

## FISHER LIBRARY STAFF STRIKE

The University Library Officers' Association called a half-day strike of members on Thursday April 10, 1986 over a major reshuffle of the Technical Services Division which, the union claimed, had occurred without consultation with the staff involved, and was disruptive to the career paths of staff with specialist skills.

At a compulsory conference before Commissioner O'Neil, the university agreed to reverse the decision until consultation with the staff had been carried out. Talks are now taking place between the parties regarding appeals procedures and reclassification procedures.

## MAV APPEAL — LIBRARY STAFF TO HOLD 24 HOUR STRIKE

The Municipal Association of Victoria is to appeal against the decision handed down by Commissioner Sheather on March 17, 1986, which varied the Municipal Officers' (Victoria) Consolidated Award to establish a new classification for Library Technicians.

## MOA ACTION ON NOTIONAL BOOKSTOCK — SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Following concern from Chief Librarians in South Australia, the Municipal Officers' Association has circulated a questionnaire to obtain information which might provide the basis for a more realistic means of grading Chief Librarians and/or public libraries than that of 'notional bookstock'.

*Louise Lansley*

## People in Profile

### Joy King

Joy Marjorie King who retired on 30 August, 1985 as Librarian NT Dept of Health came to librarianship late in her working life.

She describes her first library job in the library of the Old Darwin Hospital early in the 1970s, as the equivalent of being sent to a penal colony — isolated, in a demountable 'out the back' of the hospital; neglected, funds very short, and ignored, (library staff and its users were not a high priority!)

However, with inservice training, lots of assistance and good advice from Bert Pribac, Dept of Health, Canberra, and her own ability to get things done, Joy built up a Territory-wide library service which is certainly admired within the NT and is well known in health library circles in Australia. Joy is particularly proud of the fact that the Dept of Health Library in the Territory pioneered:

- the combination of the student nurses' medical library service with that provided for the physicians and the specialists working in Health in the Territory and
- the introduction of a library networking system which reflected the Dept of Health administrative arrangements of regions and hospitals in the one system, and which operated through the use of modern technology.

Joy King describes her decade in librarian-



ship as 'a friendly, genuinely mutual-help . . . close kinship situation'. She sees as her intense interest in the para medical area, her idea of herself as a self-starter and her desire to do things properly as contributing to her enjoyment of librarianship.

She completed her Registration Examination in 1977 but still believes that coming to the job, as she did, completely untrained may have been an advantage. All her previous work, both paid and voluntary, had been service oriented, which carried over into her work in librarianship. In retrospect in Joy's opinion, the 1970s in libraries were very 'professional' in their emphasis with 'professional procedures' taking precedence over service to users. Joy always felt the needs of the users must come first.

Joy King was born in Australia but went to England at the age of two. She attended a private school and ballet Academy in London, dancing at the Palladium in a Royal Command Performance and at private garden parties. She and her mother returned to Australia, arriving in Melbourne on the Black Friday of bushfire fame in 1939. She was educated in Melbourne at the Church of England Girls Grammar, Kilbreda College, Mentone and at Kildara College. She was interested in science and enrolled in an industrial chemistry course at the then Footscray Technical College completing two years of the course.

Her dedication to helping others has become apparent during her time in Darwin, where she has held many positions including:

Divisional Commandant of the Red Cross  
Member of the first Disaster Planning Committee in Darwin

Lay Lecturer — St. John's Ambulance Brigade

Vice President, Auxillary of the Royal Darwin Hospital

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