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\* FROM THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE \*  
\* MLAers submitting news copy to the \*  
\* Publicity Committee (c/o B. Ludden, \*  
\* 325 Riverside Drive, N. Y., N. Y. \*  
\* 10025) will not only lighten our task, \*  
\* but will lend a personal tone to the \*  
\* Newsletter desired but lacking in \*  
\* this issue. After all, MLA is people, \*  
\* not merely committees and officers. \*  
\* HELP US HUMANIZE OUR JOURNALESE! \*  
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REPORT FROM ALBUQUERQUE - JAN. 30 - FEB. 2

The sessions on Thursday (Jan. 30) were devoted to the computer and its functioning. In the morning, explanations of its inner mysteries on a layman's level, but technical enough to be meaningful, achieved much to quiet a non-initiate's anxiety over the machine. The afternoon session explicated the application of computer techniques to library processes. Observation of automated circulation, cataloging and information retrieval further clarified the computer's capacities. Particularly impressive was its ability to pinch-hit for the reference librarian in his more humdrum assignments. Its additional roles as musicologist's My-Man-Friday and extension of the composer's creative mechanisms were not touched upon.

The evening's entertainment was furnished by the Albuquerque Early Music Ensemble, directed by Walter Keller of the University of New Mexico. They performed Spanish music from the 13th, 15th and 16th centuries.

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\* FROM THE PRESIDENT \*  
\* The activities of MLA are so exten- \*  
\* sive and varied that one of the presi- \*  
\* dent's chief duties is to arrange for \*  
\* the involvement of MLAers in those \*  
\* activities. Under the revised con- \*  
\* stitution all committee chairmanships \*  
\* and memberships expired at the end of \*  
\* the Albuquerque meeting. I am now in \*  
\* the throes of re- and new appoint- \*  
\* ments. These will be announced in \*  
\* later issues of the Newsletter. Re- \*  
\* ports outlining committee work for the \*  
\* coming year will be published along \*  
\* with accounts of administrative \*  
\* action. In short, we will keep you \*  
\* informed about your Association's \*  
\* doings. \*  
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\* And we would like to hear from you \*  
\* --comments, suggestions, gripes. \*  
\* They are all welcome. For instance, \*  
\* your pertinent ideas will be germane \*  
\* to the work of the Committee on Con- \*  
\* stitution and By-law Revision (now a \*  
\* continuing committee). \*  
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\* The Newsletter can provide a forum \*  
\* for lively discourse between members \*  
\* and officers. Let us enjoy the fruits \*  
\* of such communication. \*  
\* - Walter Gerboth \*  
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COMMITTEE REPORTS for 1968 will be a feature of the next issue of the Newsletter. The scope of the committees' activities surprised your editors and they found that, treated as fully as they deserve, they would not fit comfortably in the present number.





