

Martinez resigns; Board persuades her to stay

On July 11, Elizabeth Martinez, executive director of the American Library Association (ALA), surprised members and staff by submitting her resignation effective January 15, 1997. Martinez, who was appointed executive director in August 1994, said she was exercising an option in her three-year contract that permits her to resign with six months notice. "I feel very good about what has been accomplished during the last two years," Martinez said. "The association is moving forward, but change is difficult. It is time for me personally to move on."

On August 20, Martinez sent ALA staff an e-mail saying, "Following discussions with the Executive Board, I have agreed to stay as executive director for the remainder of my contract, until August 15, 1997."

Mary Somerville, ALA President, said, "In my mind we have the best of all possible worlds. We have continuity for the coming year, during which the executive director will focus on the Fund for America's Libraries and Goal 2000, and the board will have sufficient time to conduct an in-depth search for the new executive director."

Got a great story? Help ACRL promote libraries

ACRL's Professional Enhancement Committee is seeking to help ACRL promote a better understanding of academic librarians and libraries to the nonlibrary community. For example, the University of Michigan's Undergraduate Library has a program that trains students on how to find information. Because of this program, the university received a grant enabling it to pair senior researchers with undergraduates in a new mentoring program. Share with ACRL your examples of how libraries and librarians made a difference to your community, e.g., the provost, the faculty, the students. These examples will be shared with ALA's Communications Department to expand the coverage given academic libraries and librarians in ALA materials. Send a short description of your story to Anne Beaubien at beaubien@umich.edu or via fax to (313) 763-6803 by October 15, 1996.

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Mary Ellen Davis

Revisions under way for ECLSS Guidelines

The Guidelines Committee of the ACRL Extended Campus Library Services Section (ECLSS) seeks input for revision of the "Guidelines for Extended Campus Library Services." Rapid growth of nontraditional approaches to higher education and rapid development of new technologies for delivery of instruction necessitate reexamination of the 1990

guidelines.

Everyone engaged in the provision of library services to programs outside traditional residential campus settings is asked to review the existing guidelines and provide feedback. Involvement of upper-level campus administrators is highly desirable. Based upon this input, a revised draft will be prepared and hearings scheduled to review it at upcoming conferences.

Access the guidelines in *CERL News*, April 1990, or via the Web at <http://www.ala.org/acrl.html>, select the ACRL gopher, standards, etc. Send suggestions for revision to Harvey Gover, chair of the ECLSS Guidelines Committee, by phone: (509) 372-7204, fax: (509) 372-7281, or e-mail: hgover@tricity.wsu.edu. Contact Gover if you want a fax or e-mail copy sent directly to you.

Ohio University becomes 120th member of ARL

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) voted at its spring meeting to invite Ohio University Library to join as the 120th member. Located in Athens, Ohio, the university is the first new member of the association since 1992 when the Auburn University Library was admitted. Hwa-Wei Lee, dean of University Libraries, has overseen the library's development for the past 18 years.

The vote followed an extensive multiyear review of qualitative and quantitative documentation and a site visit to Athens. Breadth and depth of collections, uniqueness of research resources, potential contributions to scholarship, and leadership in the library and information science profession were the factors considered by an ad hoc membership committee.

Upon learning of the invitation, Lee said, "Many people at Ohio University have worked hard toward achieving this distinction. After a decade of concentrated effort, we are very proud to join such a selective group of libraries."

Ohio University has doctoral programs in 19 fields, an enrollment of 19,143 on its main campus in Athens, print collection of more than two million volumes, and in-depth international collections including a Southeast Asia Collection.

Proposals for poster sessions sought

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Diversity Programs, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA 52242-1420; e-mail: j-simmons-welburn@uiowa.edu.

Application forms are available on the Web at <http://www.ala.org/acrl.html> or contact Simmons-Welburn to request one.

Visit ACRL and C&RL News on the Web

Visit ACRL on the Web (<http://www.ala.org/acrl.html>) and get access to current information about the association's activities. You can also download standards, guidelines, and forms. ACRL sections with homepages are linked to the ACRL homepage.


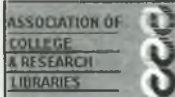
C&RL NewsNet, the abridged electronic version of *C&RL News*, has been converted from a gopher-based to a Web-based service. Among the improvements are direct linkages from the Internet resources articles and the "Internet Reviews" column to the resources described. Classified advertisers providing *C&RL News* with a Web site address may be hotlinked from



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at ACRL's 8th National Conference in Nashville, April 11-14, 1997. Poster sessions are informal presentations featuring successful solutions to problems and unique and innovative library-based projects with important lessons for the academic and research library community. Posters may use graphics, tables, charts, and handouts. Laptop computers may be used if they are provided by the presenter and do not exceed the space provided on a standard eight-foot table. These interactive sessions will be scheduled in a single time block during which the presenter should be prepared to repeat the presentation several times. Each presentation should last about ten minutes, including time for questions from the audience. Abstracts of poster session presentations may be published on the World Wide Web.

Submit a 250-word abstract and a completed program application indicating whether you will need electricity for a laptop computer or similar device by November 1, 1996, to: Janice Simmons-Welburn, Coordinator, Personnel &

their advertisement to the institution's homepage.

Fellowships available

The Library Company of Philadelphia, the American Antiquarian Society, and the John Carter Brown Library have each announced the availability of research fellowships. The Library Company of Philadelphia is offering research fellowships in American history and culture. *Application deadline:* February 1, 1997. Contact James Green at (215) 546-3181; fax: (215) 546-5167; or e-mail: JG24@libertynet.org.

The American Antiquarian Society is offering research fellowships in American history and culture through 1876. *Application deadline:* January 15, 1997. Contact John B. Hench at (508) 752-5813 or 755-5221 or e-mail: cfs@mwa.org.

The John Carter Brown Library research fellowships are offered in the history of the Western Hemisphere during the colonial period (ca. 1492 to 1825). *Application deadline:* January 15, 1997. Contact the director of the John Carter

Brown Library at (401) 863-2725; fax: (401) 863-3477; or e-mail: Karen_Demaria@brown.edu.

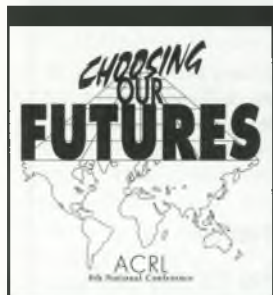
Penn Library launches digital imaging project

The University of Pennsylvania Library has formed the Center for Electronic Text and Image (CETI) to increase the accessibility of original resources unique to Penn. Paul H. Mosher, vice-provost and director of libraries, said, "CETI is an electronic research collection created to support scholarship both at Penn and among the academic community at large." Examples of what is currently available in CETI are photographs of Indian temple art, early editions of Shakespeare plays, women's diaries (mainly from the 19th century), and fragments from the Cairo Genizah documenting six centuries of

Jewish culture. Visit the CETI Web site at <http://www.library.upenn.edu/etext/>.

New Jersey residents benefit from reciprocal agreement

Under a reciprocal agreement between the Wayne Public Library and William Paterson College (WPC), both located in Wayne, New Jersey, Wayne residents over the age of 18 may now borrow books and other circulating materials from WPC's Sarah Byrd Askew Library. The new agreement will provide Wayne residents with access to the more than 300,000 books, 13,000 audiovisual items, 1,300 periodical titles, and a 36-station electronic reference center. WPC students, faculty, and staff are now eligible to obtain library cards from the Wayne Public Library.



Noted author Cornel West to keynote Nashville conference

Cornel West, noted author, philosopher, and professor of religion and Afro-American studies

at Harvard University, will keynote ACRL's 8th National Conference in Nashville, "Choosing Our Futures," April 11-14, 1997. West will speak on race matters immediately following the opening Exhibits Reception on Friday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m.

For West, philosophy isn't an abstract discipline, it's a "polemical weapon that attempts to transform linguistic, social, cultural, and political tradition to increase the scope of individual development and democratic actions." His work—influenced by traditions as diverse as the Baptist Church, American transcendentalism and literature, the Black Panthers, and European philosophy—seeks to revive the best of liberalism, populism, and democratic socialism.

In his address, West will confront the

"monumental eclipse of hope, the unprecedented collapse of meaning, and the incredible disregard for human (especially black) life." For West, the L.A. riots were not a solely economic or moral problem. "They are the consequence of a lethal linkage of economic decline, cultural decay, and political lethargy in American life."

West is the author of nine books including the two-volume

Beyond Eurocentrism and Multiculturalism, Breaking Bread, and the 1993 *New York Times* bestseller, *Race Matters*.



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Cornel West

ACRL expects 2,500 academic librarians to attend the three-day conference which will feature more than 200 exhibits and 135 program sessions. Full- and half-day preconferences on topics such as fundraising, digitizing collections, and library buildings for the fu-

ture will be offered on April 11, 1997. Registration materials will be mailed to all ACRL members this fall. To request registration materials e-mail Darlena Davis at ddavis@ala.org or phone (800) 545-2433 ext. 2519. ■