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NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST

As I write this issue of the ELD Newsletter, snow is in the forecast for Hanover. I imagine some of our members out west have already seen several inches of snow this fall! The weather was considerably more pleasant in mid-October for the Annual Meeting of the ASEE New England section. This year, the meeting was held at Tufts University, Medford Massachusetts. Paige Gibbs of Southeastern Massachusetts University Library organized two sessions for librarians. The first, "Telecommunications and Databases with Microcomputers", included a talk and demonstration of the ISI Sci-Mate. The second session featured a demonstration of and user experiences with Maxwell Library Systems software mounted on the TRS-80. Applications such as serials control were discussed at this session. Don Richardson was the moderator for the librarians' sessions.

After lunch, several librarians (including Paige, Don, Mimi Keefe, Janice Sieburth, and Jim Fries) discussed ways to attract new members in the Northeast to the Division. We also began planning for next fall's meeting, which will be held at University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

ASEE IN SALT LAKE CITY

Susan Ardis reports that plans are well underway for next summer's Annual Meeting. More information will be included in future issues of the Newsletter. We hope to see you in Salt Lake City next June!

NEW LITERATURE

The End of Libraries (1982) by James Thompson. Available from: Shoe String Press, Hamden, CT

Well worth reading. A good summary of information technology and its impact on libraries. Well written and reads quickly. Author is librarian at University of Reading, England

"Boom in Computer Magazines", NEW YORK TIMES, November 9, 1983, p. D1
Report on the many personal computing magazines on the market. There is a list of the top ten magazines with their circulation. Just the kind of article I've been looking for because it highlights the major magazines in a crowded field.

"A Revolution in Printing", VENTURE, November 1983, p. 58-62.

"Soon everyone will be able to print books as easily as they use a word processor ... libraries may eventually find it less expensive to print books for loan in-house, with agreement from the publisher, on demand."

INFORMATION TODAY. Bills itself as the "Newspaper for Users and Producers of Electronic Information Services".

Many of you may have seen the first issue (November '83). Published by Learned Information, Inc., in Medford, NJ. Price is \$18/year, publication begins in January, with 10 issues/year scheduled.

JOURNAL OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, October 1982, part 2.

Title of the issue: "Academic Information in the Academic Health Sciences Center - Roles for the Library in Information Management"

This is an important study, one that you may not have seen. One could easily substitute "engineering libraries" for health libraries in this report.

Karen Takle Quinn kindly sent me some of her recent papers. Titles include:

"Information in the Information Age - Integrating the Resources" (February 1983), IBM Technical Report TR-03-221

"The Information Center - Another Perspective", ONLINE, July 1982.

Karen will send her articles to members, and her address is: Karen Takle Quinn, STL Librarian and Learning Information Center Specialist, IBM Corp.,

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HOW DO YOU KEEP UP?

How do you keep up with the "information explosion"? I find one way to keep up with professional reading is to scan COMPUTER AND CONTROL ABSTRACTS, especially sections beginning with 72.00 (Information Science and Documentation). I'd like to hear from members who have other ideas on keeping up -- I'll put them in future issues of the Newsletter.

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