Message from the President

As we begin another year in the Oklahoma Library Association, I want to thank all of you for the honor I have to serve as your President—it is an undertaking I am looking forward to with a great deal of anticipation. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge my immediate predecessor, Susan McVey, and her invaluable contribution to the Association and to the library profession. Susan, you certainly will be a difficult act to follow.

Our year got off to a very good start with the annual Leadership Retreat, which this year was held May 26 and 27 in Guthrie. We experimented with a two-day format this year as opposed to one day as in the past, and I believe it worked very well. It allowed incoming chairs and chairs-elect more time to become acquainted and to begin the process of developing a sense of cohesion and mission among the 1988-89 leadership group. Our facilitator for the session was Dr. Jim Thomas, a clinical psychologist in private practice in Ponca City. I have heard very positive comments from those who attended—participants seemed to have received a great deal of useful information from Jim as well as to have had an enjoyable two days with their colleagues. All in all, I feel that we have made a good start towards a productive year.

When I first started considering what I believe we can accomplish in 1988-89, I immediately began focusing on what is the Oklahoma Library Association's greatest resource: the true sense of commitment and solid professionalism which librarians bring to their work and to the Oklahoma Library Association. All of us believe that what we do everyday is important work, a vital part of the ultimate success of our communities, our schools, our colleges and universities, and our businesses. Libraries and librarians make a big difference in people's lives and that sense of pride in our contribution to the quality of life is a hallmark of our profession.

This past March at the annual conference in Tulsa, I had the good fortune to sit in on an Intellectual Freedom Committee program on self-censorship which gave me an even greater appreciation and clearer focus as to what makes librarianship unique. I listened to colleagues such as Marilyn Hinshaw, Shirley Pelley, Anne Masters, Kathy Latrobe, and Cindy Coulter use words and phrases such as "ethics," "principles," "ethical dilemma," and "professional values." It was gratifying to me to hear these words as it fits so closely with what is a crucial element in any profession and speaks directly to what for me is the key ingredient in defining a profession—a vital association which has thought through the tough questions and issues, such as censorship, and has developed a sense of who we are and what we stand for. The library profession has done that, the Oklahoma Library Association has done that, and our challenge is now to see that our larger world knows that as well. That is what we will be doing in 1988-89.

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ALA MOTTO

One of the more interesting resolutions passed by ALA Council was the approval of reinstating the Association's motto originally approved in 1892. The motto reads: "The best reading, for the largest number, at the least cost." Council hopes that ALA will use the motto on all appropriate occasions.

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1988
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Encyclopedia, Oklahoma City
September 12-13
Rosh Hashanah
September 14
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September 16
Executive Board/Program Committee—Sheraton, OKC
September 19-22
Association of Research Libraries, York, U.K.
September 20
Legislative Committee, ODL
September 21
Yom Kippur
September 24
Festival of Books—Norman
Sept. 24-Oct. 1
Banned Books Week
September 28
"Year of the Young Reader" Kickoff featuring Peter Spier
Sept. 29-Oct. 2
Society of American Archivists, Atlanta
September 30
Automation/Technical Services Roundtable Serials Workshop, ODL
Sept. 30-Oct. 1
State Literacy Conference—Hilton Inn West, Oklahoma City
October 2-6
ALA/Library & Information Tech. Assn., Boston
October 7
Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee Meeting
October 14
Support Staff Roundtable?
October 18
Legislative Committee, ODL
October 20-21
OEA, Oklahoma City
October 23-27
ACRL—OK Chapter, Tahlequah
October 28
American Society for Information Science, Atlanta
November 1
Executive Board/Program Committee—Norman Pub. Library
November 3-4
OK Assn. of Supervision & Curriculum Fall Conference
November 4
Government Documents Roundtable Workshop
Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee Meeting
November 8
Election Day
November 11
Veterans Day
November 15
Legislative Committee, ODL
November 18
Executive Board/Program Committee—ODL
November 24
Thanksgiving
December 4-11
Hanukkah
December 9
*Mail Ballots to Executive Secretary
December 16
Executive Board/Program Committee—Guthrie Historical Soc.
December 20
Legislative Committee, ODL
December 25
Christmas Day
1989
January 1
New Year's Day
January 8
Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee Meeting
January 9
ALA Midwinter, Washington, D.C.
January 15
*Submit Items for Bulk Mailing to be mailed February 1
January 17
Legislative Committee, ODL
January 20
Executive Board/Program Committee—Sheraton, OKC
February 3
Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee Meeting
February 6
Ash Wednesday
February 17
Executive Board/Program Committee—ODL
February 21
*Count Ballots for OLA Offices (Nom. Comm. Chairs)
February 24
Legislative Committee, ODL
CUD/ADRT/OK Chap. ACRL Workshop, Tulsa
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National statistics would indicate that one out of five adults can't read well enough to function in today's society. In Oklahoma, this is 443,000 people. They can't read well enough to read the Bible, a story to a child, a medicine bottle, job application, directions or letters. It is a problem that hurts the economy, the individual, his/her family and the entire community.

It is expected that at least one place in each county will have a breakfast, with the theme appropriate to the local focus. It might be honoring tutors and students, it might be introducing the providers of similar service to each other and to groups which need the service for their clients, or perhaps it would be to tell the business community of the problem and some solutions.

It is not geared to be a fund-raiser.

Sponsors of the breakfasts are OETA (Public Broadcasting System), local ABC affiliates, the local literacy councils, Oklahoma Department of Libraries and PLUS, (Project Literacy U.S.). The Oklahoma County group is having its breakfast at the Marriott Hotel on the Northwest Expressway and bringing from California, John Corcoran. He is a millionaire real estate broker, former high school teacher of 18 years and is learning to read. Part of his speech and a 10-minute video of literacy problems in Oklahoma will be telecast statewide by OETA from 7:45 until 8:00 a.m.

Please watch the program, or better yet attend and help with the breakfast in your county. If you need more information, call the Literacy Office, ODL, 1-800-522-8116.

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Good morning. It's a delight to be back in Oklahoma. It's been ten years since I visited with OLA and that's been much too long. Thank you for asking me back. I am also delighted on behalf of ALA President Margaret Chisholm. On Margaret's behalf, on behalf of the ALA Executive Board and on behalf of the ALA staff, I am very pleased to have the opportunity to bring greetings to this 81st Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Library Association.

OLA is one of ALA's strongest, most dynamic and most creative state chapters, just as Oklahoma libraries are models of excellence for the nation. When you find that kind of quality in a state, the reason for it usually is the quality of the professional leadership in the state. And, leadership of course is people — people like Susan McVey, your OLA President, who also manages to find time to play a leading role in supporting our Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL; Kay Boies, your very able Executive Secretary; Ray Lau, your current Chapter Councilor; Bob Clark, your chief state library officer; Pat Woodrum, who has held many important posts in ALA and currently serves as a valued member of our committee on accreditation; Jan Keene, past chair of COPES and current member of the ALA Research Committee, and Lee Brawner who has several distinctions. He serves currently on a blue ribbon committee appointed this year by President Margaret Chisholm called Visionary Leaders for 2020. He is, of course, active in the Library Administration and Management Association, as well as holding the undisputed North American spoon-hanging championship. And your four, count them four, at-large ALA Councilors. I don't know if you realize what an extraordinary accomplishment that is. There are 103 members of the ALA Council who are elected at-large by our members throughout North America and the world and Oklahoma has four at-large councilors, which makes Oklahoma rank fifth among the fifty states in the number of Oklahoma librarians who serve at-large on ALA's highest governing body. They are Sul Lee, Lotsee Patterson, and Charlie Lou Rouse and that guy who travels around with Charlie Lou Rouse as her accompanying person at international meetings. I have to be nice to Roscoe because Roscoe has an incriminating photo of me that he took in an indiscrret moment in Copenhagen a few years ago that he keeps threatening to send to Art Plotnik for the cover of American Libraries. Not only do you have four at-large Councilors and a Chapter Councilor, but you have the only husband and wife team currently on the ALA Council. That's very impressive.

By now, I think there can be no question in the minds of anyone in this room that 1988 is an election year. The year began with a dozen or so candidates, not, of course, to mention all of the media experts who play back to us what they think the American people think, what our problems are, and how to fix them. In November, we will have our opportunity to respond. One of the statistics that I find most interesting about this process is the percentage of the electorate that actually votes. In the last national election, just over 53 percent of the eligible voters came to the polls. Fewer people voted for president than visit or contact libraries every year. Fewer than 100 million people actually cast votes for president in the last election. Will over that number say yes to libraries, with their feet, with their questions, with their requests for materials in person and by phone, and with their attendance at a variety of library functions.

We are one of America's great participating institutions and we have some of the same fundamental responsibilities as our legislators have. Among these, I count the responsibility to continue the fight for maximum information equity. It does no good if millions of Americans have the vote if those Americans do not have access to all of the facts that they need to make informed decisions when they enter the voting booth. And I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that it does no good if, in a nation with the most abundant information resources in the world, millions of Americans are starved for the information they need to lead better lives.

You will be relieved to hear that my speech this morning is not about voting rights or about getting out the vote. But I am going to point out to you that library use, which is growing every year, is a signal that the American library system has a good and improving lock on what people need, on what they are worried about, and on how to help them get educated, entertained and in a very real sense how to help people get empowered. As library professionals, we tend not to be such good talkers. We are better doers and our libraries are being rediscovered both for the things they already offer and for what they can offer.

In the process, I suggest that we as librarians are rediscovering ourselves and our profession and we are asking the tough questions that relate to our
professional lives. Who are we as a profession? What do we stand for? How do we meet the challenges that face us? As the nation's information professionals, we need to realize our extraordinary reach in numbers. Some 80 million adults used the public library last year. Forty-seven million public and private schools use a library media center every week. Millions more use academic and special libraries. And we are ubiquitous. In over 121,000 sites, we cover the country 13 times better than McDonald's does which is no mean fete. As information buyers, we spent $1.5 billion on books, periodicals and other materials for patron use last year — more than $6.00 in $987 for every man, woman, and child in the United States.

Now, I would be the first to say, along with most of you, that we have a long way to go in programming and a long way to go in dollars available to meet needs. But, before we complain about what we are not and what we have not, let's take some pride in the numbers that we do attract and in the assets in talent as well as money that we can deploy. Like the libraries and librarians we represent, the American Library Association is grounded in the grassroots. Between our state chapters and our divisions and sections, we marshal the strength that moves ALA's programs. Just as your institutions depend on the people you serve so your association is no more and no less than the commitment of everyone of our ALA members. I think you can take real pride in the national organizations that represent you. Every year, more library professionals and more friends of libraries decide to join the American Library Association. Our membership roster now numbers over 45,000, the highest in our 112-year history.

To make certain that our priorities and our programs are responsive to our membership, we have spent several years in strategic planning based on the input of thousands of library professionals. Several of our key member concerns relate to our internal organization. If ALA is going to be effective in addressing the issues that affect you, our own organizational house clearly has to be in good order. We must be financially sound and we must speak for the profession with one voice. I am pleased to report that ALA continues to show significant growth in membership and revenues. Of our over $18 million in revenues last year, ALA's publishing activities accounted for 42 percent of all revenues and conferences accounted for 20 percent. Income from the dues that you pay as ALA members represented only 21 percent of ALA's total income. In other words, for every dollar that you pay in ALA general and division dues, ALA returns to you another $4 in programs and service. I submit that that's not a bad deal.

Further, ALA's ability to provide specialized services and leadership to the profession was recognized by a variety of grants from organizations ranging from the National Endowment for the Humanities to the Annenberg Foundation. In 1987, grants to ALA totaled slightly more than $1 million.

Now, some more good news. ALA's assets — your assets because you are the owners — increased by 26 percent last year, and, in one year alone, our total net worth as an organization increased by 17 percent. We have new staff leadership in three of our eleven divisions. These changes were due partly to retirements, partly to resignations. And, while I want to acknowledge the very substantial achievements of their predecessors on staff, I would submit to you that we have the strongest staff leadership today of any time in ALA's history.

That bright picture does have some "but ifs" and "then what" questions in light of the new tax laws and an uncertain economic climate. Both ALA's elected leadership and we on staff have recognized the need to build an organizational environment that encourages our units to make a virtue of diversity, that encourages our units to pool their resources in order to achieve greater impact in addressing shared goals. Real progress is being made in forging new internal alliances to the collective benefit of both individual units and of ALA as a whole.

My personal goal as ALA's executive director is to deliver more service to you as members, more tangible return for your membership dollar, and to deliver it to you where you live and work. One example of this is our toll-free hotline which now fields more than 9,000 calls a month. That's the good news — 9,000 calls a month coming in on the ALA toll-free member line. But, as the Mayor of Miami once pointed out, "I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that the Miami drinking water is polluted. The bad news is that there isn't enough to go around." The bad news about the ALA membership line is only temporary. We are the victims of our own success and if you have tried to use our 800 number, you probably had to sit through about 25 rings before you get an answer. The good news is we are fixing it. That's a quick look at ALA internally.

Now, some updates on issues-oriented priorities and initiatives. In the strategic long range planning process which we completed in the summer of 1985, ALA members identified six priority areas for action. They are information access and equity, legislation and library funding, intellectual freedom, public awareness, personnel resources and technology. I want to touch briefly this morning on each of these areas just to let you know some of the things that ALA is doing on behalf of the profession.

First on this list, and the overarching goal of ALA, is information access and equity of access. I think all of us can agree that an informed society makes better choices whether those choices are made in the voting booth or at the supermarket checkout counter. By an informed society, I mean a state, a nation and an international community of nations in which every person, regardless of social rank, economic status, physical disability, age, or accident of geography has full, ready and effective access to all of the information he or she needs in a timely fashion and in the most useful format.

Currently, the gap between the information-rich and the information-poor is growing and as that gap grows, I submit to you that it becomes more and

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more intolerable. Every aspect of ALA's activities that I will be reviewing with you today touches in some way on information access and information equity. We have testified, and in some cases, we have called for and gotten your very effective and timely help in protesting a series of actions by the federal government ranging from the closing of regional government printing office bookstores to proposed increases in charges for congressional documents to the insane proposal to privatize the National Technical Information Service— the classic example of "it ain't broke and it don't need to be fixed." Last year, 18 ALA witnesses spoke out before congressional committees on such issues as the privatization of government information. Privatization means that information collected at taxpayer expense, that is our expense ladies and gentlemen, is only available to a commercial vendor at an additional cost. To give you just one example of what privatization of government information means, the Federal Statistical Directory now costs 550 percent more than it did when it was a government document. Since 1982, one out of every four of the government's 16,000 publications has been eliminated.

Another development with major implications for public access is the growing tendency of federal agencies to utilize computers and telecommunications for data collection, data storage, data retrieval and dissemination. Coupled with the increase in contractual arrangements, this puts taxpayer-supported information at an even greater distance from those who need it. Not only is its availability not publicized, its recall becomes very costly for the library and the library user. User costs in accessing government data bases through private information vendors can typically redouble the cost of getting it through the collection agency. Information has become a profit-making commodity to be bought and sold in the marketplace only to those who can afford it and we can, and I think we should, consider whether it is possible to draw a line between what a citizen needs to know free, what a citizen needs to know at as low a cost as possible, and what government information we can permit to be sold at a profit. That is a tough question for every modern Solomon. Last year, this innocent-looking document, "Less Access to Less Information By and About the U.S. Government," which is published by our ALA Washington Office was named one of the 10 most censored news stories by a national media research effort conducted at Sonoma State University in California. The Coalition on Government Information, initiated by ALA to insure effective public access to government data has received two startup foundation grants during the past year. In the first year of the coalition, 40 national organizations have joined with ALA in what will be an aggressive ongoing educational effort.

Other concerns in Washington include copyright, especially as it relates to video and the other newer media, the number of questions in the 1990 census and the proposed Second White House Conference on Library and Information Services. The revision and expansion of ALA's federal legislative policy this past year is another important milestone. This document provides a strong base for securing passage of enabling legislation and funding for a second White House Conference on Library and Information Services which we hope will take place in the early 1990s. Passage of authorizing legislation for a second White House Conference is expected this year if you will keep your legislators' feet to the fire—keep the heat on those representatives in Congress.

It was a small, but notable victory for library users that, despite Administration opposition to funding, Congress approved a two percent increase in appropriations for library programs and that in an era of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings. By the way, I asked somebody the other day who Gramm-Rudman-Hollings was. They said he was George Bush's roommate at Yale. That funding package includes $3.5 million for a new higher education act, Title IID Library Technology Program, which provides funding for college libraries to acquire computers and other technologies.

Those are some specific examples of situations that ALA is tracking on your behalf in Washington. But, of course, there is more to access than just government information. There is the fee versus free issue as it relates to electronic information delivery and that leads us in turn to the complex problem of computer literacy. Media specialists who are concerned about computer literacy believe that fourth graders should be taught computer skills. We know that for many people, both children and adults, their first exposure to computers now occurs in the library. And, I submit to you that our own role as library professionals in helping to build computer literacy is a critical role.

In the area of intellectual freedom, ALA's voice gets stronger every year. Last fall, we issued an advisory to you alerting librarians to the unwarranted government intrusions on personal privacy resulting from the so-called library awareness program sponsored by the FBI. The FBI proposed and we rejected the notion that librarians report users who might be, might be, from countries that might be hostile to U.S. interests. Our stand on this issue was reported nationally on CBS news and heavily covered elsewhere in the media. ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom responds every year to hundreds of requests for information on challenges to access and that office counsels librarians on how to handle local situations. As you might imagine, by far the majority of cases we monitor have to do with school library media challenges. A current situation in Panama City, Florida for example involves removing books like the Red Badge of Courage and A Farewell to Arms from classroom libraries that were set up to encourage reading by students with low reading interest levels. In all, 65 books were banned from the classrooms in Panama City following visits by a very conservative religious group. That case, as you might imagine, will find its way to the courts. I hope everyone of you will consider in your local communities par-
The last aspect of the public awareness program that I want to mention is the National Literacy Program which is of course at the core of the access issue. Initiatives that were taken by ALA in the late 1970s resulted in the formation of the Coalition for Literacy. The Coalition in turn set up a national toll-free telephone/referral service and I know, as I learned yesterday from my visit to the public library here in Tulsa, how much impact that campaign has had locally. Over a three year period, that national toll-free telephone line fielded 350,000 calls from both prospective adult learners and volunteer teachers. The literacy campaign was largely fueled with public service ads in print and on television. At last estimate, the media had given us over $100 million worth of free space and time. Among the most gratifying results of ALA's early behind-the-scenes efforts in forging links to fight illiteracy have been the many other campaigns undertaken independently of the coalition that encourage learning to read. These include the Gannett and the ABC/PBS Project PLUS Campaigns.

There is not time to talk this morning in any depth about the issue of library personnel. As many of you know, we are woefully short of trained children's librarians and of professionals who can deliver technical services. That problem is getting worse. In the last analysis, it seems to me, equity of access depends on dedicated professionals, especially those who can inspire children to read, who can inspire children to love books and who can help children to understand and take advantage of the role that books play in the midst of an intriguing computer world. We have, I think, tended to neglect the role that we could and should assume in making technology available. While we have promoted database searching and online catalogs, I have rarely seen a campaign that focuses on librarians as computer experts. We are the people whose talents can help to demystify the keyboard, the hard disk drive and the little screen. It's worth shouting about the fact that there are excellent and exciting and rewarding new career opportunities in our field and ALA intends to do just that. Our office of library personnel resources is developing recruitment strategies and materials that we think will help to attract more talented young people to our profession. A new $1.2 million grant proposal now under consideration by the Kellogg Foundation would establish a special leadership development program for America's libraries to be administered by ALA.

As professionals we are also broadening our reach geographically. We will have 14 Soviet colleagues with us for the first time in New Orleans. Our Book and Library Fellows Program, supported by the United States Information Agency, placed eight American librarians in positions in Jordan, Finland, Chile, Indonesia, India, Mauritius, and Malaysia during its first year. Funding has been approved for a second year of expanded fellowship opportunities. Please let me know if you would like to learn more about opportunities to work in libraries overseas.

I mentioned earlier the chance that libraries and librarians have to help close the computer literacy gap, but there is still another aspect to our burgeoning technology in which ALA is also deeply involved. According to our research during this past year, about two-thirds of all the public libraries in North America now offer video tapes for loan. Popular entertainment tapes can circulate as many as 250 times a year in busy libraries. A major challenge then was how to promote educational video tapes and how to help you as librarians build and manage well-balanced video collections. To tackle this issue and to help your libraries get video equipment, last year we sought and received a large grant from the Carnegie Corporation. That half million dollar Carnegie grant provided free video cassette players to 600 U.S. public libraries in 46 states. The video equipment was part of a package of programs and services that ALA made available including staff development tapes, a newsletter and a list of recommended titles. The establishment of this new ALA/Carnegie video partnership, which coincides with the development of ALA's own video publishing

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LAU RECOGNIZED

Ray Lau, Northwestern State University, receives from Stephen Skidmore, OLA President, a plaque which recognizes him for outstanding service to OLA. Ray has terminated four years of dedicated service as ALA Councilor.

OLA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

This year's OLA Scholarship winner, Donna R. Hogan, accepts a check from Richard Parker, Chairman, Scholarship Committee.

"I believe the Master of Library/Information Studies is a valuable degree both in the field of librarianship and in other information-based businesses as well. In particular I wish to specialize in the field of law librarianship."

... Donna Hogan

DAVIS PICKED AS LIBRARY LEADER

Denyveta Davis, head of the Ralph Ellison Library of the Metropolitan Library System, has been selected by the American Library Association President Margaret Chisholm to participate in the American Library Association's (ALA) first "Young Visionary Leaders" program, according to library executive director Lee B. Brawner. Davis was one of five people chosen at the ALA conference in New Orleans to sit on a panel to discuss librarianship and leadership. Throughout the coming year, she will be trained in various aspects of leadership to enable her to help shape the library profession for the coming decade.

JoAnn C. King appointed RTSD program officer

JoAnn C. King has been appointed program officer of the Resources and Technical Services Division of the American Library Association. Previously employed by the Tulsa City County Library System, King began work on June 27, 1988.

King had been with the Tulsa City County Library System (TCCL) since 1987 as a reference librarian and arts and humanities Librarian. From 1985 to 1987, she worked as coordinator of the Tulsa Area Library Cooperative, a not-for-profit multitype library cooperative made up of Tulsa-area academic, school, special and public libraries.

King, who has been an active member of the Oklahoma Library Association, holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Oklahoma, a master's in education from Goucher College, and her B.A. from Carleton College.
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. Annotations for State of Oklahoma publications are written by Vicki Sullivan, OPC.


This report surveys the archival policies and practices of the House of Representatives, and includes information on public access to House records. It also includes a survey of state archival policies and practices.


Analysis of the problem of acid deterioration of books, and the Library of Congress’ DEZ deacidification program. It describes not only the DEZ process, but also several alternative processes of deacidification.


Congressional hearing about the proposed privatization of NTIS. Contains papers from both the ALA and the SLA against it.


Directory of private sector organizations that provide training for prospective teachers of reading, along with information about the advantages of non-college and university teacher training and the supposed improved results of that training.


College and University Division Report

Your College and University Division officers for 1988-89 are: Wayne Donica, Chair; Betsy Aldridge, Chair-Elect; and Sue Ann Moritz Johnson, Secretary.

Your forenamed officers of College and University Division are actively in the process of planning programs for the membership year which we are hopeful will be of interest to our members, so much interest to our members in fact that you will indeed attend some, if not all, of these programs.

In February 1989 The College and University Division is co-sponsoring a computer graphics — desk top publishing workshop with the Administrative Roundtable and the Oklahoma chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries. Mike Rusk, Dean, Learning Resources Center, Tulsa Junior College, has agreed to conduct this workshop.

The College and University Division also plans to co-sponsor additional workshops with the Reference Roundtable and ACRL. The specifics of these workshops are now being mapped out; however, the proposed topics discussed thus far would appear to be of special interest to College and University Division members. You may, of course, anticipate additional communication concerning these workshops at a later date.

If any member of College and University Division has any ideas, suggestions, complaints, comments, etc. please, by all means, share your feelings and/or insights with your chair: Wayne Donica, Nash Library, USAO, Chickasha, OK 73018. Telephone (405) 224-3140, ext. 260, or your chair-elect, Betsy Aldridge, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK 74801, Telephone (405) 275-2650.

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