

the University of Michigan, Ohio State University, and Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania.

MIKE MACINNES, assistant university librarian for personnel at the University of California, Irvine, retired February 1. A retired Navy captain with 26 years of service, MacInnes joined the UCI library in 1970.

ANN SMITH, head of Interlibrary Loan at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, retired in June after 15 years of service. Smith joined the library in 1970 as an assistant catalog librarian.

Deaths

PAUL D. BARTON JR., fine arts librarian at the University of Arizona since 1970, died December 12. Barton was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (London). He was a founding member of the University of Arizona Campus Library Council


and the Library Faculty Assembly, and served the latter as chairman for three terms.

DONALD L. LEAVITT, chief of the Library of Congress Music Division from 1978 until his retirement in October due to ill health, died November 28. Leavitt's 29 years of LC service included work as a music reference librarian, as head of the Recorded Sound Section (then part of the Music Division), as assistant chief of the Music Division, and as acting chief of the division until his appointment as chief in 1978. Leavitt is credited with inaugurating numerous innovative series, including the "Concerts from the Collections" series.

LILLIAN J. LEE, former Geology librarian at Northwestern University, died July 14 after a long illness.

DAVID ARNOLD PEELE, periodicals librarian at the College of Staten Island, died November 9 of a heart attack. ■■

NEW TECHNOLOGY



• **Blackwell North America** now offers an Indicator Fix service that automatically checks and corrects filing indicators in title fields of MARC records. When properly set, filing indicators show the number of initial characters to be ignored when filing title field data. The service automatically compares lists of definite and indefinite articles organized by language against the data string in the 245 and other fields. For more information, contact Blackwell North America, 6024 S.W. Jean Road, Building G, Lake Oswego, OR 97034; (503) 684-1140.

• **Information Access Company** has introduced an enhanced version of its InfoTrac system designed for use in corporate and academic libraries. The new option adds downloading, word processing, and dial out access to remote online databases to the electronic search and retrieval capabilities of the InfoTrac system. The InfoTrac database, introduced in January 1985, contains indexes to approximately 1,000 business, technical, and general interest magazines and newspapers. The new enhancements allow the searcher to download selected references or full text onto a floppy disk for editing or inclusion in other documents.

• **OCLC, Inc.**, has made available the *United States Newspaper Program National Union List*, derived from information added to the OCLC

database by participants in the National Endowment for the Humanities' United States Newspaper Program. Participating national repositories include the Library of Congress, the American Antiquarian Society, Center for Research Libraries, Kansas State Historical Society, New York Historical Society, New York State Library, Rutgers University, and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. The union list provides information on more than 25,000 U.S. newspapers and identifies the libraries, archives, and historical societies that collect them. Four indexes provide access to the list: place of publication, intended audience, language, and date of publication. Hard copy and microfiche editions of the union list, containing entries input through June 1985, may be ordered from OCLC, 6565 Frantz Road, Dublin, OH 43017.

• **ScholarNet** is a new electronic mail service for scholars in the humanities and social sciences headquartered at North Carolina State University. The system allows scholars in 65 countries to communicate with each other and receive notices of new journals, books, and software programs. Two networks, PoliNet for political scientists and public administrators, and HumaNet for scholars in the humanities, are online with others to be added in the future. An initial subscription costs \$29.95 for an individual or \$100 for a company or academic

department. Online fees are \$16/hour weekdays, \$6 for off-hours. Contact: Richard W. Slatta, ScholarNet, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-8101; (919) 737-2908.

• The University of California's Division of Library Automation has developed a talking terminal to enable blind and other visually impaired students at UC to use a library catalog without assistance. The terminal unit incorporates a keyboard labelled with large letters and braille, a screen display that magnifies print, and a digital speech syn-

thesizer. It is connected to the University's MELVYL online catalog, consisting of 2 million book titles and over half a million periodical titles.

The terminal responds to users in two ways. To those who are totally blind the unit speaks by means of digital speech synthesis that can be recorded by a built-in cassette recorder. For those with partial vision a large print adapter enlarges the screen display up to 16 times its normal size. ■■



PUBLICATIONS

• The Automation Inventory of Research Libraries 1985, edited by Maxine K. Sitts (78 pages, August 1985), summarizes the status of automated systems in 92 member libraries of the Association of Research Libraries as of March 1985. Libraries may use the inventory to locate colleagues to contact for comparative information, to analyze trends for research and planning efforts, to provide background material for automation proposals, to identify bellwether institutions, or to locate libraries with specific hardware and software to prepare RFPs or deal with vendors. The data is arranged both by library and by automation function. Copies may be ordered for \$40 (\$20 to ARL members) from the ARL Office of Management Studies, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

• Books in My Life, by Robert B. Downs (19 pages, 1985), has been published as Pamphlet number 14 in the Center for the Book's Viewpoint series. Downs, former director of libraries at the University of Illinois, reflects on the impact that books have had on his career and on civilization in general. Copies are free on request from the Central Services Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

• Careers in Other Fields for Librarians, by Rhoda and Andrew Garoogian (192 pages, December 1985), analyzes numerous job opportunities in business, government, and education in terms of transferable library skills. It also tells how to identify information-related jobs among all those being advertised and how to present oneself to an employer who is unfamiliar with a librarian's professional preparation and expertise. Copies are available for \$12.95 from ALA Order Department, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. ISBN 0-8389-0431-9.

• Catalog Maintenance Online in ARL Libraries, SPEC Kit #119 (122 pages, December 1985), details the results of an Office of Management Studies survey of 23 ARL institutions representing several stages of automation, from preliminary planning to nearly fully integrated status. The kit includes ten examples of catalog maintenance procedures, job descriptions and organization charts from five institutions, and a selected bibliography. SPEC kits are available by subscription from the SPEC Center, ARL/OMS, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Individual kits are available for \$20 each, prepayment required.

• Chinese Newspapers in the Library of Congress, compiled by Han-chu Huang and Hseo-chin Jen (206 pages, 1985), describes 1,200 Chinese newspapers dating from the 1870s to the present. The entries are arranged alphabetically, with the titles romanized according to the modified Wade-Giles system. National, regional, and local government newspapers are included, as are specialized trade and technical publications. Copies may be purchased for \$13 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Stock no. 030-005-00014-7.

• The Corporate 1000, edited by Teri Carabrese (639 pages, September 1985), is a directory of officers, management personnel, and boards of directors of the top 1000 U.S. corporations. Besides names and titles, the directory provides a brief business description for each company and an approximation of sales or assets. Direct dial phone numbers are given for individuals when available. There are four indexes: a name index, a company index, an index of companies by industry classification, and a geographical index by state. Copies may be ordered for \$59.95 from The Washington Monitor, Inc., 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.,