

# Personnel

BEN C. BOWMAN, professor and chief librarian of Hunter College of the City University of New York since 1966, will assume the



Mr. Bowman

position of director of libraries and professor of bibliography at the University of Rochester on September 1. He brings to his new post a background of over twenty years in library administration, a wide-ranging bibliographic knowledge, a superior grasp of the techniques of collection building, and an intense interest in the

advancement of inter-library cooperative systems. These qualities augur well for the future development of the University of Rochester libraries.

A native Westerner (born in California), Ben spent his early years in Arizona and Oregon. He earned his BA and MA in English at the University of Oregon, following those degrees with two years of additional graduate study at the University of Chicago. He was selected for training in the Army's ASTP program in Far Eastern Areas and Languages during World War II and served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre for fourteen months. Upon his return to civilian life, he became a graduate assistant in English at the University of Illinois before deciding upon librarianship as a career.

While attending the graduate library school of the University of Chicago, Ben worked as a trainee at the Newberry Library. With the attainment of the BLS in 1948, he joined the Newberry professional staff as head of public service. In 1952 he became assistant librarian of Newberry, a position he held until he accepted appointment as director of libraries at the University of Vermont in 1961. During his stay at Vermont, expenditures for books more than doubled, the State Colleges were brought into a centralized processing system based at the University, and Ben was active in preliminary planning for the establishment of the regional processing system (NELINET) now serving the six New England State Universities.

Confronted with the need to enlarge the acquisition program, and with insufficient non-professional support staff and limited, cramped space when he became chief librarian of Hunter College in 1966, Ben instituted simplified methods of ordering, a shift from Dewey to LC, and expansion of the library staff and of funds

available for books. In addition to establishing two new branch libraries—one in nursing and one in social work—he completed the building program for the proposed new library at Hunter. Perhaps the most unusual task he faced during his tenure was that of planning for the separation of Hunter's Bronx Campus library from the main library in Manhattan and helping me to establish an independent library operation for Lehman College in 1968.

Ben has been active in professional associations during his entire career at the national, state, and local levels, has served on committees of ALA, and is a past president of the Vermont Library Association. He was materials consultant for ALA on the Japan Library School project in 1951-52 and again on the Ankara Library School project in 1955. Currently, he is library consultant for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

His new colleagues at Rochester will find that in Ben Bowman they have a practical, hard-working, progressive librarian, whose somewhat reserved manner masks a keen sense of humor and whose devotion to scholarly pursuits is nicely balanced by a love of the outdoor life. We will miss him at City University, and congratulate Rochester upon its good fortune in attracting him to its staff.—*Carl R. Cox, Herbert H. Lehman College.*

Native Ohioan GEORGE W. CORNELL on July 1 became director of library services at the SUNY College at Brockport, one of the fast-



Mr. Cornell

growing institutions in New York State's system of higher education. George received a BS in Education at Kent State University in 1947, his undergraduate career having been interrupted by four and a half years in the Army (which he left with the rank of Captain). His first full-time civilian job was teaching high school English in the Warren Township schools at Leavittsburg. But after a year the inevitable happened and he entered Western Reserve's library school where he received the MSLS in 1949.

George's first library position was at Antioch. And so was his third. He came to Yellow Springs in 1949 as catalog librarian. The following year the expansionist tendencies at his alma mater intrigued him and he left for Kent

State as head cataloger. Three years later when he learned that Antioch was to have a new library building, he asked if he could return and was welcomed back gladly. Since then he has been Antioch's librarian for technical processes. It is perhaps no coincidence that Brockport is in the midst of planning a new building to be located at the focal point of campus entrance.

In 1961-62 George took a sabbatical to begin work on a doctorate. His program, partly under the guidance of Lewis Branscomb, library director of Ohio State University, was designed to explore the context of library administration. His dissertation, "The College Archive: a Study in Administration," is much less concerned with library processes than with college administrative policies and procedures. He received his PhD from OSU in 1968.

George plays a little poker (but not usually with the staff). Note that he has studied administration as well as practiced it. In fact he is no frenetic practitioner, is low-keyed, a respecter of persons, but is persistent in his requirements of performance.

Brockport will find that he likes a dynamic, innovative institution and that he can take some part in solving problems beyond his immediate sphere of library responsibility. In moving to New York State, George follows the lead of some good Antiochians before him—librarian Irwin Pizer of the Upstate Medical Center for one, and for another the head of the SUNY system itself.—*Paul Bixler, Antioch College.*

On January 1, 1969, ROBERT WILKINSON EVANS became director of the library of the new SUNY institution, the College at Purchase,



Mr. Evans

New York. Though marriage and hanging go by destiny, and matches are said to be made in heaven, Albany must get the credit for this excellent match. The College at Purchase will emphasize the visual and performing arts; a librarian better suited to create a library responsive to these inter-

ests would be hard to come by.

Mr. Evans, who received his PhD from the University of Chicago in 1950 and his AM from the graduate library school of Chicago in 1955, served as part-time librarian of the University College there in 1951-52 and was circulation librarian of Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, in 1952. His military service took him to Japan in 1952-54.

From 1955 to 1961, Mr. Evans was librarian of Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. Collection development during his administration was vigorous and judicious; for every two books the library had in 1955 it had three by the end of his tenure. Also during his years at Muskingum, a new library building was achieved and library services to the College were greatly enriched.

In 1961, Mr. Evans joined the staff of the Oberlin College library as chief acquisitions librarian. He became associate librarian, the first in Oberlin's history, in 1963, and in 1966 assumed the additional role of head of technical services.

He has taught at Muskingum College and at the school of library science at Case Western Reserve University. His publications include contributions to the *Cooperative Price Index*, 1958-61 and to *CHOICE*. He was consultant to Bethany College in 1958 and to Morningside College in 1963. He was local majordomo for the ACRL Rare Books Conference held in Oberlin in 1961, and because of Oberlin's participation in Asian Studies programs, particularly those of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, he has been active in many conferences related to Asian studies and materials.

Mr. Evans was a member and past chairman of the Ohio College Association Librarians' Section and of the Northern Ohio Technical Services Librarians. He is a life member of ALA, with divisional memberships in ACRL and RTSD. He has been particularly active in the College Section of ACRL, serving on panels at section meetings and once as secretary of the section. He has been a member of the Science Acquisitions Study Advisory Committee of ALA's Office for Research and Development. Outside of the library sphere, his particular interests have included the AAUP and the ACLU. His travels have taken him to Europe and Mexico three times, and to Japan twice.

His achievements in his seven years at Oberlin have been of vital importance. He reorganized policies and procedures within all the technical services so both speed and accuracy have been gained; he inspired staff working under his direction so they can now produce twice as much finished work as before, and with fewer professional personnel involved; he enlarged the services contributed by the technical staff to include a machined periodicals holding list and other aids helpful to our users. Perhaps most significantly, he established a pattern of materials selection so successful that librarians have been able to take the lead in collection development, an accomplishment which reflects this strongly opinionated faculty's appreciation of his judgment and ability. As associate librarian he was deeply embroiled in the planning of a new main library building

and in many matters of administration, always with insight, knowledge, vision, and modesty.

The College at Purchase will have in Mr. Evans a man of great gifts. A fine bookman, a librarian of great versatility, a wit and a wag, his early appointment to this faculty will permit him to be useful to the College on many fronts in addition to the library. Colleagues in New England and the Middle states, with whom he will increasingly be working, will find the urbane Mr. Evans a delight to know. What may be a diminishing breed there as elsewhere—librarians who read—will find in him a mirror (left-handed) image.

Oberlin, official and personal, will continue to miss him. We are all grateful for the enlightenment leadership he provided. His achievements here were significant and will endure. He will always be counted as a fine friend and co-worker by all of us who have been privileged to know him. We can only envy Purchase.—*Eileen Thornton, Oberlin College.*

Mr. WILLIAM B. ERNST, JR., will become director of libraries and professor of library administration of the Chicago Circle of the University of Illinois in the fall of 1969. Mr. Ernst leaves the libraries of the State University of New York at Buffalo where he has been assistant and associate director since 1960.

Mr. Ernst was the first major appointment of the new director of libraries in Buffalo in 1960, and, in effect, from then on he acted as chief of staff and senior executive officer. During the director's sabbatical leave, he was acting director from March to October 1966.

To Mr. Ernst should go most of the credit for the recent development of the libraries at the State University of New York at Buffalo; he labored successfully to bring to Buffalo a number of highly qualified professionals; he worked with the director and the faculties in the formation of policy for the development of the collections; he actively adapted himself to new ideas in library management. During his tenure the library was elected to membership in the Association of Research Libraries.

Mr. Ernst was a member of the Senate of the University from 1960-67, and he served on the Executive Committee from 1961-63. He was on the Board of Directors of the Faculty Club from 1962-66, and he served as President from 1962-65.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the College and University section of the New York Library Association from 1964-66, serving as president of the section in 1965.

He came to Buffalo from Harvard where he had spent most of his mature life: AB cum laude (History of Art) 1939, AM (History of

Art) 1946. He received his degree in Library Science from Simmons College in 1948.

His career was interrupted by his service in the Army of the United States which he entered as a private in 1941 and from which he was discharged as a First Lieutenant in 1945. He served in the Reserves until his retirement in 1966 as a Major.

Professionally he worked at Harvard as a cataloger, in general reference, and as a book selector. When Lamont Library opened, Mr. Ernst served first as chief administrative assistant to the librarian, moving in 1956 to the post of assistant librarian for undergraduate services in charge of the Lamont Library and the house libraries. He left Cambridge to come to Buffalo.

He is married to Jeannette Blackstone Reed; they have three children. The eldest has recently graduated from Radcliffe; the son is presently a student at Boston University; and the second daughter is in high school.

Mr. Ernst served in Buffalo during a period of unprecedented growth brought about by the merger of the formerly private University of Buffalo into the State University of New York. His impress on the libraries will long be felt. His colleagues and many friends in the library, the Faculties, and the community view his and Mrs. Ernst's departure with real regret. With them go the best wishes of all with whom he has been associated.—*Oscar A. Silverman, The State University of New York at Buffalo.*

The news that DICK LOGSDON has accepted the new position of dean of libraries for the City University of New York came as a surprise



*Mr. Logsdon*

to many because Dick and Columbia have become almost synonymous terms. And well they might be, since the Logsdon era spans 22 years of Columbia's history.

Those years have been good ones for both parties. As assistant director for technical services, as associate director, and since 1953 as director,

Dick has guided Columbia's Libraries through great growth in every aspect of library operations. In terms of strengthening collections, providing effective services to readers, physical plant development, and, most important, in assembling a staff of high quality, Dick has served Columbia well. In retrospect, it also seems fair to say that it is evident that the libraries have done well because Columbia is

proud of its libraries and is certain of their central importance. This long demonstrated University confidence has been nourished by Dick's convictions about the nature of librarianship and his understanding of the elements that are the essence of his (and our) profession.

While Dick's activities and interests have always ranged widely, certain special concerns have persisted and I suspect they will continue to be evident as he assumes his new duties. Early training and continuing interests in the processes of management have always been much in evidence, and these skills will be much in demand in the major planning assignment he has assumed. His interest in education for librarianship, also of importance in his new post, has been demonstrated in periodic teaching assignments in Columbia's school of library service where he has held a professorship, as chairman of ALA's Commission on Education for Librarianship, and as author of several articles and, with his wife, Irene, a book, *Library Careers*.

A trip to Afghanistan some years ago generated a continuing interest both in the Middle East and in international librarianship, while over the years his efforts on behalf of regional cooperative activities have been demonstrated time and again as he has assumed leadership of a number of projects designed to promote rational cooperation among research libraries in New York.

Dick's professional career started in 1934 in Alamosa, Colorado, and developed successively in Virginia at Madison College, at the University of Kentucky, and in the Libraries of the Office of Education and the Veteran's Administration. He has served on many ALA committees, has been President of the Association of Research Libraries, was one of the ARL promoters of the Shared Cataloging Program of the Library of Congress, and has served as President of the New York Library Association. He has assisted many universities as a consultant on matters relating to library organization and development.

This remarkable mixture of enthusiasm, energy, and great professional competence will be called into play many times in the future as Dick works to formulate and promote library development plans for the City University. Even his time and motion study skills will be useful as he becomes a cross-town commuter in Manhattan. His Columbia colleagues, past and present, wish him well as he takes on still another major assignment.—*Warren J. Haas, University of Pennsylvania.*

#### APPOINTMENTS

RUSSELL E. BIDLACK, who has taught library science at The University of Michigan for 21

years, has been named as the first dean of the university's new school of library science.

MRS. MARVINE BRAND has joined the University of Houston libraries as administrative assistant to the assistant director of public services.

ALFRED N. BRANDON, currently director/librarian of the Welch Medical Library, Johns Hopkins University, has been selected to serve as chairman of the department of medical library science at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. He will hold the academic rank of professor of library science.

JENNIFER CARGILL has been named optometric librarian and instructor at the University of Houston.

BOBBY CARTER has joined the staff of the University of Texas medical school in Galveston as catalog librarian.

JUDY ENTRIKIN has joined the staff of the University of Houston as assistant serials librarian and instructor.

MRS. LOIS C. FARRELL has been appointed head of the agricultural sciences library at the University of California, Berkeley.

BERRY GARGAL has been named associate librarian in charge of the Mart science and engineering library at Lehigh University.

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COLLIN B. HOBERT has been appointed instructor and order librarian at Iowa State University.

MRS. ZOIA HORN has been appointed chief of public services in the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library at Bucknell University.

MAJOR CLAUDE J. JOHNS, JR., has been named director of the library, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado.

FREDERICK E. KIDDER, visiting associate professor at the graduate school of library science of the University of Illinois, has been appointed director of the new graduate school of librarianship of the University of Puerto Rico, San Juan.

SANDRA J. NAGORSKI has been appointed instructor and veterinary medical librarian at Iowa State University effective August 1.

DONALD A. OSBORNE has joined the staff of the library at SUNY Stony Brook as head of the bibliography and order section in the acquisitions department.

JOHN F. RIDDICK has been appointed instructor and serials librarian at Iowa State University.

ROBERT RODRIGUEZ has joined the staff of the University of Houston as assistant catalog librarian and instructor.

PATRICIA ROM has been appointed assistant reference librarian in the Bertrand Library at Bucknell University.

BELLA SHACHTMAN has been named associate university librarian at the University of California, Berkeley. Her primary area of responsibility will be the technical services.

RAYMOND N. TANG has been appointed head of the East Asiatic library at the University of California, Berkeley.

JANE TITUS has been named personnel librarian at Paley Library, Temple University.

MARTIN PAUL WILSON has joined the University of South Florida library staff as assistant librarian in cataloging.

## NECROLOGY

ALEX MOFFIT, associate librarian, 1936-1945, university librarian, 1945-1967, and consultant for libraries, 1967-1969, at the University of Texas at Austin, died on May 21, 1969.

## RETIREMENTS

MRS. MILDRED HIRSCH will retire as of July 31, 1969 as cataloger at the Swarthmore College library.

PEARL MOONEY has retired from the humanities reference staff of the University of Washington libraries after over 37 years of service with the university libraries.

JOHN LESTER NOLAN, director of the reference department, Library of Congress, has retired after more than 26 years of service. ■■