

FEED BACK

Special Libraries Section NT Group

The special Libraries Section, NT Group has a full program planned for 1990. The Annual General Meeting in February endorsed the innovative Do-It-Yourself Continuing Education (DIYCE to those keen on acronyms!) program and responded to a number of suggested topics to keep members informed and stimulate professional growth. Rosemary Harbridge will be organising the program that will include statistics for special libraries, legal reference services, ABS census data and visits to the ABC's new facilities and NT Archives. Many of the sessions will be led by Specials members — hence the Do-It-Yourself nomenclature.

Ever aware that the complete librarian thrives on social interaction, 1990 will see a continuation of the keenly anticipated social events. March saw members tempted by the tastes of Singapore at Mitchell's at the Sheraton. Trish McFarlane has gathered a committee to assist in the running of this year's functions which will include a Library Week Sundowner at the Darwin Sailing Club (sunset over tropical seas! Bliss). Back by popular demand will be a repeat of the very successful Luncheon on the Esplanade — this time a Queen's Birthday Garden Party open to all members of the library community.

Terry Lewis

TAFE Section National Group

Welcome and hello to all TAFE Section members. The TAFE Section was formed in 1985 and Sectional groups exist in Queensland and South Australia. Coordinators in each State encourage communication between interstate members and the Executive Committee.

The Section's 2nd National Conference was held in September 1989 at La Trobe University, Melbourne. I

am pleased that South Australia took up the challenge to be the host for the Section at the conference. This gave the 1990/91 Section Committee, based in South Australia, the opportunity to capture the national perspective of TAFE Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) and their staff.

The conference also raised many of the issues the National Committee will be responsible for in the next 2 years — guidelines, restructuring and roles for TAFE in a new climate for training and economy, conference planning ... etc. Conference proceedings are now available from Robyn Barrett, Centre for Applied Learning Systems (CALs) LRC, Adelaide College of TAFE, telephone (08) 213 0177. The cost of the Proceedings is \$30 for non-members and \$25 for ALIA members, including postage.

It is hard for any national committee to easily take on the national perspective — as we become involved with our local issues, the rest of the nation can seem very distant. The Section newsletter, issued three times a year, provides a strong communication channel to all members. Together with the State Coordinators, local State contacts and personal connection, and with help from all Section members, we will develop our national personality!

The National Executive Committee is a relaxed group, although we have set ourselves monthly meeting dates — the first Wednesday in the month 5–6.30 pm. If you are passing through Adelaide you are most welcome to join us! Our initial meetings have dealt with identifying tasks to be tackled and the change-over from the Victorian-based Committee. Our April meeting focused on planning for the 1991 conference in Adelaide. We have the concept of an active, dynamic conference, relevant and affordable for all levels of TAFE LRC staff with opportunities for the promotion of the roles and functions of TAFE LRCs.

In addition the National Section must address the following issues:

- coordinating and ensuring the development of national guidelines for the operation of TAFE LRCs;
- assist in providing input to the award restructuring processes for TAFE LRCs;
- contributing national TAFE responses to the issues of ALIA and the Australian library and information industry.

Progress:

- A national guidelines update will be distributed in May.
- We are taking advantage of

visits to South Australia by the ALIA National President, Lynn Allen, to make the national connection, to promote and raise specific TAFE issues. Tom McKeon, the Industrial Officer has also visited as part of his tour to SA.

- The Committee has co-opted two additional members, Penelope Curtin (DETAFE Librarian) and Liz Scholefield (College Librarian, Croydon Park College, SA) to manage the SA Group — the first time we have had a formal section for TAFE in South Australia. The SA Group will also be making strong ties with UCLS (University and College Libraries Section) and are planning a joint seminar on CD-ROM in July.

Chris Harrison
President

School Libraries Section Victorian Group

On Wednesday, 21 March, the School Libraries Section, Vic. Group held its regular committee meeting with friends at 'Books Illustrated', 300 Beaconsfield Parade, Middle Park. This unique gallery has recently moved from South Melbourne to a delightful venue in a period house overlooking the sea.

Three rooms are full of original illustrations from picture books; two folios of art work add to the collection. Pieces of period furniture have a profusion of small treasures spilling from their shelves creating an inviting environment for young and old.

Following our business meeting, Ann Haddon, one of the co-directors, spoke about their gallery and their plans for it. Besides operating as a gallery, groups of students are welcome to visit and work with illustrators or authors.

ALIA members are still actively working with SLAV on the career restructure being negotiated with the Ministry of Education.

Pam Taylor
President

