

ANZTLA AFFAIRS

Planning is well in hand for the 7th annual conference of ANZTLA, to be held at Luther Campus in historic North Adelaide. An interesting addition to the program previously circulated is a talk by Margaret Bolton, Research Assistant to the Religion Studies Department at the Underdale Campus of the University of South Australia. She will talk about her work and its relation to library research. Arrangements have been made for the conference dinner to be held at the elegant Royal Coach Motor Inn. Further information will be circulated regarding the automation session, Dewey workshop, and details for transport to North Adelaide for those who have registered. Hopefully, you will also spend a few extra days in Adelaide to take in some of the many features South Australia has to offer the tourist. Accommodation for this purpose is available at Luther Campus.

Have you ordered your copy of Coralie Jenkin's *Collections of Religion and Theology in Australia and New Zealand* (CORTIANZ). It is now available from Auslib Press, PO Box 622, Blackwood, SA 5051 for \$28 plus \$4 for packing and postage. It is an impressive volume, embracing the full scope of religious and theological libraries and collections in both countries. Its value for every theological library is self-evident. The only previous directory of theological libraries (much more limited in scope) was published in 1971 and has long since been out of print, as well as being out of date in the light of the tremendous growth of theological libraries in the past two decades.

The last issue of *Colloquium* included an article by Dr David Parker which should be of interest to theological librarians. Entitled 'Theology and the Personal Computer', it appeared in *Colloquium* 23:3, p.135-147 (October 1991). Topics covered include administration, word processing, merging biblical text with word processing, text searching, data searching in CD-ROM, online databases, electronic mail, computer assisted learning, theological libraries, databases in the church office, and textual criticism and translation. I have submitted a response, which may appear in the next issue of *Colloquium* (due to be published in May). While generally supportive, it suggests a different approach to the subject of networking.

Does your library produce a written annual report? I would be interested in receiving copies of such - if they exist. If you don't produce one, is this an idea worth thinking about?

I hope to see you in Adelaide in June!

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Editor's note: See page 35 for a Conference Registration Form - it's not too late!

OF BOOKS, BYTES, AND BUCKEYES: A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF A JOB EXCHANGE

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The following is one theological librarian's account of his experience of a job exchange. It is believed to have been the first international job exchange between theological librarians.

THE LOCATION

The buckeye is a tree which once flourished in the former Northwest Territories of the United States (the areas northwest of the Ohio River). Although its fruit (a round nut) is totally useless - poisonous, in fact - the timber of the buckeye was extremely useful in the pioneering days, being used for anything from beams and rafters to eating utensils. (It was even hollowed out to make wooden bowls.) Sadly, the tree has all but disappeared from the landscape, but its name is indelibly etched into the life and history of the state of Ohio - the Buckeye State. Its grey and scarlet football team and its basketball team are popularly known as the Buckeyes, a term used also for the people of Ohio.