1980 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Following the election last November, these are the 1980 Officers of the California Library Association Technical Services Chapter:

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The 1980 Executive Board held its first meeting of the year on the last day of March at the Whittier Public Library. All officers were present. Mike Randall reported that the Chapter has a total of 68 members who have paid their 1980 dues, and that there is a balance of $411.35 in our bank account. The upcoming Spring workshops in the northern and southern parts of the state were discussed, as well as preliminary plans for the Chapter's program at the CLA annual conference in Pasadena next December. "File Conversion" will be the topic at Pasadena with emphasis on practical information. Tentative date and time for the program are Monday, December 8, 1980, 9-12 a.m. The Executive Board plans to meet again in late September or early October. Please contact any of the officers with your questions or suggestions for the Chapter.

--Anne Frank

1980 SPRING WORKSHOPS

The CLA Technical Services Chapter will sponsor two workshops again this Spring, one in the north and one in the south.

* "AFTER AUTOMATION"

The Southern California workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 1980, from 9:30 to 1:00, at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia. The program, "After Automation," will be devoted to discussing how to cope with changes in workflow, personnel, downtime, etc., after automating library operations. The program will deal specifically with the effects

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of automation on technical services, and will be aimed at all levels of library personnel. The program will consist of a panel discussion by representatives of academic, public, and technical libraries.

Detailed information and registration forms will be mailed out the last week of April. For more information, contact William Way, Head, Technical Services, Riverside City & County Public Library, P.O. Box 468, Riverside, Calif. 92502, (714) 787-7210.

"AACR II"

On May 23, 1980, the CLA Technical Services Chapter--northern region is co-sponsoring a workshop on AACR II with the Northern California Technical Processes Group (NCTPG). The program is slated for 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Lucie Stern Hall, Mills College in Oakland.

Paula Schwartz, RLIN, will highlight some of AACR II's knottier problems with the aid of transparencies developed for the ALA-Dallas Preconference on AACR II. In the afternoon, participants will break into small discussion groups to cover AACR II description, form of entry, and choice of access for specific types of material: non-print, music and sound recordings, serials, documents, and both limited and full option monographic cataloging. Besides working on specific examples, these discussion groups should provide a forum for solving problematic examples brought in by participants.

Registration information should be mailed to NCTPG and CLA Tech. Services Chapter members around April 18. Register early! There's only space for 144. For more information or for registration forms (should you fail to receive one) contact: Liz Dickinson, Technical Services Coordinator, Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library, 605 No. El Dorado St., Stockton, Calif. 95202 (209) 944-8380.

--Bill Way and Liz Dickinson

TECHNICAL SERVICES CHAPTER AT CLA

The Technical Services Chapter was well-represented at the annual CLA Conference in San Francisco last December. The Chapter presented an all-day program on serials databases entitled "How Do You Spell Sharing: S-E-R-I-A-L-S" on Saturday, December 8. The program was divided into two parts: the morning session was devoted to a series of speakers on serials databases; the afternoon session consisted of smaller discussion groups on various topics related to serials databases.

The participants learned that there are many serials union list projects on-going presently. Sue Tyner, from the UC Division of Library Automation, began the program by describing the grandaddy of the union lists, the CONSER project. CONSER's goal is to produce a union list of all U.S. and Canadian serials. UC is responsible for inputting the B-D portion of the alphabet, and has input 22,000 records thus far. Shere Connan, from Stanford Library, described the Title IIC project at Stanford. This is a joint project between Stanford, UCB, and UCLA to produce a union list of these three libraries' serials holdings.

Dianne Ellsworth, from CLASS, then described the CULP (California Union List of Periodicals) project. In analyzing this statewide list, it was found that over 54% of the titles are held by only one library in the state, and over 70% of the titles are held by only two libraries. This really shows the value of this list as a finding tool for rare serials titles.

Diane Reimer, CSUC Serials Editor, reported on the ...continued on page 4
One topic of discussion at the annual CLA Technical Services Chapter business meeting in December was the idea of instituting a statewide clearinghouse for library automation projects (see Tech Notes, vol. 1, nos. 3-4, Sept.-Nov., 1979, p. 3). There was quite a lot of enthusiasm expressed at the meeting for establishing some sort of a mechanism for storing and disseminating information on library automation studies. It was suggested that Requests for Proposals (RFP) also be collected and made available by the clearinghouse. It was further suggested at the meeting that the State Library might be the appropriate body to carry out the clearinghouse project, and we decided to contact Ethel Crockett.

A committee was also formed to pursue the clearinghouse idea. Committee members are: Sue Metzger, chair, Sandra Card, Martha Konopka, Dorothy McGarry, Dee Near, and Ernestine Smutny.

Shortly after the Annual CLA meeting, we were contacted by Ron Miller, Executive Director of CLASS. He expressed his support for the clearinghouse idea, and offered to help us in any way he can.

President Pat Thomas wrote to Ethel Crockett on February 1 reiterating our ideas on the clearinghouse project. On March 18, Ms. Crockett replied to our inquiry. She expressed interest in the clearinghouse project, and she has assigned two people to look into the project: Jay Cunningham, Assistant Chief of State Library Services, and Liz Gibson, recently-appointed Automation Consultant.

Ms. Crockett also informed us that CLASS' application for LSCA support included a proposal to establish an automation clearinghouse in their office in San Jose.

With the project being pursued on two fronts, it may have a chance of getting off the ground. The Automation Projects Clearinghouse Committee will keep up our contacts with the State Library staff in order to push for the realization of the project. If you have any ideas or questions on the project, please contact any member of the Committee.

--Sue Metzger
Acquisitions Dept.
UCSD University Library

JOIN OR RENEW NOW!

The CLA Technical Services Chapter exists to provide a forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and experiences on any aspect of technical services.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 1980, do it now. If you've already renewed, pass this along to a friend!

NAME: ___________________________________________ New membership □

ADDRESS: _________________________________________ Renewal □

______________________________________ CLA member - $3.00 □

______________________________________ Non-CLA member - $5.00 □

Make checks payable to: CLA Technical Services Chapter, and send them to: Michael Randall, Serials Dept., University Research Library, UCLA, Los Angeles, Calif. 90024.
CSUC Union List of Periodicals which is now in its tenth edition. This list serves primarily as a finding tool for I.L.L., rather than as a bibliographic tool.

After this review of existing serials union lists, Elaine Woods, an independent consultant on serials, gave the keynote address of the program. Ms. Woods provided us with a broader view of serials databases, which put some of the previously-described projects in perspective. She reminded us that most of the current union lists have concentrated on bibliographic description, which helps catalogers, but not the public. She pointed out that to be truly valuable, these union lists must have complete holdings information, so that specific volumes can actually be located. The challenge of the 80's is to develop a location system for these serials lists so that library users can find needed periodicals through I.L.L.

The Chapter held its Annual Business Meeting on December 9. President Pat Del Mar gave a review of the year's activities, which included publishing of Tech Notes and the Spring workshops on CIP. Secretary Kathy Bales announced the election results (see p. 1), and reported on the Council of Regional Groups activities, which will revolve around presenting AACR II workshops this year. Treasurer Ernestine Smutny reported that the Chapter had expenses of $774.00 in 1979, and income of $1046.86, leaving us with a balance of $302.16 to begin 1980. New business included a discussion of the establishment of an automation projects clearinghouse (see p. 3 for a full report on this).

-- Sue Metzger and Kathy Bales

**AACR 2:**

CLASS has purchased the videocassettes and transparencies produced for the ALA AACR II Preconference. CLASS will loan these tapes for one week periods for a $20 handling charge to CLASS members. Contact CLASS at 1415 Koll Circle, Suite 101, San Jose, Ca. 95112 (408) 269-1756 for more information.

ALA's RTSD is holding a series of institutes around the country this year to explain LC's interpretation and application of AACR II. The meeting in Los Angeles will be held September 24-26, 1980, and the deadline for applications for this meeting is August 31. Applications and information on the meetings in other locations are available from RTSD/CIRG/LC Institute, ALA Headquarters, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL. 60611.