

to do this with the discussion on research, the commencement of strategic planning/thinking at General Council, the work I have done in preparing and giving my Presidential address and other talks I have given as well as in the detailed submission I have produced for the Australian as an Information Society inquiry.

I don't want to list a set of achievements here but I wouldn't be human if I had no wish to believe that I have not wasted my time. I think Council has moved to more of a policy focus, supporting the Executive Director and her staff in letting them get on with day to day matters. Personally, I think the decision making role of General Council has been strengthened with meeting four times instead of three and with focusing on some longer term matters such as interlibrary loan voucher scheme, the need for a new computer, defining the role of the Executive Director and National Office staff, looking at the way the ALIA Press should be run, dealing with the complex and ever-changing issues surrounding award restructuring and many other issues.

In my Past President year, which I would be happy to forego and leave the incoming President to get on with his agenda, I will focus on one topic as my contribution to the profession. I will further explore the concept of a potential National Section of

Information Theory and Research.

The response to date to this suggestion has been strong and a paper will be forthcoming for the first General Council 1991. I see this as being an area to which I can contribute and make a long-lasting impact on the relationship between theory and practice, at a local, national and international level.

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Can I conclude by thanking all those people who have been so supportive. My special thanks to two groups of people. To General Council for their tireless work, their good humour and great team spirit, it has been a privilege to lead such a talented group of people. To my Western Australian colleagues, a

special thank you for organising such a fantastic Biennial Conference, for their endless support, for their wonderful inclusion of me in Branch and Conference activities and for their friendship.

Many people are currently talking about what the Association 'does for its members'. We are slipping into a marketing mind set that says we have to sell the Association to potential members. I can see the point of this, but I am firmly of the opinion that a professional association exists to receive contributions from its members, its power is the membership working together for what it can return to the profession in order to secure its survival, the respect of the general community and the attention of decision makers. Maybe I am old fashioned but I prefer to leave you with the following thought, which I know is what drives most of the people with whom I come into contact, with apologies to J F Kennedy: 'Ask not what your Association/profession can do for you, ask what you can do for your Association/profession'.

With many thanks and best wishes from your soon to be 'Past President' and a Merry Christmas and fulfilling New Year to you all. ■

## Apology

Since *inCite* 18 was distributed, there has been a request for the publication of the following apologies:

As President, I apologise to those members of the Association who were offended by the publication of the photographs from the Perth Conference which appeared in *inCite* on 12 November. These photographs do not reflect either the nature of the conference or the contributions of participants. An apology from the Editor follows.

*Lynn Allen, President*

*inCite* no. 18 page 6 published four photographs taken at the Association's Perth Conference. These photographs were selected by me as Editor from over one hundred proofs to reflect the lighter moments of the conference. They were in no way intended as a reflection on the professional standing and integrity of any of the Association members involved. I acknowledge that the selection of these photographs was ill-considered and inappropriate and that their publication has caused offence and distress to some of those concerned. The publication of these photographs was an error of judgement on my part and I apologise unreservedly to the Association members concerned.

*Peter Judge, Editor* ■

## Fellowships to Alan Bundy and Ed Parr

At the 1990 ALIA AGM on 3 October in Perth, the distinction of Fellow was conferred on Alan Bundy and Ed Parr. The citations were read by Averill Edwards and John Levett.

Their citations are printed below:

### Alan Bundy's citation

Alan Bundy has made a distinguished contribution to the theory and practice of librarianship in Australia and to the objects and work of the Australian Library and Information Association. That contribution is characterised by energy and innovation. His major achievements are in the areas of publishing, clearinghouses and databases, continuing education and innovations in library services and administration.

He began his career in the City of Perth Libraries in 1966, becoming Branch Librarian in 1968 and Senior Branch Librarian in the City of Melville Libraries in 1969. After entering the College Library sector in Perth in 1969 as the College Librarian of the Technical Education Division, he became Chief Librarian of the Footscray Institute of Technology in 1974. Since 1983, he has been the College Librarian at the South Australian College of Advanced Education.

He has contributed immensely to the literature of Australian librarianship: through his own extensive writing and by his publishing activities, including initiating, editing and publishing journals, directories, monographs and other works. He has published across the spectrum of library endeavour, implementing publishing programs in his libraries and jointly founding and operating Auslib Press with his wife, Judith. A particular initiative at SACAE was the development of a Research and Development Register for the College, which is published annually by the library and is used and appreciated by the academic staff.

In addition to his publishing activities, Alan Bundy has initiated a number of clearing houses

### Ed Parr's citation

Ed Parr has brought to librarianship in Australia a combination of vision, vigour and adventurousness. He has made a distinguished contribution to library and information services through his dedication to the development of the potential for co-operation and resource sharing, his vision for extending information services beyond the traditional limits of an academic library and his active participation in furthering education for the library profession.

He began his career in 1963 as a Branch Librarian in Perth. After a period as a Librarian at the University of Papua New Guinea from 1968 to 1972, he took up a position as a lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Studies in the Western Australian Institute of Technology. Ed was later to return to the Department of Library and Information Studies after three years of service as Principal Librarian at Nedlands College of Advanced Education. He was also Associate College Librarian at Western Australia College of Advanced Education before taking up his current position as Director of the Learning and Information Centre at the University of New England, Northern Rivers.

Ed Parr's involvement in networking began in 1982 when he was elected Chairman of the Interim Board of the Western Australian Library Network. This Board comprised university, college and state library authorities and assessed the feasibility of an integrated library network for Western Australia. His appreciation of the potential for networks and his ability to give life to concepts of co-operation later led to his election to the CLANN Board of

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and databases, the most significant of these being ACHILIS, the Australian Clearing House for Library and Information Science established at FIT in 1982 and transferred to SACAE in 1983. Published and unpublished Australian material in library and information science is collected, and indexed and abstracted for the annual publication *Australian library and information science abstracts* and for online access through AUSINET and LISA.

ACHILIS is an invaluable resource for making the nation's professional literature accessible. He initiated two other clearing houses, namely ACHIPRST (Australian Clearing House for Publications in Recreation, Sport and Tourism) and WESTDOC (Western Region of Melbourne Documentation), both of which have produced electronic and print data of value to the profession.

In the area of continuing education, Alan Bundy has initiated a program of annual national seminars on a wide variety of topics. These have been organised by staff at his last two libraries as part of their own professional development. Recognition has come from beyond the library sector, with Alan having been invited to be a member of the Working Party for the Commonwealth Review of Higher Education Libraries.

Alan Bundy has also contributed to the development of school libraries, serving as a Library Consultant for the School Commission from 1978 to 1984.

Alan Bundy has been an energetic and enthusiastic contributor to the objects and work of the Association throughout his career, with his most significant contributions coming from his term as President of the South Australian Branch and then as National President. His contributions to the South Australian Branch were many and long-lasting. They include the initiation of regular meetings with the Minister, the initiation and initial sponsorship of the Val Gauld Award for School Community Libraries and his campaign for Freedom of Information. Alan was the last President of the Library Association of Australia,

before it was granted its new Royal Charter to become the Australian Library and Information Association. He had suggested and gained wide support for the new name. It was also during Alan's Presidency that the Association decided to commence construction of a new national headquarters building in Canberra. Alan had been a strong supporter of this proposal. Further, it was during his Presidency that the Association hosted the first IFLA Conference to be held in Australia. His many initiatives include the Information for the Nation campaign, the first national Forum on Library Promotion, the first Industrial Forum and the Library Technician of the Year Award.

His achievements and leadership, both in the profession and the Association, make him a most worthy recipient of this Fellowship of the Australian Library and Information Association. ■

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Directors, and subsequently to his election as Deputy Chairman of that Board.

In 1989 Ed carried out an investigatory study on multicampus university libraries in the United Kingdom and the United States. His report to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor is being used to lay the groundwork for linking the disparate systems of the constituent members of the new networked University of New England. His visit further strengthened his ideals of equity and access. A paper on this study was later presented at a conference titled *Merge and Mutate: the Administration and Organisation of Multicampus Academic Libraries* which was held in Adelaide in February 1990.

At the University of New England, Northern Rivers he has been entrusted with a range of responsibilities extending well beyond those of his position as Director of the University Library. He serves on the Executive Committee of the University and the Northern Rivers Combined Schools Academic Board and is widely respected for his administrative skills and his ability to bring

people of divergent views to a workable consensus. In so doing, he has achieved an excellent name for librarians, their capabilities and their contribution to the academic and the University community.

He has also extended the role of the University library staff in a similar way, such that they play an interactive role in the learning process and are perceived by students as a resource in themselves and not as passive custodians of materials. Library staff work closely with academic staff towards a common goal of promoting individual student learning.

Ed Parr has served as a member of the Association's Board of Education for nine years, and has participated in many course recognition visits. At the time of his retirement from the Board in 1989, he was Convener of the Professional Standards Committee. He has also served the Association in numerous other capacities. He has been the President of two Association Branches: the Papua New Guinea Branch from 1970 to 1971 and the Western Australian Branch from 1979 to 1980. He has also represented both Branches on the Association's General Council.

Ed Parr's professional interests and publications have been wide ranging. This can be illustrated by his publications which are as diverse as *Curriculum design in librarianship: an international approach* to his most recent *The keeping place: an annotated bibliography and guide to the study of the aborigines and aboriginal culture in Northeast New South Wales and Southeast Queensland*. He has also successfully completed consultancies with the Commonwealth and New South Wales Parliamentary libraries and the International Development Programs of Australian Universities and Colleges (IDP).

Colleagues are impressed with his thoughtful and thought-provoking approach to the profession. He inspires colleagues to develop and extend themselves, his sense of humour often serving as a catalyst. The energy and stimulus he has contributed to the profession make him a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association. ■

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