William H. Lowry

Director of the
Pioneer Multi-County Library
1958 - 1987

by
Andy Peters

In 1956 a young librarian, William H. Lowry, the Head of Technical Services for the Oklahoma City Libraries, read Public Library Service, the standard guide to evaluating minimum standards for library systems at that time. That work, just published by the American Library Association, served as the foundation for his developing interest in the organization of public libraries. When a grant of $75,000 established the Pioneer Library System, he was able to pursue this interest by accepting the position of Librarian (later designated director) of the system in 1958.

Coming from technical services he "didn't know much about the public service side of the library," as he willingly admits. So, he "took the job on trust," knowing he had the direction to pursue his interests from his readings and the opportunity for multi-county library approach offered by Esther May Henke of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. What they both knew was that if the new library system were to succeed, it would have to have ongoing support beyond the establishment grant. Seeing that "the statutes were not in place for library systems to operate on a financially sound basis," Lowry's task was to work toward the passage of an amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution which would allow the people to vote a tax for the purpose of supporting multi-county and joint city-county libraries. "We needed earmarked funds for libraries."

Though "a babe in the woods when it came to working with the legislature," as he says, he was able to work with house members to draft legislation (House Joint Resolution 540) which would take the matter to the voters as a constitutional amendment. He was president of the Oklahoma Library Association at the time (1959-60). Looking back now, he doesn't "think the legislators thought the amendment would be approved by the people." But though a novice, he had already discerned an important political principle: "good legislation can be passed if it doesn't cost anything and is not controversial." The first step was to get the measure through the Legislature. It wouldn't cost the state anything, the final decision would be made by the people and "everybody was for good libraries." Authors of the resolution were: Representatives Ken Poyner of Norman, Bryce Baggett of Oklahoma City, Leland Wolf of Noble, Senators continued on page 18
Bob Bailey of Norman, Fred Harris of Lawton, and Robert Breeden of Clevel-
dan. With the help of other representa-
tives (Jim Nance of Purcell, William
Metcalf of Hobart, Earl Foster of Okla-
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dler) and senators (including Clem
Hamilton of Heavenier), the measure
passed in the spring of 1959 by mar-
gins of 70 to 18 in the House and 34
to 0 in the Senate. The amendment
was before the people.

The main challenge from the public
came from a skeptical position that al-
though county library service is benefi-
cial, people wouldn’t want their money
spent in another county. Lowry’s an-
swer to such opinions was straight-
forward: “Of course you have a good li-
brary because you have worked for it.
But, you can have an even better
library with multi-county support.”
The Oklahoma Department of Libra-
ries played a key role in the campaign
for voter support. Efforts were made
through the citizens committee, library
trustees and librarians across the
state. Because the major donor in
these efforts stipulated that his con-
tribution had to go to a non-profit or-
ganization for tax purposes, Lowry per-
suaded officials of the American Li-
brary Association to deposit campaign
contributions in their account. The
Oklahoma Library Association did not
have non-profit status at the time. In
the end, the amendment to the con-
sitution, State Question 392 passed
by a margin of 623 votes.

Now came the opportunity to take
the final step in the funding plan, a
county vote. McClain County became
the first county in Oklahoma to vote a
library levy on November 8, 1960, the
day John F. Kennedy was elected pres-
ident. Cleveland County followed on
May 1, 1962.

With more dependable funding in
place, Lowry could look to the planning
necessary for the Pioneer System. Dur-
ing those early, lonely days of long
range planning for the Pioneer Multi-
County Library System as well as for
local communities, “we were looking
for answers,” as he says. A primary
goal taken from Public Library Ser-
vice was the need for professional li-

OPENING BREAKFAST

The media specialists of Union Public Schools celebrated the opening of their High School Media Center in style January 30 with a legislative breakfast attended by librarians and officials of surrounding school districts.

Among the honored guests were State Representatives Richard Williamson and Wayne Cozort and State Senator Ged Wright. As librarians, superintendents, and legislators visited over their buffet breakfast, they also absorbed the atmosphere of a beautiful enlarged media center.

The new center, featuring over twice the space of the old facility, contains two conference rooms, audio and video recording rooms, classroom space, a computer lab, and office and workroom space. The improvement included a security system and circulation system to improve services.

The program at the breakfast consisted of a slide show highlighting Union's media programs and information concerning the state of school libraries in Tulsa County.

This is the first of a series of annual Tulsa County School Media Legislative breakfasts.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Rogers State College Thunderbird Library and the Will Rogers Library in Claremore held a Legislative Breakfast for Senator Stratton Taylor and Representative Dwayne Steidley in the Thunderbird Library in Claremore on Friday, February 6, 1987. Other community leaders also attended.

A brief program about the Tulsa Area Library Cooperative and OLA was presented by Jo Ann King, T.A.L.C. Coordinator. Margaret Guffey, Director of Will Rogers Library, presented a program on "New Library Facilities," and Alan Lawless, Director of the Rogers State College Library, presented a program on "New Services and Programs at RSC."

Casseroles and rolls were provided by Friends of the Library and the Busybee Home Extension Group of Claremore.

State Representative Ernest J. Istook (District 109 in Oklahoma and Canadian Counties) is shown here passing on the gift book to his favorite library, the Warr Acres Library in the Metropolitan Library System. Receiving the book, Oil in Oklahoma, by Robert Gregory, is Shirley Chapman, Head of Warr Acres Library. The gift books were provided all members of the legislature by the Oklahoma Library Association as part of the February 17, 1987 OLA Legislative Day program sponsored by the Library Development Committee. Representative Istook resigned his chairmanship of the Metropolitan Library Commission when he was elected to the Legislature.
1987 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

April 5-11 National Library Week
April 18 *Return Handbooks to Executive Secretary for updating
April 23-25 OLA Annual Conference — Norman
May 1 *OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN deadline
May 8 Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee Meeting
May 15 Executive Board/Program Committee — ODL
May 25 Memorial Day
June 1 *Prepare Predecessor's Notebook for OLA Archives
(See OLA Handbook, Appendix F)
June 19 Executive Board/Program Committee — Tentative
June 27- ALA Annual Conference — San Francisco
July 2

"I'D RATHER BE READING" LITERACY PROGRAM TIED TO "1987 - THE YEAR OF THE READER" CAMPAIGN

The Association of American Publishers and The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress have agreed to co-sponsor the "I'd Rather Be Reading" literacy program, founded in 1983 by the AAP, tying it directly to "1987 — The Year of the Reader." The AAP program includes bookmarks, bumperstickers, shopping bags, buttons, and notepads bearing the message "I'd Rather Be Reading."

A Congressional Joint Resolution, which was signed into law on October 16, officially designated 1987 as "The Year of the Reader" in the United States, and calls for a Presidential proclamation in support of activities "aimed at restoring the act of reading to a place of preeminence in our personal lives and in the life of the nation."

The "Year of the Reader" campaign originated in The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 1987.

Don't take the First Amendment for granted!

1987: THE YEAR OF THE READER
AS DESIGNATED BY CONGRESS

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MEDAL WINNERS

Sid Fleischman, author of The Whipping Boy, won the 1987 Newbery Medal for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in 1986. Greenwillow Books published the book, which is illustrated by Peter Sis.


The Whipping Boy was described by Trevelyn Jones, Newbery award committee chair and book review editor for School Library Journal of New York:

"Master craftsman Sid Fleischman uses the centuries-old custom of royal households keeping whipping boys to suffer the punishments of misbehaving princes as a framework for a story that crackles with humor," said Jones. "Jemmy, the orphaned son of a rat catcher, is foil to Prince Brat in a deliciously funny tale that accomplishes the difficult task of conveying a thought-provoking message with a light hand.

"Using language playfully, the author is always in control of his characters," Jones said. "He spins a rollicking yarn of cutthroat villains who get their comeuppance, a spoiled prince who learns to respect his subjects and a resourceful hero whose common sense prevails."

Sid Fleischman was born in Brooklyn and grew up in San Diego. He worked as a professional magician and a newspaperman before turning to fiction writing. His books have been translated into 14 languages, and a number of them have been made into motion pictures. The father of three children (one of whom is writer Paul Fleischman), he lives in Santa Monica, California.


"Egielski takes us from the real world to a world of fantasy and back. Al, a janitor, and his dog, Eddie, trade their humdrum existence for life on an island paradise in the sky," said Vandergrift. "Shifts in framing techniques as well as shifts in palette deftly mirror and expand the pattern of the text. From the tan endpapers at the opening to the yellow endpapers at the close, Hey, Al provides a metaphor for the meaning of life that lingers long after the pages have stopped being turned."

The story of for Hey, Al is by Arthur Yorinks. Yorinks and Egielski met at Parsons School of Design in 1975. They have collaborated on Sid and Sol, Louis the Fish and It Happened in Pink. Egielski grew up in Queens and lives in New York City with his wife, Denise, who is also a book illustrator.


Sid Fleischman and Richard Egielski will receive their medals and Honor Book authors and illustrators will receive certificates at the Newbery/Caldecott awards celebration, June 28, 1987, during ALAs Annual Conference in San Francisco.

The John Newbery Medal has been awarded annually since 1922; the Randolph Caldecott Medal since 1938. Recipients must be citizens or residents of the United States.

Distinguished publisher Frederic G. Melcher originated and first donated the bronze medals, and the Melcher family continues to provide them. Melcher's grandson, Frederic Melcher, spoke at the awards announcements in Chicago as a special recognition of the Caldecott's 50th anniversary.

Newbery and Caldecott Medalists and Honor Books are selected by two separate committees, each comprising 15 members.

NEWBERY—CALDECOTT 1987 AWARD POSTERS

Encourage young readers and brighten up your classroom or library. Library Binding Service is offering two 25"x38" full-color posters honoring current and past Newbery and Caldecott medal winners for only $5.00 (prepayment required, postage included).

The Newbery poster includes winners from 1922 through 1987 and the Caldecott features winning books from 1938 to 1987.

To order both posters, enclose $5.00 to:

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**OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES $500 SCHOLARSHIP**

**Background**

The Oklahoma Library Association established a scholarship in the spring of 1984 to encourage graduate study with an emphasis on library science. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist a promising person each year to enter the library profession, or to advance in the profession, by undertaking a course of study in a formal degree or certification program with a particular goal in mind.

The successful applicant will be announced prior to July 1 each year and the sum of $500 will be made available to that person to apply to costs for the completion of 9 graduate hours during the coming calendar year. A check will be presented upon proof of enrollment, with a stipulation on the part of the recipient that the grant will be returned to the Association on a pro-rated basis in the event the course of study for which the scholarship was awarded is not completed.

**Applicant Eligibility Criteria**

1. Must be an Oklahoma resident.
2. Must be a current member in good standing of the Oklahoma Library Association.
3. Must hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
4. Must intend to engage in a formal course of graduate study at an accredited institution of higher education in Oklahoma, with the goal of librarianship as a profession, that will result in a degree or certification.
5. Must submit a formal application for consideration by the OLA Scholarship Committee by May 1.
6. Must submit transcripts by May 1 for all undergraduate and graduate studies completed to date.
7. A personal interview with Scholarship Committee or its representative(s) may be required.

Applications Available From: Kay Boies, Executive Secretary, Oklahoma Library Association, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, OK 73034.
"OKLAHOMA LOOKS AT THE CARNEGIE REPORT ON TEACHING" A TELECONFERENCE KAY BRITTEN

"Oklahoma Looks at the Carnegie Report on Teaching," a statewide teleconference, was sponsored Feb. 10, by the Library Education Division. Dr. Albert Shanker, member of the Carnegie Task Force and President of the American Federation of Teachers, along with local panelists Dr. John Folks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dr. J. A. Leone, Chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education; Ms. Andrea Kearney, Legislative Researcher for the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and Mrs. Pat Woodrum, Director of the Tulsa City-County Library System, examined the recommendations of the Carnegie Report. Dr. Dan Hobbs, Senior Vice-Chancellor for the Regents for Higher Education, served as moderator. The Conference was broadcast from the O.U. Health Sciences Center and sent via satellite to talkback television audiences throughout the state. The Conference was a cooperative effort of the Oklahoma Library Association, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Federation of Teachers, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The national Carnegie Task Force, consisting of prominent business leaders, education leaders and politicians, proposed that we "tare down the current structure of training teachers and teaching children and start over." Dr. Shanker stressed that we "need a broader view of how people learn. Libraries and the whole library system in this country are central to that expansion as we move away from the notion of the self-contained classroom.

The Carnegie Task Force was organized to examine teaching because of a realization that many educational reforms "were stifling the creativity of teachers and that we do not use alternatives ... that should involve technology, peer instruction, and progression at the students' own pace. Shanker also warned that if workers in the U.S. are not going to work as hard and as cheap as workers in Korea and Japan, then we have to work smarter and concentrate on those industries that require more education and more talent. Shanker also pointed out the fact that we are about to face a massive national shortage of teachers. About one-half are about to leave teaching over the next 10 years. Last year only 6% of college students said they want to become teachers. Unfortunately, Shanker said, "the bulk of these are in the bottom quartile of all students."

"I think we are in a real crisis," Shanker said. Only 20% of the 17-year-olds in high school can write a decent letter seeking employment, and only 35% can read The Washington Post or The New York Times. "We have done a great job of bringing the bottom up ... but we are not doing well enough as a country to produce a substantial core of people who can work in a society which is essentially going to depend on very high levels of ability to read, write, and communicate. I think that's a real crisis."

Shanker pointed out that most professions require a liberal arts background and that the Carnegie Task Force recommended the elimination of undergraduate education programs in favor of a fifth-year program. The undergraduate would seek a strong subject background and then concentrate on pedagogy and practice teaching his fifth year. Ideally, this sort of program would eliminate the "possibility of students taking 40-50 hours of college without being exposed to any liberal arts education."

Andrea Kearney said that "the legislators share concerns about the teacher shortages and incentives in the teaching field." There is a general feeling that the future teachers of Oklahoma can best benefit from a strengthened core curriculum of good education courses and more field experience.

Highly paid lead teachers were also recommended by the Carnegie Report. Dr. Folks commented that "if we ever do reach a point where we can pay our people 30, 40, or 50 thousand a year, I think many people would be willing to look at the idea of lead teachers. I don't see this occurring with the revenue situation we have in Oklahoma right now." The lead-teacher concept involves doing what a hospital does, Shanker explained. "Don't have everybody in the same job ... If at the turn of the century the medical profession had decided that everybody who had anything to do with a patient or an illness had to be a doctor, today we would have six million doctors in this country and they would all be earning teachers' salaries because you can't pay six million people what you can pay five hundred thousand people."

Creation of a national board to set professional teaching standards is also recommended by the Carnegie Report. Shanker said that many prospective teachers could not score 65% on a 6th grade level arithmetic exam. However, Dr. Leone believes it is important that the profession set the standards for the profession rather than someone at the national level setting all standards for all the states. Dr. Shanker pointed out that systems of peer review are usually unpopular among teachers.

Pat Woodrum drew a comparison between teachers and librarians saying that "in libraries where salaries are often low, we try to create an atmosphere where individuals are challenged to attract good librarians." Shanker said that fortunately the world has some bright people who are willing to make some personal sacrifice, but we don't have 2.2 million of them in the teaching profession.

Video tapes of the two-hour conference are available for purchase from the Oklahoma Library Association, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma 73013. Three-quarter inch tapes are $85, and VHS tapes are $45. Checks may be made payable to the Oklahoma Library Association.

ALA, the professional connection
"Who should maintain ultimate control of government information. Expressed unwillingness of some federal government agencies to participate in a program not under direct government control.

Foreign ownership and/or control of possible contractors.

Increased cost to small business and academic researchers responsible for much of this nation's scientific and technical research.

Possible loss of valuable information as contractors decide what is "economically" viable.

Loss of valuable but "uneconomic" retrospective resources so vital to scientific and technical researchers.

Unwillingness of foreign countries and/or firms to provide information to a private concern.

Possibility that a contractor would exert copyright control over government information.

Possible unfair, competitive advantage by a contractor having first access to government information.

Negative impact should a contractor go out of business or not wish to renew a contract.

Multiple contractors making it difficult for the user to access particular needed information.

Lack of access to current indexes, abstracts, newsletters, etc., so vital for current awareness.

The creation of an "information elite" in our scientific and technical community.

Need to privatize an agency which currently is "self-supporting" at virtually no cost to the taxpayer.

These issues and many more are of concern to those of us in the business of providing government information to the public.

THE STATE PLAN

Vicki Phillips, who was chairperson of the committee which worked on updating the "State Plan" for depository libraries, has promised to mail the completed plan to all the depository community, complete with a cover letter intended to be presented to the administration of libraries and institutions. The committee worked long and hard to come up with a plan which we thought

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST TO LIBRARIANS

Steve Béleu, U.S. Documents, ODL

This column identifies government publications that are of special importance to librarians, i.e., those that discuss library problems, reference works, etc. These publications may be available in any of the U.S. or Oklahoma depository libraries throughout the state or may be borrowed on interlibrary loan. U.S. documents that are for sale may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. For State of Oklahoma publications you must contact the issuing agency. Key: "Sudocs" is U.S. Superintendent of Documents; "OPC" is the Oklahoma Publications Clearinghouse.


would reflect the needs of the depository community and at the same time would be acceptable at the administrative level. I urge all of you to read this plan carefully and come to the GODORT workshop at OLA on Friday afternoon, April 24 from 2:30 p.m. At the end of the workshop we will have a short meeting to hear your comments and consider any changes you feel are necessary.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The Association of Research Libraries is exploring the possibility of offering management workshops geared to depository library personnel. (Administrative Notes, v. 8, no. 1, p. 1 and v. 8, no. 3, p. 5).

Classification Changes: Details on where classification changes are listed including computer fields are spelled out. (Administrative Notes, v. 8, no. 1, p. 1)
WHAT? ANOTHER SURVEY?

Surveys have always been interesting to me because of the number of questions that can be answered by using the information received. The most recent survey I read, upon the suggestion of Doris Westfield, was particularly interesting because it was about libraries and librarians.

As a government documents librarian I have filled out survey question sheets a number of times, but never one intended for Oklahoma libraries only. Doris Westfield (Tulsa City-County Library Government Documents Librarian and GODORT Chairperson) mentioned that it might be a good idea for Oklahoma to do a study of the same kind and asked me to chair a committee for that purpose. After reading through the articles in Illinois Libraries, vol. 68, no. 5, I agreed. Now, I need support, input, opinions and volunteers to help.

The Illinois survey addressed several fields of interest; collection arrangement, bibliographic access, acquisitions, weeding, problem solving, services, equipment, library cooperation, and staffing. Among other items forthcoming from the survey was a union list of federal documents and document-related materials. Librarians of small libraries or school libraries could certainly help their patron/student more if they knew where certain titles were held, especially if they have no immediate or convenient access to OCLC facilities. Titles such as Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, American State Papers, American Statistics Index, Statistical Reference Index, Service Center for Aging Information, HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) 701 Reports and any number of others could be invaluable and available from a library close by but unavailable if you didn't know they were there. The Oklahoma Directory of Depositories for Federal Publications and State Publications, printed and distributed by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, gives such a union list to those of us who managed to get our hands on the copies received by our libraries, but it was impossible to get a copy to every librarian in the state and I personally would like to see this list expanded to include more titles, collections and libraries. All of these items we are generally interested in and all are items we will have increased interest in as the budgets continue to squeeze our financial situations.

The Illinois survey covered only the depository libraries and it is possible that they will be all any survey we do will cover. However, I would like responses from interested parties (not necessarily only librarian and not necessarily only government documents librarians). Do you have a question you would like answered by "all" Oklahoma libraries or would you like to volunteer to help with this project? In either case, I can be reached by mail at:

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**Background:** Del City High School (DCHS) currently has 1,700 students. A new media center was opened last year with 18,000 volumes. The progressive staff has created a warm and inviting atmosphere which is used heavily by the student and instructors.

Rose State College Learning Resources Center (LRC) has approximately 81,000 items. These materials are accessible through the computer catalog which uses a Hewlett-Packard 3000 minicomputer and Virginia Technical Library System (VTLS) software. A recent week-long survey was conducted of persons utilizing the LRC. Eight percent of those using the facility during that period were from area non-college schools. DCHS is one of the closest high schools to the RSC campus.

DCHS and LRC have a long-standing relationship of cooperation, such as, sharing serials lists, exchanging surplus materials and equipment, working together on the local Mid-Del Library Cooperative, etc.

**Plan of Action:** A demonstration project is planned that will allow Del City High School students to search Rose State College Learning Resources Center computer catalog from their high school library on a six-month trial basis and allow local librarians to see the current technology available for searching and what could be available in the future.

A special event for metropolitan area librarians is planned to:
1. Demonstrate VTLS and Boolean searching;
2. Demonstrate remote, dial-up access;
3. Show a videocassette on the IRVING network and how it works; and
4. Provide an introduction to Local Area Networks (LANs) by a guest speaker.

Another event will be an orientation session for library students from Mid-Del high schools and library staff. Search strategies and techniques of the computer catalog will be given. This will be videotaped for further orientations. Evaluations will be conducted for both events, and an article will be written for the Oklahoma Librarian.
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EMERSON W. HILKER assumed
duties in the Oklahoma State University
Library as Head of the Physical
Sciences and Engineering Division on
February 16 of this year.
Mr. Hilker received a B.A. degree in
History from the University of Illinois in
1953 and he was awarded the M.L.S.
degree from the same institution in
1958.
Prior to his recent appointment in the
OSU Library, Mr. Hilker served as Head
of the Science and Engineering Library
at Wayne State University. He had
previously served as Director of the
Franklin Institute Library in Philadelphia and earlier in the Northwestern
University Library, Evanston, Illinois.

KIMBERLY M. GRANATH joined the
faculty in the Oklahoma State University
Library as Assistant Biological Sciences Librarian on February 16 of this
year. Ms. Granath received her B.S.
degree in Biology from Illinois State
University in 1977 and the M.L.S.
degree from the University of Oklahoma
in 1985.

LINDA R. ZELLMER began duties
as Assistant Physical Sciences and
Engineering Librarian in the Oklahoma State University Library on January 12
of this year.
She received the B.S. degree in Biology/Geology in 1976 from the University
of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the M.A.
degree in Marine Science from The
College of William and Mary in 1980,
and she holds the M.L.I.S. degree
which was granted by the University of

Dr. Patterson joins NSU

"Information is the future, and that's
what libraries are all about," said Dr.
Lotsee Patterson, associate profes-
sor of library media studies at North-
eastern State University.
Dr. Patterson, who joined the NSU
faculty in January, just finished a spe-
cial program called Training and Assist-
ance for Indian Library Services
(TRAILS) at Oklahoma University.
Serving as program director for
TRAILS was not Patterson's first in-
volvement with Indians and libraries.
She helped draft legislation which pro-
vides money to tribes for libraries and
worked with the Pueblo Indians in New
Mexico where she actually began a
number of libraries.
"I'm a great proponent of libraries
and have a special interest in aiding
Indian libraries," said Patterson who is
a member of the Comanche tribe.
Patterson was also one of five Native
Americans asked to serve as an advis-
ory panel member for the National His-
torical Publications and Records Com-
mision in Washington D.C., as well as
serving as panel member or consultant
for a number of national organizations
including the Division of Library Pro-
grams of the U.S. Department of Edu-
cation, the Educational Testing Ser-
vice, and the Bush Foundation. She
has also served in leadership capacities of the American Library As-
ociation, the Association for Educa-
tional Communication and Technology,
and the National Commission on Lib-
raries and Information Science for
which she participated in two White
House Conferences.
Patterson chose to come to NSU for
a variety of reasons. "There's a good
feeling at NSU," she said, "the students
are motivated and I'm looking forward
to getting involved in the community of
Tahlequah."
Patterson received her B.S. from the
Oklahoma College for Women and her
M.L.S. and Ph.D. from Oklahoma Uni-
versity. Her roots go back to Apache,
Oklahoma where she taught at Boone
School and the nearby Riverside In-
dian School in Anadarko. She has also
taught at the University level in Texas
and New Mexico as well as in Okla-
ahoma.