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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Don Richardson  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

As we get closer to June and the ASEE Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada, I would like to throw out a couple of items from the recent literature that could be topics for discussion when we meet.

The recently-released report, College: The Undergraduate Experience in America, by Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, talks about the library as a vital part of the undergraduate experience; the need for bibliographic instruction for all undergraduates; and the need for increased financial support for academic libraries. Boyer also writes about the challenge of building connections between learning resources on campus by linking technology to the library, to the classroom, and to the goals of the college. (See The Chronicle of Higher Education, November 5, 1986, for the report's major recommendations).

How are colleges and universities, and especially academic libraries, reacting to this report?

Another topic of interest to the library community, especially those of us in engineering and science, is the continuing discussion within the Federal Government over the privatization of NTIS (National Technical Information Service). An article by Marilyn Moody in the Winter, 1986 issue of RQ outlines the implications of all or parts of the NTIS operation going private. Moody has some definite ideas about those implications. What do you think? What effect would privatization have on the way we serve our users?

I know that these are only a couple of the topics that we might discuss. I welcome your comments on them or on anything else that's on your mind. I can be reached at (617) 793-5410.

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for the June 1987 election of officers:

Secretary Treasurer (Succeeding to Program Chair and Chair)	1987-88	Dorothy Byers
Director	1987-89	Anita Clamurro

-Karen Andrews, Chair  
Charlotte Erdman  
James Kyed

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES

DOROTHY BYERS has been Head of the University of Cincinnati Engineering Library since 1975. She has been an active participant in ASEE's Engineering Libraries Division since 1976. She has served as Chair of the Accreditation Committee and most recently as a Director of the Division. She is compiler of a recent ELD publication entitled Union List of Technical Reports, Standards and Patents in Engineering Libraries (Engineering Literature Guides, Number 10). Dorothy was a host committee coordinator for the 1986 Annual ASEE Conference held in Cincinnati.

Dorothy received her BA at Wellesley College in 1967 and her library and information science degrees at Syracuse University in 1973 and 1976. She is interested in human information processing and won a University Research Grant to study human information processing in the end-user search process. Dorothy serves on UC's General Education Committee which is examining the curriculum for undergraduates. She is interested in the role the library can play in undergraduate education.

ANITA CLAMURRO has been Assistant Engineering Librarian at MIT's Barker Library since 1979 where her responsibilities have included collection development in energy, bioengineering, and general engineering and serving as Head of the Circulation Department and Media Services Area. Since March, 1986 she has been temporarily assigned full time (through May 1987) to work on all phases of the implementation of the GEAC circulation system in the MIT Libraries.

Anita received her B.A. in English from Boston University in 1972 and received her M.L.S. from the Graduate School of Library Science at Simmons College in 1975. She was Librarian at MIT's Energy Laboratory from 1976-1979. Anita currently serves as Chair of the Circulation Committee at MIT and served one year as Chair of the Staff Development Committee. She is a member of both ASEE and SLA.

## JOE KOPYCINSKI 1923-1987

Joe Kopycinski died unexpectedly on January 7 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Director of the Alumni/Lydon (North Campus) Libraries at the University of Lowell, he was an active member of ASEE and the Engineering Libraries Division. Most recently he served as the Division's Archivist.

Joe was born in Lowell and received B.S. and M.S. degrees in textile chemistry from the Lowell Textile Institute in 1948 and 1950 and the M.L.S. from Simmons College in 1960. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Infantry in Europe. He had been associated with the Alumni Library since 1950, eventually becoming its first director. Active in local civic affairs, he had a particular interest in area history. He is survived by his wife Catherine, and two sisters.

### JOE KOPYCINSKI - A REMEMBRANCE

Joe was the first member of the Division I met - it was at the Iowa State University Conference in Ames in 1973. I had just entered the cafeteria there, and, upon seeing my name tag, Joe greeted me warmly and introduced me to Carmen Brown, with whom he was sitting at the time.

I later found this to be characteristic of Joe, who relished meeting first conference attendees as much as renewing friendships with old colleagues year after year. He loved engaging in conversations about what was new and what was happening in our institutions. He easily added his own personal knowledge, experience and anecdotes to every discussion, his hearty laugh adding more liveliness to every occasion.

-Jim Kyed

TO THE EDITOR:

As a former Engineering Libraries Division member, I feel it appropriate to write my remembrances of Joe Kopycinski, whose untimely death remains a shock.

Joe's contributions as a librarian and as a primary force in establishing the Engineering Libraries Division can be noted elsewhere. I most remember Joe as such a positive person, both in terms of places and of people. Wherever the annual ASEE conference was held in whatever year, Joe was convinced that that location was the perfect place to be. He was always interested in exploring the area and talking with the people who lived in it. Joe was a hearty welcomer to new ELD members, as well. He sought out newcomers and made them feel thoroughly welcomed and wanted by the organization.

Joe combined his enthusiasm for people and places by inviting any and all ELD members to join him in discovering the attractions, restaurants, and general atmosphere of wherever we were. Those of us who might not have planned particular side activities on our own were able to enjoy many group ventures organized by Joe. Since these outings gave us all the chance to know each other better, the organization became stronger.

Joe was one of the founders of the Engineering Libraries Division, and I like to think that his positive spirit of welcome and discovery laid the groundwork for, and gave continuing sustenance for so many years to this very fine library organization.

-Carmen Brown  
Gordon Library  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## NEW MEMBERS

Three new members have recently joined the Engineering Libraries Division:

Donald B. Lambert  
Martin Mariette Corp.  
Orlando, Florida

Cathy E. Pasterczyk  
University of New Mexico Library  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dr. John D. Patterson  
Mercer University  
Macon, Georgia

## ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE PARTICIPATES IN ABET EVALUATIONS

All three members of the ELD Accreditation Committee have participated as observers on ABET team visits last October and November. Jay Waddell, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, participated in the evaluation of programs at the University of Texas at San Antonio; Karen Andrews, UCLA, participated in the evaluation of the programs at the University of Washington at Seattle; and Wendy Culotta participated in the evaluation of the programs at the University of Kentucky at Lexington. All three ELD members were excited and energized by the visits and the parts they played in the evaluation of each program. Each has a different experience to relate. All are preparing reports of their visits for the June Conference.

-Wendy Culotta  
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## WPI LIBRARY SURVEYS STUDENTS ON LIBRARY USE

The George C. Gordon Library at Worcester Polytechnic Institute recently completed a survey of student use of the library. The staff was particularly interested in students' use of, and awareness of library services, as well as what floor they preferred to use, the type of seating that they preferred (e.g., single carrels, large tables, study rooms), and any ideas that they had for improving the library.

The staff undertook the survey as part of the library's five-year planning process, which includes the possibility of reassigning space for services and seating, redesigning the building, or expanding the library.

Response to the survey has been good. We hope to have a report on the results sometime in March.

On another note, we have already used the ELD literature guides for collection evaluation, and we have used the Annual Statistics of Academic Engineering Libraries to reply to a library user who questioned our graduate student loan period. He thought that it was not long enough. The comparative figures showed that our loan period, while not the longest, was not out of line with that of other institutions. So, good work, Standards Committee.

-Don Richardson  
(617) 793-5410

## TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY HAPPENINGS

Recently, we have begun offering several new CD-ROM services. Students and faculty now have access to InfoTrac, Datext, Academic American Encyclopedia, and the demo disk of Dissertation Abstracts. Datext provides citations to articles on companies and industries, as well as directory information for the companies. CD-ROM versions of ERIC and Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (called LePac) are available in other departments in the Library. DEC, which had originally planned to provide Engineering Index on CD-ROM, has cancelled the offer. Engineering Index has not made a decision on which direction they plan to take in this area. We are, however, anticipating the arrival of GAIN, Psychological Abstracts, and Cambridge Life Sciences on compact disc. In addition, we will be a beta test site for Science Citation Index and CAB.

These services are in addition to other online searching services we offer, which include BRS After Dark, Knowledge Index, Wilsearch, Tech Data, and our librarian-mediated searching. We have placed all of the services in a designated area for online searching, with librarians and staff providing assistance from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Searching the systems has become so popular that waiting lines have developed, requiring us to place a time limit on the use of some of these systems.

-Rosemary Loomis  
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## NEWS FROM MIT'S BARKER ENGINEERING LIBRARY

Our major project continues to be the testing and implementation of BARTON, our online system comprising circulation, online catalog, and MRMS. Circulation is now running smoothly in all locations. The reserves circulation system is being tested this term in one unit, with system-wide implementation projected for September. Presently our circulation database contains only monographs; serials and journals will be loaded in March, and online circulation of this material should commence on July 1. We plan to begin entering on order information to the online public access catalog sometime this spring.

Barker now offers reference service via electronic mail to School of Engineering faculty, students and staff, via the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department's Deep Thought machine. Patrons may request catalog information or database searches, or make suggested purchase requests.

Barker librarians have developed a new bibliographic instruction package designed to introduce engineering students to library research methods. Group seminars are conducted in the library by our reference staff.

-Anita Clamurro  
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**PUT THE RENO CONFERENCE ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

As you must all know by now, this year's conference will be held in Reno, June 21-25. An exciting program is being organized by Hazel Wetts, our Program Chair, including sessions covering End-User Data Base Searching and Microcomputer Software Issues as well as the popular Monday morning Open Forum and Poster Session. A detailed schedule of events will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

Hazel reports that the meeting is unusual in that the Bally Grand-Reno (near the airport) will be the site of all meetings as well as the location of primary housing for conference attendees. Frequent shuttles will transport us to town to visit the casinos, restaurant, etc. There will also be a rodeo in Reno all week for added entertainment!

The annual picnic will be held early Sunday evening (usually 6-8 p.m.) on the University of Reno campus and will be followed by a reception for Division members at the University Library.