sausedo, Nan Stoddard and Andy Ippolito



Mead Data Central's "rap session" with news librarians on NEXIS.



Paddlewheel boat travelers: (left to right) Anne Leggett, Lou Thomas, Joy Hill, Straw Thomas, Dargan Richards and Lany McDonald.



Carolyn J. Hardnett



Hard at work even while dining are (left to right): **Jim Scofield**, **Carolyn Hardnett**, and **Judy Gerritts Canter**.



Lou Thomas



Rapt participants at packed program.



Decorating **Paul Stoddard's** lapel is **Jo Kirks**.

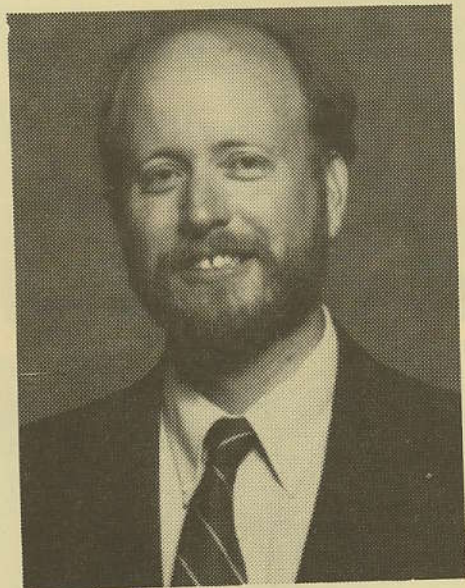


Judy Gerritts Canter



The view from the top of the Awards Banquet cocktail reception hosted by **University Microfilm, Inc.**

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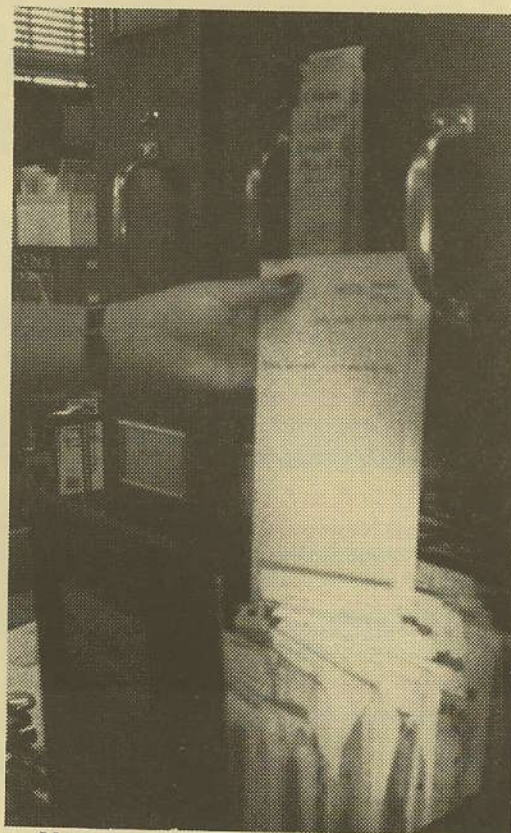


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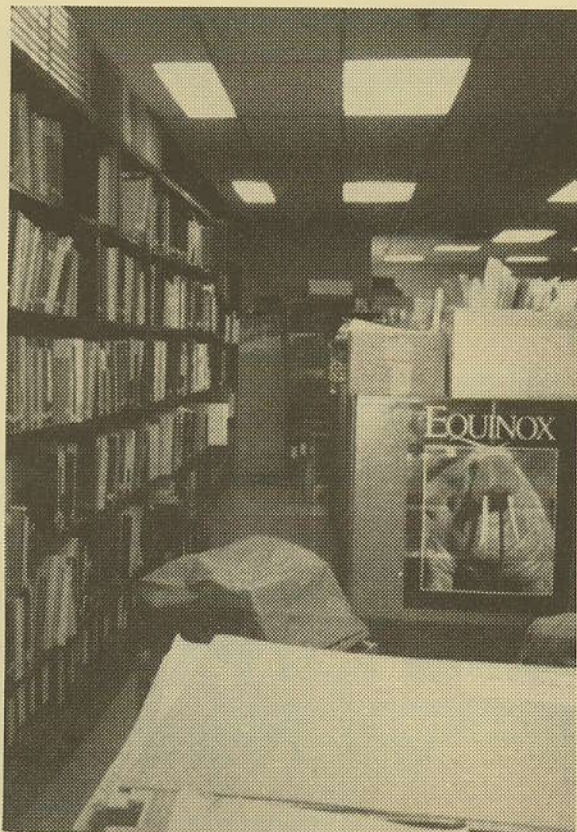
WINNIPEG FREE PRESS LIBRARY



Library staffer collating clips. Note subject authority list on line-dex. *Winnipeg Free Press* library was founded circa 1926. Presently, the library has a staff of 3½.



News clippings are folded and filed vertically.



The extensive reference collection is located close to the clipping files. Not shown is the large microfiche clipping collection. Microficheing is done inhouse.



Photo clippings are arranged in a scrapbook for convenient reference. The library boasts a very valuable Western Canadian historical photo collection with a detailed index.

'Who Is Running This Show?'

CHAIR: Kathy Foley, *Houston Post Library*, 4747 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77001, (713) 840-5830.

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