

ACRL gift spurs donations to ALA's Fund

The Fund for America's Libraries is pleased to announce the receipt of \$500,000 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to support the Office of Information Technology and Policy (OITP) at ALA's Washington Office. The Fund would like to acknowledge the important role ACRL played when committing \$100,000 to support the OITP and ALA's legislative agenda during the 1995 Midwinter Meeting. Member commitment was essential for the success of early fundraising. ACRL's contribution first helped leverage a grant for \$30,000 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, which in turn attracted support from W.K. Kellogg. The Kellogg moneys will go for operating expenses and the Winter Technology Summit.

ACRL conference proceedings available

Discover how academic librarians from around the country are coping with the challenges of building a new information infrastructure. The proceedings of the ACRL 7th National Conference held March 29-April 1, 1995, in Pittsburgh, are now available.

Included in *Continuity and Transformation: The Promise of Confluence*, edited by Richard AmRhein, are 54 refereed contributed papers and 31 abstracts of panel sessions organized by the four conference themes—technology and the service-centered library; knowledge workers and their organizations; multiculturalism and internationalism; and society, economics, and politics. The papers describe how librarians are using new and established technologies to enhance the teaching, learning, and research processes in their institutions.

The 500-page proceedings (ISBN: 0-8389-7786-3) sells for \$49.95; the ACRL member price is \$44.95. To order *Continuity and Transformation* call toll free (800) 545-2433, press 7, or fax your order to (312) 836-9958, or send it to Hugh Thompson, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

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Mary Ellen Davis

Knight Ridder to acquire CARL Corp.

Knight-Ridder Information, Inc., intends to acquire 100% interest in the CARL Corporation and total interest in the UnCover Company, a joint partnership of CARL and Blackwell Limited. Ward Shaw, chairman and CEO of CARL, professed his delight with the acquisition.

Baruch wins awards

The new Baruch College Campus Library and Technology Center was awarded the Municipal Art Society of New York's Certificate of Merit and an AIA/ALA Library Building Award in June. Using the 1894 Metropolitan Street Railway Company of New York building, the architectural firm of Davis, Brody & Associates gracefully integrated classic design with new technology.



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The interior of the new Campus Library and Technology Center at Baruch College in New York City.

Faculty status consultants: A database of experts

ACRL's Academic Status Committee is involved in a variety of issues associated with academic and faculty status for librarians at colleges and universities. The committee's charge includes: "To recommend appropriate policy and/or action on matters in academic libraries insofar as such matters affect the status of academic librarians; to be informed on all aspects of the status of academic librarians; and to develop standards, guidelines, procedures, and programs for the attainment and protection of appropriate status."¹

The committee's role as advisor or counselor on issues of academic/faculty status has been relatively important over the years. As the committee meets twice at each ALA conference, librarians who are concerned with issues of status at their institutions frequently come to express the details of these concerns. Members of the committee listen to these comments and attempt to provide informal constructive feedback.

To provide additional perspective on issues of status for librarians, *Academic Status: Statements and Resources* has been compiled by the committee and published by ACRL.² Commonly known as the "blue book," and currently in its second edition, it's a useful compilation of model statements, guidelines, and standards that have appeared over time in *C&RL News*. In addition, a bibliographic essay on faculty status and a selective bibliography are included. It's an important collection of relevant documents for academic librarians who are concerned with academic or faculty status.

The spacious interior of cherry paneling and colorful carpeting is bathed in natural light flooding in from the 70 x 90-foot skylight which overlooks the entire nine-story structure. The seventh floor atrium, which is lined with trees, provides an indoor campus for a college that has no outdoor space of its own. Fiber-optic cable connects the library, media and conferencing centers, and computer lab to other CUNY Colleges and to the Internet.

In an effort to provide additional expertise on issues of status for academic librarians, the committee has generated a list or database of "consultants" who are familiar with the realities and practices of academic and faculty status. These consultants were solicited in the pages of *C&RL News*. Candidates were asked to complete a "Faculty Status Consultant" application. In addition to the standard professional data, candidates were asked to provide a synopsis of expertise or experience in issues such as faculty status, bylaws development, liaison work, promotion and tenure, arbitration, and collective bargaining. Personal philosophies of faculty status were requested of candidates. A list of references who are familiar with the candidate's expertise or experience with faculty status was also requested. Finally, the candidate was asked to submit a current vita with the application.

To date, 30 individuals have requested copies of the application; 12 have completed and returned it with a current vita. The committee will solicit additional consultants regularly. Those interested in being a consultant or in getting a copy of the "Directory of Faculty Status Consultants" should contact Bede Mitchell, chair of the Academic Status Committee, at Appalachian State Univ., Boone, NC 28608.—*Don Frank, Georgia Institute of Technology*

Notes

1. *ALA Handbook of Organization 1994/95* (Chicago: ALA, 1994), 41.
2. Susan Kroll, ed., *Academic Status: Statements and Resources*, 2d ed. (Chicago: ACRL, 1994).

Designed to allow total interaction between students, faculty, and technology, the new 330,000-square-foot library holds 1,700 computer workstations, 270,000 volumes, 2,100 periodical subscriptions, 1.6 million microforms, and 2,000 audiovisual materials.

Instruction Section revising guidelines

A working draft of ACRL's Instruction Section's (formerly Bibliographic Instruction Section)

ALA reorganization destined for further study: Actions at ALA Council, Chicago, 1995

At the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago in June, the ALA Council voted not to reorganize the association at the present time but to continue to study the possibility. A plan to reorganize ALA was proposed by the Organizational Self Study Committee (OSSC) during the spring. A slightly revised version was released at conference. The subject of impassioned discussion in the exhibits, at cocktail parties, and during caucuses all over ALA Chicago, the proposed restructuring was met with criticism it never overcame. Problems resulting from the current structure were never identified, so it was impossible to tell if the proposed structure would improve ALA.

Additional concerns included the lack of time for membership input (the plan was never published in *American Libraries*, for example), the radical restructuring of roundtables and type-of-activity sections, the lack of Council restructuring as a corollary to the ALA proposal, and the lack of a budget impact statement. Members of the OSSC took this criticism well, offering the explanation that this proposal was intended to "get discussion started." It certainly did that.

Council created a Structural Revision Task Force to review the proposal, to offer additional options for reorganization, to oversee public hearings at ALA in New York next summer, and to present new recommendations for restructuring ALA to Council in San Francisco in 1997. The Task Force will no doubt benefit from the hard work done by the OSSC and learn from the failed attempt at ratification this summer.

In another important Council action, the Intellectual Freedom Committee's "Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights" was sent back to committee in order to gain input and consensus on the provisions and wording. Urging that the proposed draft was too hastily composed and included provisions which were unreasonable and unworkable in many libraries, ACRL was joined by representatives of the Library and Information Technology Association and many other members of Council involving this action. A new draft of the statement should be ready by Midwinter for reconsideration.—
W. Lee Hisle, ACRL Councillor

"Guidelines for Instruction Programs" is available for your review at <http://ux1.cso.uiuc.edu/~bswoodar/guidelin.html>. A print copy of the final draft will be published in the December 1995 issue of *C&RL News*. This is the first revision to the "Guidelines for Bibliographic Instruction" since its approval in 1977.

Wedding doesn't stop conference attendance

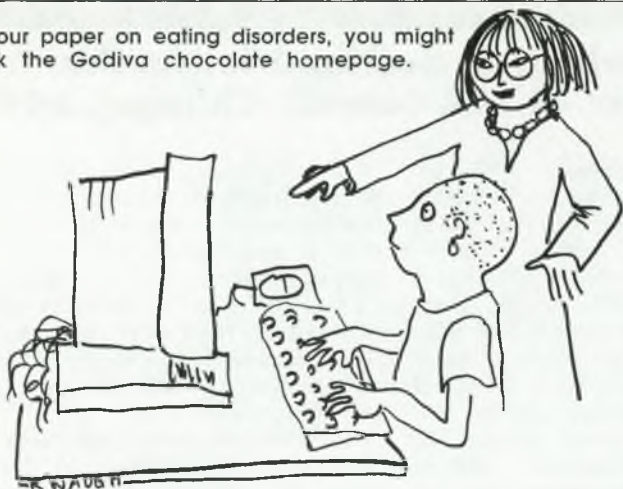
Mary Lou Goodyear, ACRL member and the 1995-96 ALA Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) president, was married during the 1995 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Goodyear married Adrian Alexander, director of western region sales for the Faxon Company, on June 22 at the Doral Plaza Hotel. Goodyear, senior associate director at the Texas A&M University Library, said she wanted to have both fam-

ily and friends at her wedding and chose the ALA Annual Conference as the perfect place. Following the conference, the couple honey-



Married at the ALA Annual Conference were ACRL member Mary Lou Goodyear (right) and Adrian Alexander (center). RASD executive director Cathleen Bourdon is at left.

For your paper on eating disorders, you might check the Godiva chocolate homepage.



Michigan library gets facelift

An \$11 million transformation of the University of Michigan (UM) Undergraduate Library has brought with it a new name and look, and expanded resources, facilities, and services. The library, which opened in 1958, was recently named the Harold T. and Vivian B. Shapiro Library in honor of the former UM president and his wife. The renovation included an addi-

tioned 30,000 square feet, new workstations providing World Wide Web access to the Internet, and a multimedia collection of information resources for undergraduate study, including the Core Journal Project which gives undergraduates access to a full-text digital library of key journal literature. The new library also includes an Academic Resource Center for instruction and consultation with campus academic support groups, a reading room of required course-related texts, 13 small group study rooms equipped with ethernet connectivity, individual study seating for 750, with classroom and microcomputer facilities providing 100 additional spaces. The library also houses the newly unified science library collections which include more than 300,000 volumes. ■

Visit the ALA homepage

Visit the ALA homepage at <http://www.ala.org>. The illustrated directory includes an orientation to the association and its units, lists of ALA officers and staff, intellectual freedom and other policies, fact sheets, ALA Goal 2000, news releases, and other materials. Visitors to the ALA homepage are also automatically linked to the ALA gopher where ACRL has posted information.

Editorial cartoonists needed

C&RL News is pleased to welcome editorial cartoonist Kappa Waugh to its pages (see above). Waugh, coordinator of bibliographic instruction and reference librarian at Vassar College, is donating her talents to *C&RL News*, which is developing a pool of artistically talented individuals with a knowledge of academic library issues willing to donate their time and talent. If you have a flair for drawing and the ability to capture the humorous side of library issues in a single cartoon, *C&RL News* would like to hear from you.

Send a cover letter expressing your interest and experience along with three to five samples of your work to: Mary Ellen K. Davis, Editor, *C&RL News*, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.



The newly renovated Shapiro Undergraduate Library at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.