

Board of Education has a new member

Jilleen Chambers will represent library technicians

At the March 1993 meeting, General Council appointed Jilleen Chambers to fill the casual vacancy on the Board of Education caused by the resignation of Jean Bailey.

Jilleen is a library technician employed in the Serials unit of the Queensland TAFE Library Network Centre, with responsibility for the acquisition of serials for TAFE college libraries. Previously she was with the Gardens Point QUT Library.

Currently Vice President of the National Library Technician Section and a member of the Queensland Section Committee, Jilleen was the Queensland President in 1990 and 1991. She is a member of the Queensland Branch Council and the ALIA representative on the newly-formed Quality Control Panel for the Queensland Library Technician course and a member of the previous Course Advisory Committee.

Jilleen has a strong commitment to improving the quality of library techni-



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cian education and to promoting the role of library technicians in the Association and the workplace. She believes that library technicians need to be involved and is looking forward to the opportunities that will arise during her term on the Board. ■

New program helps isolated library staff

NT Branch promotes distance CE, says Margaret Gaff

ALIA NT Branch launched its new Series of lectures, Professional Development for Isolated Library Staffs, in Darwin on 24 March at the State Reference Library. The guest speaker was the Rev Dr John A Cohen, from Charles Sturt University.

Dr Cohen's paper on *The Hermeneutics of the Reference Question. Interpretation, the Good, the Bad and the Ugly*, discussed the issues underlying the reference question as they are affected by structuralist and post-structuralist criticism. Dr Cohen suggested that rather than being encased in a static paradigm the reference question is a dynamic interplay between the structures of the 'languages' which constitute the question. The forms which are the specific and overt manifestations of the underlying structures can lead to superficial and misleading readings of the question.

Dr Cohen was in Darwin to give workshops and lectures to NT University students who are participating in the Business and Library and Information Science degree course. Charles

Sturt University is contracted to NTU to provide the Library and Information Science external studies packages to the students.

NT Branch recognises that Darwin and Alice Springs are regularly visited by people with skills and knowledge of interest to Library staffs throughout the Territory. The Series aims to make the contribution available to isolated NT members.

NT Branch wishes to share this opportunity for Professional Development with the wider Australian profession. The Branch has sent a video recording and an audiocassette of the lecture to all ALIA Branches so that it can be made freely available to interested groups and individuals. Dr Cohen's paper has been submitted to the *Australian Library Journal* and will be available on AARNET and Internet.

NT Branch encourages visitors to participate in the series if possible. NT *outback* and *Top-end* hospitality is assured! Contact Margaret Gaff, NT Branch's T&D Officer, tel (089) 515 685, or fax (089) 527 762. ■



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