1991 Election Results

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OLA President's Message

If we are to “seize the day” for Oklahoma libraries during the current legislative session, we must shift into high gear now. Librarians, trustees, friends and other library supporters all need to contact legislators immediately by phone, by letter or in person.

It is likely that more than three out of four of your library users are also registered voters. With a little encouragement, this sizeable voting block could have a great influence on state and federal appropriations and legislation for libraries. Oklahoma libraries are hurting. We must not hesitate or be timid in addressing these critical needs to our lawmakers.

I'll even give you a simple formula for bringing these issues to their attention: 1. Say Hi! 2. Say What. 3. Say Why. 4. Say Bye!

1. SAY Hi! Each of us has a relation with our legislators. As a librarian, trustee, a constituent and, in many cases, a friend, we have a right and responsibility to let them know what's important to us. I might say, “Sorry you were so busy in the Senate Chamber when I stopped by your office on Library Legislative Day.” You or one of your patrons might say, “It was good to visit with you last weekend while you were home from the Capitol.” Whatever suits best, establish your affiliation cordially in a brief, but an attention-enjoying manner.

2. SAY WHAT. Take your pick, though probably not all at once, of the specific needs of libraries. At the national level, the President's budget proposal cuts Department of Education library programs by 75.5%. Congress needs to be urged to continue LSCA and HEA library programs and Chapter 2 school block grants as currently structured with increased funding.

All types of libraries in Oklahoma would benefit from passage of a library technology bill. Senator Rex Chandler has introduced SB 216 which calls for a CD-ROM data base of library holdings. Funds for the technology program would be part of Gov. Walter's bond issue or could be added to the ODL budget (HB 1238). School libraries need funds added to their budget (HB 1236) for library materials and grants for improvement of media centers. Public libraries need state aid nearly doubled this year. Also, if the state legislature funded the salaries for state-wide services at ODL, over one-half million dollars would be available in grants to public libraries. To extend public library services to more Oklahomans, existing library laws need

study and revision as called for in SCR 8.

Only four of Oklahoma’s academic libraries are funded at or above the ACRL recommended minimum six percent of the institution’s education and general budget. The higher education budget (SB 111) needs to be increased to maintain and improve libraries in post-secondary educational institutions.

Be specific in identifying your request. It will make it easier for the legislator and staff to look into it.

3. SAY WHY. Take your pick again. Oklahoma’s 27 state academic libraries average only 3.8% of the institution’s education and general budget rather than the minimum 6% recommended. Public libraries receive $53 per capita; the national average is $1.16. Development and use of a library technology network would connect the individual library user with not only Oklahoma, but national and international information data bases. Fewer than two thirds of school libraries are served by certified librarians and some schools don't even have libraries yet. The cost of library materials has nearly doubled in the last ten years; library budgets have not.

4. SAY BYE! Offer to provide more information or explain the need in more detail. Promise to call again or stop by the Capitol. Ask for help moving the bill through committee. Ask for a commitment to vote for the legislation. Ask what you could do to support the legislator’s agenda of concerns back home.

Do it now. It WILL help. And urge others to make contact also.

--Joel Robinson

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OLA SCHEDULE/HOLIDAYS

April 14-21 National Library Week
April 16 National Legislative Day-Washington, D.C.
April 17-20 OLA Annual Conference, Hilton Inn West, OKC
May 1 OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN deadline
May 3 OLA/ODL Certification Committee, ODL - 1 p.m.
May 9 Sequoyah YA, ODL - 12 Noon
May 10 Membership Committee, OSU - 10 a.m.
May 16 Sequoyah Children's Book Award Comm., ODL - 10 a.m.
May 17 Executive Board/Program Committee, OSU
June 20-21 OLA Leadership Retreat, Bartlesville
June 29-July 4 American Library Association, Atlanta, GA
The Oklahoma State University Libraries were selected by the Library of Congress to participate in a one-year test of the American Memory Project. The American Memory Project represents a concerted effort to share with the nation a substantial portion of the Library of Congress collections. Combining text, photos, sound clips, and movies, a sampling of the Library of Congress collections has been brought to Stillwater.

Emphasizing the contents of the unique special collections of the Library of Congress, the American Memory system uses the latest in information technologies. This includes compact disks and videodisks accessed via a microcomputer, with program contents displayed on a computer screen or television monitor. Users of the system will be able to take any text or image presented on the screen and incorporate it into a computer file using any compatible word processing software.

The American Memory Project combines information relating to three era's in American History: the 19th Century, the 1890-1920's, and the period between the World Wars.

As part of the project, the staff at the OSU Libraries work with a consultant to evaluate the usage of the system. The library staff is interested in working scholars to develop creative ways of using the American Memory Project information. If you would like a demonstration of the system or have any questions, please call (405) 744-6540.

—Rich Paustenbaugh
OSU Libraries
Nominees Sought for Polly Clarke Award

The Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists (OASLMS) is now accepting applications for its fourth annual Polly Clarke Award to honor an Oklahoma school library media specialist.

This award has been established to identify and reward library media specialists who practice cooperative program planning and teaching; to identify and publicize model library media programs in which the role of the library media specialist is to plan and teach with faculty, as well as to administer the operation of the library media center; and to further the development of school library media programs in Oklahoma.

Nominations can be made by administrators, library supervisors, classroom teachers, or may be self-nominated. The winner will be presented with a plaque and cash award at the Encyclopedia Xi Workshop, Sept. 12-13, 1991. The recipient will be recognized again at the Cooperative Council of School Administrators (CCOSA) Convention in the fall of 1991 and at the annual OLA Spring Conference in 1992.

An application can be obtained by contacting the State Department of Education, Library Media Section, 2500 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599; (405) 521-2956.

Deadline for submitting an application is July 1.

—Bettie Estes-Rickner
State Dept. of Education

IN MEMORIUM

William A. Martin, Jr.
Funeral for William A. “Bill” Martin, Jr., 69, Chickasha, was held Friday, Feb. 8, 1991. Martin received his MLS from Emporia State University in 1953. An active member in various library organizations, he was employed from 1968 until his retirement in April 1986, as the Director of Nash Library at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha. Donations in his memory may be made to either St. Luke’s Episcopal Church or to the Friends of Chickasha Public Library.

Wanted: Reference Librarians to Win $$$

Are you a librarian “who best demonstrates what it takes to serve on the front lines of reference services?” If so, you can win $1,000 from OCLC through their first annual “On the Front Line” Award!

All interested librarians from AMIGOS member libraries are encouraged to apply. Deadline to nominate yourself or someone you feel meets eligibility requirements is July 13, 1991. Contact Janet Hawlik at AMIGOS (1-800-843-8482) to request a nomination form.

Library Directors Form Council

On March 5, the Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors achieved official status with the adoption of bylaws and election of officers. The Council, as the name implies, is an organization of chief administrative officers from academic libraries and learning centers—both public and private. The purpose of the Council is to “advance the interests of Oklahoma academic libraries.” Officers of the new organization are: Chair, Jim Beavers, Director of Learning Resources, Rose State College; Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Mike Rusk, Dean of Libraries, Tulsa Junior College; Secretary-Treasurer, Alberta Mayberry, Director of Libraries, Langston University; and Member-at-Large Delegate Robert Patterson, Director of Libraries, University of Tulsa. Dr. Edward Johnson, Dean of Libraries at Oklahoma State University, was instrumental in organizing the Council and served as interim chair.

The Council will meet in the spring, during OLA’s annual conference, and in the fall on the campus of a member institution. However, much of the organization’s business will be conducted through a series of ongoing committee meetings. Bylaws specify standing committees to monitor library legislation, maintain liaison with other agencies, and address issues of automation.

Summer Classes in Santa Fe

The OU School of Library and Information Studies will offer two courses in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Aug. 2-9, 1991: “Information Uses and Services: How May I Serve You Better?” (LIS 5463; Dr. Sydney Pierce) and Southwest American Indian Research Resources” (LIS 5990; Dr. Lotsee Patterson). For additional information on these courses, please contact the School: (405) 325-3921.

Asbestos Abated in OSU Documents Department

Because of an extensive asbestos abatement project, the collection of the Documents Department at the Oklahoma State University Library has been in storage for the past 10 months. As of Mar. 18, the abatement is completed and the staff and material have returned to an area that has freshly painted walls, washed and waxed floors, and new lights in an asbestos-free ceiling.

The staff is glad to be “home” again with the collection on one floor instead of being hidden away in various nooks and crannies of the building. During the abatement process, the collection was available only by paging by the library staff. Full service is again available.

Automation News at UCT

The library at the University Center at Tulsa has chosen the Data Research Associates system to replace Sydney. The library will have all of the DRA modules available, including the public catalog, circulation, reserve function, cataloging, serials, and acquisitions modules. Expected to be operational by June, the system will have a NOTIS interface and will be dial accessible.

New at the UCT Library is Business Periodicals Ondisc, full text articles from 330 business journals on CD-ROM. The library is also experimenting with a number of portable microfiche readers which students may check out for use with ERIC documents. Up to 20 documents may be checked out for a week. The library has also begun to develop a basic legal collection.
Eclectic Groups Attend Free Library Concerts

About 75 music lovers showed up at the Belle Isle Library for the first performance of "The Wonder-Filled World of Music." It was an eclectic crowd of bikers, teens, housewives, children, retirees, who seemed to enjoy everything—the music, the comments by the performers, the beauty of the instruments, and the cookies provided by the Orchestra League.

Violinist James Nimmo, serving as master of ceremonies, introduced selections from Beethoven, Mozart and Roussel with light-hearted anecdotes. The same relaxed, casual ambiance characterized the second concert in the "Wonder-Filled" series on Sunday, Mar. 3, at the Southern Oaks Library.

The series is co-sponsored by the Philharmonic Orchestra League, the Metropolitan Library System, and the State Arts Council of Oklahoma.

—Julia Fresonke
Metropolitan Library System

The Rural Community Library in the Year 2001

On March 21, the Rural Library Services Committee presented a dynamic program at the Public Library Association Conference in San Diego. "The Rural Community Library in the Year 2001" featured experts from within the PLA who addressed the question, "What will the model rural library look like in the year 2001?" Participants were invited to envision information needs and the role of the rural community library in meeting those needs in a decade. The presenters visualized the rural library as a community leader and information center and forecasted outreach, staffing and cooperative activities.

On Sunday, June 30, a more in-depth program on the future of the rural community library will be presented at the ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jan Walsh at the Washington State Library, (206) 753-2114.

The Oklahoma Book Awards Medallion was designed by Douglas Bowman with the Runkle Moroch company. The first bronze medallion was "presented to Mrs. Rosemary Gibson in memory of her husband, Dr. Arrell Gibson, first president of the Oklahoma Center for the Book."

Second Oklahoma Book Awards

The second annual Oklahoma Book Awards and a Symposium on the "Vitality of the West and the Written Word" helped the state celebrate National Book Week in Jan.

Sponsored by the Oklahoma Center for the Book, the Book Award Ceremony brought over 200 citizens together to honor the authors. Attendance was up from last year's total of 70, indicating support for the new award is growing rapidly.

The specially designed bronze medallions were presented to authors and publishers in five categories.

Fiction: Linda Hogan, Mean Spirit, Atheneum.
Nonfiction: Carl Albert, former Speaker of the House for his autobiography Little Giant, and co-author Danney Goble, University of Oklahoma Press.
Excellence in design and illustration: Carol Harralson, designer for Cleora's Kitchens by Cleora Butler, Council Oak Books.
Lifetime Achievement Award: Tony Hillerman, mystery writer who employs Navajo culture in his work and a native of Sacred Heart.

The symposium featured Hillerman and author/historian Tom Watkins, editor of Wilderness magazine; and was moderated by Goble. Two-hundred fifty Oklahomans turned out to hear the authors speak about the influence of the American West on their writing.

The Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities co-sponsored the symposium. Both events were held at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City.

Grants Through SLA

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) will make available $9,200 in grants through its 1991 Special Programs Fund Grant Program.

Both individuals and groups are eligible for the grants. Projects must advance the scientific, literary, and educational goals of SLA, as well as have wide applicability to the special library community. Members and nonmembers are encouraged to submit proposals.

Since the first grant was awarded in 1983, 14 projects have been funded through the Program. The projects—ranging from research studies to continuing education programs—have tackled such issues as the value of the information professional, competencies of special library managers, and development of special library education.

For an application/information packet contact the Professional Growth Section, SLA, 1700 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, 202/234-4700. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than July 1, 1991.
Like many labels and titles we encounter, "social responsibility" can mean something different to each of us. To learn what the OLA membership at large understands "social responsibility" to mean, a survey was mailed in Jan./Feb. The survey asked members to rate the importance of an assortment of library services, roles, and/or concerns. Also, respondents indicated which topics would prompt their attendance at a workshop. We received and tabulated 53 responses.

**Survey Results**

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*VI=Very Important  I=Important  NI=Not Important  AW=Attend a Workshop*

Other concerns included: flexible scheduling, preservation (of library materials), patrons, vandalism and public relations, cooperation between school and public libraries/librarians, multi-culture awareness, collection development and marketing for special populations, civil/political responsibility, proper use of librarians, directory/criss-cross directory service, education on child abuse, mentally retarded patrons, and information on alternative health care.

It is apparent that outreach to rural communities and the ecology movement are the two most important social issues to Oklahoma librarians at this time. SSRT is investigating sponsoring workshops on these topics. Anyone interested in working with the Roundtable to prepare a fall workshop on environmental education/recycling in libraries or a 1992 conference program on outreach to rural communities should contact Andy Peters, Pioneer Library System 405-321-1481, or Virginia Perschbacher at the Chickasaw Library System 405-223-3164.

—Virginia Brady Perschbacher  
SRRT Vice Chair

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**OASLMS Division Minimum Salary Recommendation for School Librarians**

The Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists Division recommends that the minimum salary for a beginning school media specialist (master's degree, no experience) to be $18,106. This is based on a 180 day school year contract. If the media specialist's contract is extended beyond the normal school year, the salary should be adjusted upward to reflect the additional time.

**Rationale:** School library media specialists come under the same salary schedule as a certified classroom teacher. The salaries for all certified school personnel, K-12 grades, are set by the State Department of Education. Individual school districts have the option of offering more pay above the salaries set by the state.

—Carolyn Wright

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**Something for Everyone in OLA**

**Children's**


Beatty, Patricia. *Sarah and Me and the Lady from the Sea*, 1989


Dexter, Catherine. *Mazemaker*, 1989


Hahn, Mary Downing. *The Doll in the Garden*, 1989


Kehret, Peg. *Nightmare Mountain*, 1989


Kline, Suzy. *Orp*, 1989


Lowry, Lois. *Number the Stars*, 1989

Park, Barbara. *My Mother Got Married (and other disasters)*, 1989


Slote, Alred. *Make Believe Ball Player*, 1989


College & University Division
Minimum Salary Recommendation
for Academic Librarians

The College & University Division recommends that at each institution the minimum salary for an entry-level librarian with a master's degree from an ALA accredited school be equal to the salary of an entry-level faculty instructor with a master's degree. If the librarian's contract is for twelve months, the salary should be adjusted upward to reflect the additional period.

Rationale: Salaries for faculty vary widely at the various institutions in Oklahoma. Being treated equally to other faculty at one's institution is more important to librarians than setting a salary figure. The division was surveyed and 85% of those responding favored the statement above. There was no consensus at all on a numerical salary figure.

—Kay Parham

Federal Relations Coordinator
February 15, 1991

Administration Proposes 75% Cut in Library Funding

President Bush submitted his FY 1992 budget to Congress on February 4. Only $35 million is proposed for Department of Education library programs, a 75.5% cut compared with $143 million appropriated in FY 91. Although the total for libraries is similar to last year's ($39 million), there are some surprises. First, this is how the numbers compare with last year's proposal and final appropriations.

Budget Comparison FY 91 to FY 92 (amounts in Thousands)

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* Proposed to be used only for adult literacy activities
** Part of proposed consolidation of several graduate fellowship programs with Secretary, setting priorities each year.

The $35 million would be targeted to only one program, LSCA I, and could be used only for one purpose—adult literacy activities. This would require legislative change in the basic LSCA statute, which the Administration will apparently submit to Congress later.

Library Funds Part of Block Grant to Governors

In addition, the $35 million would be part of a $20 billion list of programs to be consolidated and turned over to the states. Selection of programs to be turned over must be authorized by Congress in consultation with the administration and the governors. The administration would then propose to replace these programs with a similar consolidated block grant to the states.

Of the four Education Department programs suggested as potential block grant programs (public library services, the Chapter 2 school block grant, impact aid payments to school districts, and supplemental education opportunity grants), all would be reduced a total of $422 million in the education programs slated for turnover. Public library services at $35 million for adult literacy is by far the smallest of the $20 billion list of programs in the turnover plan. Its chances of emerging

—Shan Glandon
January 18, 1991

Executive Director’s Report: Kay Boies reported on ALA Midwinter: legal issues for tax exempt organizations, keeping library schools open, and the White House Conference on Libraries.

A motion passed directing the Board to write Northeastern State University urging officials to reinstate the library media program to meet the demands of HB 1017.

President’s Report: Joel Robinson discussed ALA Midwinter and plans for the Legislative Committee’s “Power Dinner.”

Long Range Planning Committee: Carol Casey reported the committee is examining duties and responsibilities of committees, roundtables, and divisions as well as the goals and objectives of the organization. A plan for proposed changes and a timeline for implementation will be developed along with duties and responsibilities for certain offices.

State Department of Education Coordinator: Betty Riley reported. Senator Rex Chandler from Isabel will introduce a bill to provide a statewide database for libraries; the Library Technology Report is being sent to all the legislative leadership. Encyclopaedia XI is set for Sept. 12 and 13, 1991 with the theme of “Connections: Access to 2000” *1990-91 Directory of Computer Applications Automation: Automation of School Library Media Centers*, an annotated list of CD-ROM Resources, and two employment assistance data bases are now available at the State Department of Education.

ALA Councilor: Mary Sherman distributed a report on ALA Midwinter. (See story in Jan/Feb, Vol. 41, No. 1, p. 3) Four ALA Presidential candidates have been invited to the OLA Conference and one has requested space for a campaign statement in the Oklahoma Librarian. As this does not meet editorial board guidelines, the request was not approved.

Trustees Division Chair Vacancy: As Chair John Cochenour, is no longer in Oklahoma and has failed to attend the last five Executive Board meetings, a vacancy in the position of Chair was declared. Robinson recommended that Floyd Parkhill, a trustee of the Chickasaw Library System be appointed for the duration of the term.

1991 Annual Conference Budget: Donna Morris presented the revised conference budget: Total Income $43,500; Total Expenses $39,447; Balance $4,053.

Other: Sherman discussed the public image of libraries and librarians and the need to “sell” the concept of a comprehensive telecommunications plan for all libraries in Oklahoma.

February 15, 1991

Executive Director’s Report: Robinson reported that Boies was serving on jury duty and would report at the March meeting.

President’s Report: Robinson gave a brief report of the membership meeting in Muskogee and the tour of the Moter Bindery.

Program Committee: Morris reported the Conference Preview will be mailed next week. Phil Tolbert, representing the Local Arrangements Committee, presented the OLA Conference Packet and contents for approval.

Nominating Committee: Norman Nelson presented the election results. (see story, p. 1)

Constitution and Bylaws: A proposed change to the OLA By-Laws will discontinue the one free division or roundtable previously given with membership. Carol Casey proposed that the free lifetime membership for recipients of the Distinguished Service Award be deleted as of the year 1992. This would not be retroactive to those who have already received the award.

Yellow Ribbon Displays on Library Facilities: Jan Sanders, Chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee talked with Judith Krug at the ALA Intellectual Freedom Office. Their discussion indicated that libraries and staff members, while on duty, should maintain neutrality and not display or wear symbols that could be construed as partisan or espousing a particular point of view.

ALA Councilor: Sherman discussed Dick Dougherty’s Council report that referred to the 1990’s as the “...Decade of the Librarian and Survivorship...” and the crisis issues that prevail in the profession today, in terms of low profile and passivity versus visibility and assertiveness.

“Let’s Talk About It!”: Jennifer Kidney distributed financial statement and minutes of the Advisory Board/Long Range Planning Committee meeting. 17 programs will be held this Spring.


New Business: Letters from Alaska Library Association Representative to Chapter Councilors concerning determining standards for long distance education were discussed.

Joel discussed the NMRT mentoring program that will be available at ALA in Atlanta.

Robinson was authorized to write a letter to the Chair of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science urging that Patricia Glass Schuman be appointed a delegate-at-large to the White House Conference.

Kathy Hale
OLA Secretary

Federal Relations Coordinator, cont. from p. 19

as a high priority in competition with such large programs and community development block grants, the social services block grant, and state welfare administration expenses for Medicaid, AFDC, and Food Stamps are pretty slim.

Higher Education Act Library Programs - Implications

The FY 92 budget proposal reflects Administration priorities for Higher Education Act reauthorization. It is felt any HEA program eliminated in the budget would not be part of the Administration’s HEA reauthorization proposal, including HEA Title II library programs.

Rationale for Program Termination

The rationale in Education Department budget documents and at budget briefings was similar to arguments heard in the past. The programs have served their purpose; other sources of assistance are available; activities are the responsibility of other government authorities; etc. On targeting reduced LSCA funds to adult literacy, budget documents say this would focus funds on a critical area of national need, and that a state grant program would facilitate greater coordination with the states and provide a more concerted attack on this problem. A budget officer did admit that LSCA VI direct grants for literacy had trained over 100,000 literacy volunteers. This reduction in flexibility in the use of library funds is at odds with the rationale for the proposed block grant to the governors, for which flexibility is one of the goals.

Action Needed:

The ALA Washington office immediately needs data on the impact of the Administration’s budget proposal. What would be the impact on your state or your library, or a specific library service, of zeroing out all programs except for one LSCA I purpose? What are the implications of combining the reduced LSCA I funding with a block grant to governors? Send data or anecdotes to: ALA Washington Office, 110 Maryland Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20002-5675. ALANET: FAX 202/547-7363.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

COMING AND GOING...

at Oklahoma Department of Libraries
Former Chief of Planning Officer Beverly Jones is now Technology Project Coordinator
Joel McRee has assumed responsibilities for federal LSCA applications and programs.

Robert Rankin, previously at the Enid Public Library, is now Records Center Manager. Chris Bittle, former Records Center Manager, is now reference librarian in the U.S. Government Information Division

Susan McVey is the new Administrative Librarian for the Cartwright Library in the State Capitol Building. She replaces Harriet Barbour who retired in Jan. after 19 years of service with ODL.

Ginny Dietrich has joined the Office of Library Development and will be assisting public libraries in the southeastern part of the state. She was at the Norman Public Library.

Allan Goode, consultant in the Office of Library Development is now reference librarian in Cartwright Library.

Donna Denniston, formerly at Cartwright Library, is serving as state liaison for ODL services.

Bill Petrie has joined the Public Information Office as an information representative.

Kathy Wade is a librarian at Cartwright Library. She was previously at the Carl Albert Center at OU.

at Northeastern State University
Bela Follin, Jr. is the new director of the library.

at Rose State College
James F. Beavers, III has been promoted to Director of the Learning Resources Center. Sharon Saulmon, former Reference and Special Projects Librarian, is the new Head Librarian.

at Oklahoma State University
Lawrence Purcell has accepted a position as Special Collections Librarian at the University of Tulsa Law Library.

at Oklahoma City Community College
John Rosenhammer, former Government Documents Librarian at the OU Law Library, is now Cataloging Services Librarian.

at Cameron University
Christine Zuger is now Head of Cataloging. Zuger earned her MLS from Rutgers University in 1984. She was previously at AT&T Information Research Center, Morristown, N.J.

Victoria K. Swinney is now a Reference Librarian in charge of Bibliographic Instruction. She received a MLIS from OU in 1990.

...AND DOING THINGS

at University of Tulsa
Robert H. Patterson, Director of Libraries, has been appointed to the advisory council of the newly established AMIGOS Preservation Service. The two-year project, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, will create a regional preservation program for library and archival materials in the five-state area (Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and Arkansas) served by the AMIGOS Bibliographic Council. Patterson chaired the preservation committee that drafted the successful grant proposal. The goals of the project are to encourage state program development, and offer coordinated training, education and treatment referral services in the region.

at Metropolitan Library System
Sharon Saulmon was elected to a second term as chair of the Metropolitan Library Commission in Jan. Saulmon joined the board in 1983 and, prior to that, worked for MLS for several years. Currently, she is head librarian at Rose State College. During her second term as chair, Saulmon would like to continue her efforts to refine MLS's services, plus lead the commission in planning sessions designed to help members gain an overview of the system and its future direction.

Ernestine Clark, coordinator of volunteer services for MLS and liaison for Friends of the Library, was recently selected one of 17 "Ladies in the News", honored by the Oklahoma Hospitality Club. Honorees are selected because they have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession or through contributions to their community.
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