ANZTLA AFFAIRS

Our 1995 conference will be the occasion for the first presentation of the Trevor Zweck Award inaugurated at the last conference. Nominations for the award may be made by Chapters or individuals, and it is suggested that the matter be considered at Chapter meetings in the near future. There is no prescribed form for the submission of nominations; just the name of the person and the reason for the nomination will be sufficient. You are reminded that the award is for wsome specific contribution to librarianship in 1994 and not for a continuous contribution over some (or many) years. The regulations governing the award were published in the August Newsletter. Please send your nominations to Val Canty, Parkin Wesley College, 20 King William Road, Wayville SA 5034, (fax: 08 373 4874) by 31st March 1995.

It was announced at the Melbourne conference that two representatives of the American Theological Library Association were planing to visit Australia and New Zealand in 1994 or 1995. No further information is available at this time.

You are reminded that with the impending retirement of Dr Lawrence McIntosh in 1995, we need to establish a new Editorial Management Committee to handle the indexing data for Australasian Religion Index. If you have any suggestions or offers, please make them known to the Executive Committee or the present Editorial Management Committee.

One of the questions asked at the Melbourne AGM, but not answered in the rush to conclude the meeting, was whether the new ACLIS charges for interlibrary loans should apply to theological libraries. This matter needs to be clarified at the next AGM, but you may be wondering what to do in the meantime. Some years ago ANZTLA decided that, unless special arrangements apply, theological libraries should reimburse each other with AACOBS vouchers at the rate recommended by AACOBS (the predecessor of ACLIS). The situation of New Zealand libraries was not specifically addressed at the time and this is another matter which requires attention. Until these matters are determined, it would seem logical to follow the new ACLIS charges which came into force on 1 September 1994.

Considerable preliminary work and planning is currently being done on the proposed update of the Australasian union list of serials in theological libraries (AULOTS). It is expected that lists will be sent to libraries in February for correction and additions. Any queries about the project should be directed to Ken Elder, Bible College of South Australia, 176 Wattle Rd MALVERN SA 5061.

Another matter which was raised at the AGM was the name of the Newsletter, which it was suggested should be changed to ANZTLA Journal, to more accurately reflect the professional nature of it. Without wanting to diminish the professional quality of the journal, I would like to suggest that we could be doing more to put the news in the Newsletter. Considerable changes are taking place in the provision of services at various libraries and the employment and deployment of staff in various places. These matters are of wide interest to the members of the Association and subscribers to the journal. Each issue of the Newsletter could well include a page or two of such information, but it cannot be included if it is not reported. A single sentence may be sufficient, but reports on personnel might well include information on prior experience, qualifications, and special interests of the person involved (if these are known).

As the academic year comes to its close, I hope you may be able to find some respite from the daily grind - perhaps even a well-earned holiday. I wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

(Revd) Trevor Zweck President

NEWS ITEMS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mrs Anny Hebart, 1907-1994.

Mrs Anny Hebart passed away in Adelaide on 29 October at the age of 87 years. She was the cataloguer of the Lohe Memorial Library, North Adelaide, from its establishement in 1960 till the appointment of the first full-ime librarian in 1980. During this time she personally catalogued some 23000 books and typed over 70000 catalogue cards. Fortuitously, only a few months earlier, she had given an interview of her library experiences to Coralie Jenkin, and this will be reflected in Coralie's doctoral dissertation.

Mrs Elaine Lewis has retired from the position of Librarian at Burleigh College, Norwood to work for Wycliff Bible Translaters as a teacher of English at Ukarumpa High School, PNG. She had been a teacher-librarian and head-teacher in Newcastle, NSW before coming to Burleigh in 1991.

A.C.D. Library Planning

With planning underway for the establishment of a common teaching site for the three members of the Adelaide College of Divinity (Parkin Wesley College, St Barnabas College, St Francis Xavier Seminary), a special committee has been set up to plan a joint library facility. Together with representatives of the three institutions, it includes the librarians (Val Canty & Wendy Davis) and the chair of the South Australian Chapter of ANZTLA (Revd Trevor Zweck). The pooling of resources would make the ACD Library one of the larger theological libraries in Australia.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Glenys Dalziel announced her forthcoming resignation from the position of Librarian at the Centre for Ministry, Parramatta during the December NSW Chapter meeting at Moore College. Glenys has joined the candidature for the ministry and will be studying at Parramatta after almost 25 years in the library in various roles.

The sudden deaths of Father Don Wodarz and Father Brian Murray S.M. have occurred over the last few months. Father Wodarz was closely involved with the development of the library at the Columban Mission Institute, while Father Murray was formerly the Rector at the Catholic Theological Union.

St Paul's National Seminary has a new phone number: 02 315 2246.