Tech. Services at CLA

THE PROGRAM  Plans are well under way for a day-long program at the CLA annual conference, to be held this year in San Francisco at the Hilton Hotel (Dolores/Cabrillo Room). Two sessions are planned to address a topic of major importance and widespread interest: the status of periodical and serials union lists in California. The intent of the morning session (9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon) will be to identify what sort of activities currently exist, what problems are being addressed, and what types of communication might be needed to improve serials control. Although serials activities are dominated by academic libraries, it is important to consider the relevance of public and special libraries in discussing union lists, bibliographic and holdings standards, and physical serials control. Elaine Woods will be the keynote speaker. She will be followed by brief presentations from a number of speakers who work with various projects throughout the state. The intent of the morning session is to be informative to those who work with serials on a daily basis as well as to the generalist who is curious about what is being done currently.

After a lunch break, the session will reconvene at 2:00 P.M. with a number of small discussion workshops. The topics will be:

1) The role of CONSER
2) Form of entry and cataloging practices
3) Bibliographic and holding standards
4) The role of special, public and multi-type library consortia
5) Bibliographic utilities and the serials union list

There should be opportunity for everyone to attend and participate in 2 of these groups.

Shortly after the conclusion of the day's meeting, the CLA Technical Services Chapter is planning an informal open house (5:30 to 7:00 P.M., Embarcadero Room, Hilton Hotel). We hope to offer a chance to have members meet and mingle. Sounds good to me! Won't you join us? Time: Saturday, December 8, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

--Patricia M. Thomas
Burlingame Public Library

THE BUSINESS MEETING  Although our by-laws require the officers to hold a business meeting at the annual conference, unfortunately the members aren't bound by any such stricture to attend. By definition a business meeting must cover reports of the year's activities, finances, and membership. This needn't be dull or one-sided as long as... continued on page 3
California was well-represented at the ALA/RTSD Preconference on AACR II this past June in Dallas. In accepting the invitation to attend the preconference, each participant agreed to act as a resource person in his/her area on AACR II. The following is the official list of the California participants as received from ALA/RTSD. For more information on the preconference, or on AACR II, contact one of the participants in your area.

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THE BUSINESS MEETING, CON'T.

we have some dialogue with members in the audience. Did you think the CIP workshop was valuable or a waste of time? Do you want to initiate a survey of some project? How can we recruit more members? Want to talk to the Tech Notes editor about your ideas for our newsletter?

The annual business meeting shouldn't be a pro forma activity. We have allowed 2 hours for participation. Come and join the discussion. Time: Sunday, December 9, 10:00 A.M. to 12 noon.

-- Pat Del Mar
Long Beach Public Library

ELECTIONS: FOR THE 1980 OFFICERS

The nominating committee, composed of Dorothy MacGarry, UCLA, Priscilla Peters, CSU Stanislaus, and Rannie Reith, LAPL, studied our roster, talked with the members and came up with a slate of candidates for 1980. The ballots will have reached you before this newsletter, and the winners will be introduced at both meetings at the CLA annual conference in San Francisco. Since Technical Services is a state-wide chapter, the bylaws were written to insure geographic representation with 2 vice-presidents (1 North and 1 South) serving as president in succession. If you understood the preceding sentence you are either an officer or wrote the bylaws! Confusing though it sounds, it recognizes that to mount both an annual conference which rotates north and south and workshops the officers must be dispersed throughout the state. Service as an officer requires a commitment in both time and money from the officers, because board meetings require flying to some "convenient" city several times a year. Please give the 1980 officers your cooperation and support in the coming year.

-- Pat Del Mar
Long Beach Public Library

AUTOMATION: A STATE-WIDE CLEARINGHOUSE?

Having recently completed a study on alternative online cataloging systems for my library, I realized that I was probably reinventing the wheel. Many libraries in the last decade have been faced with the problem of whether or not to automate some aspect of their operations. Each of these libraries has undoubtedly done its own study on the feasibility of automating. It might be valuable to institute some sort of a state-wide clearinghouse on automation projects, so that these studies would be available to others considering the same kind of move. Any interest in this sort of project? Perhaps this issue could be discussed at the annual business meeting in December at CLA. If you cannot attend the business meeting but are interested in an automation projects clearinghouse, please contact me.

-- Sue Metzger
University of San Diego

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 1980

Items for the next issue of Tech Notes should be mailed to Sue Metzger, 510 15th Street, Del Mar, California 92014 by March 1, 1980.
REPORTS: ON TWO RECENT CONFERENCES

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CIP WORKSHOP:

I don't know about the rest of you, but speaking as a program chairman I am really ready to breathe a sigh of relief when the "big event" is over. I am happy if 1) attendance has been adequate to cover expenses, 2) all the speakers showed up, 3) the audio system functioned, and 4) no major glitch occurred in the meal service. However, none of these considerations have much bearing on how valuable the meeting was for those who attended; that is where the evaluation forms enter the picture. And indeed, such information may very well be the only guidelines that a program chairman has to rely on when planning future events. Hence I was gratified to see that at the workshop held May 18th of this year at Hayward State University seemed to satisfy the expectations of those 139 persons who attended. The workshop was co-sponsored by the Technical Services Chapter of CLA and the NCTPG (Northern California Technical Processes Group) and featured two segments. The morning session was a consideration of Collection Development with 3 speakers, Norman Dudley (UCLA), Paul Mosher (Stanford University) and Michael Breuer (CLASS). They were stimulating, well-prepared speakers. (For those who would like to read some material on the subject authored by two of the speakers, I refer you to the Winter, 1979 issue of Library Resources and Technical Services.)

After the lunch break, the speaker was Susan H. Vita, Head of the Cataloging in Publication Division of LC. I personally was very interested in Ms. Vita's remarks because in my position in a small public library, I depend upon the CIP information as a speedy guide for cataloging and classification. The task of her Division at LC is not an easy one, with publishers' deadlines and free-form editing of her copy by publishers or type-setters among her many hassles and pressures. Those in attendance seemed to find her presentation informative and relevant.

No matter how hard one tries, of course, one can't please all of the people all of the time, and there were some comments, both constructive and critical, which we shall certainly take into consideration in our planning for next year. To my way of thinking, perhaps the most helpful question on any evaluation form is that which asks for subjects or topics for future meetings. Those answers help the officers of any organization to respond to the needs of the group and keep the meeting current and lively.

-- Patricia M. Thomas
Burlingame Public Library

THE LITA INSTITUTE ON AUTHORITY CONTROL:

The LITA (Library and Information Technology Association) Institute on Authority Control held at Los Angeles on September 16-18 brought together some 240-odd individuals whose backgrounds and expertise ranged from the lowest rungs of the professional ladder through heads of catalog departments, technical services and libraries, to the realms beyond the library walls where dwell the data base vendors and the purveyors of cooperative systems. The various offerings, in like fashion, ranged in depth and breadth from the Sunday tutorial, which was intended as a background refresher, to what was for me an esoteric and (even if I could have heard all of it!) incomprehensible formulation of possible relationships between variant forms of names or titles. That sentence, incidentally, reflects my chief criticism of the Institute: too often the speakers did not use the mike, dropped their voices at the critical point of a sentence, or spoke too rapidly for full comprehension, let alone for jotting down a few pertinent notes for future reference.

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That caveat aside, I found the Institute thoroughly enjoyable and one of the most interesting and worthwhile I had ever attended. To me, and I suspect to almost everyone, some of it seemed too elementary, some just right, and some beyond my ken. In the give and take of the social breaks, which, by the way, were most enjoyable, it became clear that almost no segment of the program was without its admirers, and that LITA had indeed succeeded in presenting something for everyone, which was in itself no small accomplishment.

The speakers, an even dozen of them, led us, sometimes slowly, sometimes by quantum leaps, from the familiar and traditional to the land of unlimited linked files, instant retrieval (of almost anything by almost everyone using almost any access point) and astronomical costs.

Fortunately, Lucia Rather brought us back gently from this dream world to the mundane present with a report on the Library of Congress authority files, explaining their limitations and expectations and assuring us that they will indeed be ready soon for tape distribution to supplement or replace the printed lists.

How many miles to Barley Bright? Every school child used to know the answer to that one; let us hope that our candle-light is strong enough, and our legs are long and light enough that the lectures, fellowship and the spirit of cooperation experienced at the Institute will inspire us all to reach not Nirvana, but a user-oriented tomorrow where dreams have become realities.

(A final note - watch for publication of at least part of the papers; e.g., Michael Malinconico's paper appears on p.36ff of the September 1979 Wilson Library Bulletin. Those who so far have been unable to attend the sessions will be interested to know that a call to LITA headquarters confirms that a repeat session is being tentatively scheduled for March 1980 in Washington, D.C. Tapes, and eventually hard copy, will be available for purchase, the former probably by late spring.)

-- Ernestine Smutny
University of the Pacific

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**TIME TO RENEW**

The Technical Services Chapter is now accepting membership renewals for 1980. The dues are $3.00 per year for CLA members, and $5.00 per year for non-CLA members. Dues paid by new members joining now will be applied to 1980. Don't be left out on next year's programs - send in your 1980 membership dues now.

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