

Keeping Up

The North Carolina Visual Art and Artists Collection: A Description

North Carolina has a large and active visual arts community of which it can be proud. Involvement in the visual arts ranges from exhibitions in the large museums, like the North Carolina Museum of Art, the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte, and the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem, to the many smaller gallery and community arts council shows. Attempting to document the widespread activities of artists in the state can prove difficult. Fortunately, a special collection of materials at the William Madison Randall Library on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington attempts to record these activities for the whole state.

Housed in the Special Collections area of the Randall Library, the "North Carolina Visual Art and Artists Collection" includes exhibition catalogs and announcements; newsletters of North Carolina museums, galleries, and art associations; and thousands of newspaper clippings about art activities in the state. The Collection is limited to the visual arts (e.g., painting, sculpture, print-making) and does not include musical and theatre performances or other performing arts within its scope. It does, however, include material about North Carolina artists' activities both in and outside the state. A "North Carolina artist" is defined as one who was born in the state, or one who lived in North Carolina for three consecutive years or five years intermittently. Artists who are not from North Carolina, but who participate in exhibitions in the state are also included in the Collection. The time period covered by the Collection has been restricted to 1900 to the present. Even with these restrictions, the Collection presently occupies approximately 95 linear feet of shelf space.

The idea for this unique collection was conceived and developed by Claude Howell, an artist well-known throughout the state and the nation. Mr. Howell, first chairman of the Art Department at Wilmington College (now UNC-Wilmington), began the campaign to collect materials in 1970, and received a grant-in-aid from the North Carolina Arts Council in 1971 to help with processing the tremendous amount of materials he amassed from individuals, art associations, museums and other institutions. He received voluntary assistance from the Junior League of Wilmington and the Wilmington Woman's Club.

The materials in the Collection are arranged in a single chronological order and are kept in three-ring notebooks. The major task in maintaining the Collection is indexing. Every artist named in each document is indexed. In the

case of documents about exhibitions held outside the state, only the North Carolina artists are indexed. The indexing entry tells the nature of the information (e.g., exhibition, one-man show, general biography), the place and date(s) of the event, and gives an abbreviated citation to the document or documents where this information was found. A standard set of abbreviations has been designed to cite these documents.

Materials for the Collection are obtained in two ways. First, the Library has asked to be placed on the mailing list to receive announcements, exhibition catalogs, newsletters, and other publications issued by the museums, galleries, and arts councils throughout the state. The other method for collecting materials utilizes the North Carolina newspapers to which the Library subscribes. When the papers are discarded by the Library, they are sent to the Special Collections Room. Student assistants search each paper for relevant articles. Contributions of materials for the Collection are always welcome as well.

In addition to collecting and processing the materials, the Library provides reference service for the Collection. Both written and telephone inquiries are accepted, and the Collection is open to researchers by appointment. Inquiries and contributions to the Collection should be addressed to:

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Two North Carolina Library Trustees Nominated for the American Library Trustee Citation Honor.

The names of two North Carolina Library trustees have been sent to the five member American Library Trustee Citation Jury who will consider these two trustees with others sent from other states for the coveted American Library Trustee Association Citation Honor, according to H. K. Griggs, Sr., Immediate Past Chairman of the North Carolina Library Trustee Association. They are Attorney — Banker H. L. Fagg, Trustee of the Rockingham County Public Library of Eden; and Dr. John E. Dotterer, a Trustee of the Lee County Board of Library Trustees, who resides in Sanford.

Attorney — Banker H. L. Fagg has been busy in public library activities since the early 60's. He joined the Library Board of Trustees in 1965 and became Chairman before 1968. He soon gave up the Chairmanship but continued to be on the Trustee Board. For the past 10 years he has served as

Treasurer for the Library, signing all checks written for all expended funds. For the past four years he has served as a member or as Chairman of the Library Budget Committee. During his terms on the Library Board of Trustees, he has contributed considerable money, giving \$2500 in the special community drive for the Eden Library building. He is a charter member of the Eden Friends of the Library and is a member of the North Carolina Library Association. His free legal and financial advice has enabled the library to meet its major needs. During his work with public libraries, four new, modern libraries have been built on sites now owned by the county. Another was remodeled, and now money has been secured to renovate and enlarge the library headquarters building. In spite of his busy legal practice and banking business, he has always found time to help public libraries. "Rockingham County Public Library services are greatly indebted to Mr. Fagg," quotes H. K. Griggs, Sr., Chairman of the Rockingham County Public Library Board of Trustees.

Dr. John E. Dotterer has given over 31 years to the public libraries of Lee County. In spite of his busy medical practice and that of his physician wife, he has always found time to work for the public libraries in Lee County. He was appointed to the Library Trustee Board in 1950, and has served as its chairman for over 25 years, a position he still holds. He helped start the Lee County Friends of the Library in 1961 and is still a member, serving as its treasurer. He served three times as a member of the County Board of Commissioners for Lee County placing him in a position to be of further aid to the libraries in the county. Memberships in the Trustee Association Section of North Carolina Library Association; the Southeastern Library Association; and the American Library Association are held by Dr. Dotterer. On October 9, 1981, the North Carolina Library Association presented him with an Honorary Life Membership in the Association at the North/South Carolina Trustee Association Biennial Meeting. "This honor came to him for his superior leadership, outstanding service, devoted interest and sincere dedication for better libraries in Lee County and North Carolina", according to H. K. Griggs, Sr., Immediate Past Chairman of the North Carolina Library Trustee Section, N. C. L. A. His librarian, Miss Mary Scott Gurley, says of him, "He has been a guiding light and a driving force for good library services for many years. His dedication to and involvement in libraries has inspired community interest and pride in the Lee County Library." It was in the Lee County Library in Sanford, with Dr. Dotterer representing the Lee County Library Board of Trustees, that the first state-wide Friends of the Library elected its first officers and ratified its constitution.

ECU Lecture Series

The ECU Library Science Department, the Pitt-Greenville Media Society, and the ECU Library Science Alumni Association will sponsor the 1981-82 Library Science Lecture Series. lectures will be held monthly, with the exception of December, from September through March, and will be open to students, faculty, librarians, and other interested persons. Each program will begin at 6:30 P.M. in Room 221 of the ECU Library Science Department, Joyner Library. A social hour will follow each lecture. The series will carry one unit of CEU credit for those librarians and teachers who are eligible and attend at least five of the six lectures. There will be a \$5.00 fee charged for those persons wishing CEU credit.

Dates and topics for the 1982 Library Science Lecture Series are:

January 20, 1982 — STORYTELLING: STORYTELLERS SHARE THEIR SECRETS. Ms. Jane Maier, Ms. Ann Sullivan, Mr. Ott Alford, The Rev. Mr. Stewart LaNeave.

February 22, 1982 — LIBRARIANS ORGANIZE: LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR WORK. Dr. Ruth Katz, Dr. Jo Ann Bell, Ms. Mertys Bell, and Ms. Arabelle Shockley.

March 25, 1981 — PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE: ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS. Mr. Donald Lennon, Ms. Meredith Foltz, Ms. Alice Keene, Ms. Claire Pittman.

Newspaper Libraries in North Carolina 1981-1982 Illustrated Directory

Announcing the publication of NEWSPAPER LIBRARIES IN NORTH CAROLINA: 1981-1982 ILLUSTRATED DIRECTORY. This 61-page booklet, edited by Barbara Semonche, who is chief librarian for the Durham Herald Company, is available for purchase.

Featuring 12 newspaper libraries in North Carolina, this directory offers photos, and floor plans as well as detailed information on library staff, collections, equipment, management policies and service to news staffs. Included also are the nameplates, founding dates and copyright information on the newspapers sponsoring these libraries.

The cost is \$6.00 which includes tax and postage. For your copy contact:

Barbara F. Semonche
Herald-Sun Newspaper Library
115 Market Street
Durham, North Carolina 27702

Holley Reappointed Dean

Reappointed to a five-year term is Dr. Edward G. Holley, Dean of the School of Library Science, effective Jan. 1, 1982. Holley, who came to UNC-CH as dean in 1972, will be serving his third term as head of the library school.

He has held numerous positions in the field of library science, including president of the American Library Association. He also has been a consultant to the Dag Hammerskjold Library of the United Nations and MONBUSHO, the ministry of education in Japan.

During Holley's term as dean, the school expanded its master's degree program and added a doctoral program.

Holley is the author of several books on bibliography, ALA history and resources in several library systems, and has authored numerous articles, primarily concerning teaching and academic libraries. He is a member of several honorary societies and is the recipient of the American Library Association Scarecrow Press Award.

Before coming to UNC-CH, Holley was director of the libraries and professor of library science at the University of Houston. He also has worked as a librarian at the University of Illinois.

A native of Tennessee, Holley received a B.A. from David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tenn., in 1949, an M.A. from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, in 1951 and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1961.

RTSD Bookdealer-Library Relations Committee Offers Advice About Prepayment to Publishers

The American Library Association's decision that a class action suit against publisher Frank H. Gille probably would be fruitless underlines the need for caution in making advance payments, according to the ALA Resources and Technical Services Division Bookdealer-Library Relations Committee.

Gille, who received some \$1.4 million in prepayments for titles that never materialized, was convicted in criminal court for mail fraud and is now in prison. However, ALA attorney Newton Minow advised against the expense of a class action suit in civil court on the behalf of defrauded librarians and booksellers, since there appears to be little chance the plaintiffs could actually recover their losses given Gille's apparent lack of assets.

Though many legitimate publishers require advance payments, the Bookdealer-Library Relations Committee urges librarians to be extremely cautious in evaluating prepayment offers. Gille, for example, is believed to be continuing to promote his publications under a variety of imprints and

addresses, using direct mail and advertisements in library publications.

In deciding whether or not to prepay, librarians are advised to follow the committee's prepayment guidelines originally published in the November 1977 issue of *American Libraries*. In short, the guidelines recommend that librarians learn as much as possible about a publisher before prepaying large sums of money. Information about publishers may be gathered in the following ways:

1. Direct contact with the publisher by telephone or letter.
2. Consultation with a bookdealer with whom the library does business.
3. Consultation with other librarians in the area.
4. Querying the Bookdealer-Library Relations Committee.

To determine if complaints have already been lodged against a publisher with the authorities, check with the attorney general in the publisher's home state, with the publisher's local Postal Service or Better Business Bureau or the Federal Trade Commission.

The RTSD Bookdealer-Library Relations Committee is glad to answer questions and deal with complaints. Problems should be fully documented, and the correspondence sent to the committee at RTSD, ALA, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Beta Phi Mu Award to Haynes McMullen

Dr. Haynes McMullen, library historian and professor of library science at the University of North Carolina, has been named the recipient of the 1981 Beta Phi Mu Award. The presentation was made at the American Library Association's Inaugural Banquet on July 1, 1981, at its Annual Conference in San Francisco.

Donated by Beta Phi Mu Library Science Honorary Association and given for "distinguished service for education for librarianship," the award consists of \$500 and a citation of achievement.

After earning his A.M., *cum laude*, from Centre College of Kentucky, McMullen took both a B.S. and an M.S. in library science from the University of Illinois. He held library posts at the University of Illinois and as librarian of Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado.

In 1945, McMullen earned his Ph.D. in library science from the University of Chicago. He began his career as a library educator with six years as librarian and professor of library science at Madison College in Harrisonburg, Virginia.



From 1951 to 1972, he was on the library science faculty at Indiana University. He has been at the University of North Carolina since 1972.

A specialist in the areas of humanities literature, library and book history, and popular materials in libraries, McMullen has also produced a prolific amount of research on the geographic distribution of libraries in the United States.

McMullen has contributed a number of articles to the professional literature, including an annotated bibliography on library articles in American periodicals before 1876, due for publication by Libraries Unlimited in 1981.

His "American Librarianship and the Pursuit of Happiness," from the 1979 *As Much to Learn as to Teach: Essays in Honor of Lester Asheim*, inspired ALA President Peggy Sullivan to choose "Libraries and the Pursuit of Happiness" as the theme for the 1981 ALA Annual Conference.

McMullen's influence has been felt on the international library scene as well as in the U.S. He has served as a consultant in both Thailand and Afghanistan.

The Beta Phi Mu citation presented to Haynes McMullen reads as follows:

As an outstanding library educator who is both thoughtful and thought-provoking, Dr. Haynes McMullen has exerted a profound influence upon the lives of his students and colleagues. He is a demanding scholar, careful researcher, wise counselor, and patient mentor. A kind, considerate, and modest individual, he serves as a particularly good role model for younger faculty members and aspiring teachers.

Dr. McMullen has long been recognized as one of the top library historians in this country. In his writing he exhibits the same high standards of scholarship as characterize his research-oriented teaching. His essay, "American Librarianship and the Pursuit of Happiness," is responsible for the theme of the 1981 American Library Association conference. Thus, it is especially fitting at this time to honor Haynes McMullen for his tireless devotion to the achievement of excellence in the education of librarians.

ECU Alumni Publish Occasional Papers

A new publication series "Occasional Papers" has been announced by the East Carolina University Library Science Alumni Association. Papers in the series will address topics of current interest to practicing librarians and learning resource directors on trends and issues in education that affect the professional preparation of such personnel. The first paper in the new series is "Technology as a Factor in Library Development and Educational Change" authored by Dr. Ruth M. Katz, Associate Director of Joyner Library, East Carolina University. Copies of the 32 page paper are available for \$3.00 from the Library Science Alumni Association, 1406 Rondo Drive, Greenville, North Carolina 27834. Checks should be made payable to the Association.

NCCU to Host Second Rollins Colloquium

The second Charlemae Rollins Memorial Colloquium will be held on Friday evening and Saturday, April 2 and 3, 1982 at North Carolina Central University, School of Library Science in Durham.

Participants include: Augusta Baker, Storyteller-in-Residence at the School of Librarianship, University of South Carolina in Columbia; Ashley Bryon, Art Director at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire; Barbara Rollock, Children's Coordinator of New York Public Library; and Spencer Shaw, Professor of Library Science at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Pre-registration is \$10.00, plus the cost of a luncheon. For further information contact:

Registrar
Rollins Colloquium
School of Library Science
North Carolina Central University
Durham, North Carolina 27707

University of Alabama Library School Offers Graduate Assistantships

The Graduate School of Library Service of the University of Alabama, in an effort to diversify the geographical representation of its student body, is giving a high priority to out-of-state students in awarding graduate assistantships. Special consideration will be given to applicants from out-of-state until April 15 of each year, after which the assistantships will revert to the general pool. Recipients would be expected to commence their studies in either the summer or fall of the same year.

Although an assistantship will not waive tuition, which is fortunately very low at the University of Alabama, it will pay the out-of-state tuition difference. In addition, a stipend (at present \$7.00 per hour) is included. Recipients work ten hours per week in technical or public services of the library, the medical library, the library school's Typographic, Media Preparation, and Information Processing Laboratories, or in an innovative bibliographic instruction program sponsored by the library and the English Department. Research assistants are also needed by a full-time faculty of ten. Minority candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

For further information, contact The University of Alabama, Graduate School of Library Service, P.O. Box 6242, University, Alabama 35486.

ALA Midwinter Teleconference

Davidson County Community College and Durham Public Library will host the President's Program, Tuesday, January 26, 1982, from the ALA Midwinter Conference in Denver, Colorado via video teleconference. The subject of the presentation will be "Marketing Library Services: Key to Surviving and Thriving." The program is designed to be of interest to all types of libraries. Theory will be presented, but also practical concepts that the presenters believe have implications for all types of library service.

Davidson County Community College will have a direct telephone line to the Denver meeting to provide viewing participants telephone interaction with the leaders. Tentatively these leaders are:

Dr. Philip Kotler, Professor of Marketing,
Northwestern University
Daniel Carroll, President, Hoover University
Shirley Echelman, (Moderator), Executive Director, ACRL

Any institution receiving the transponder 16 from the telecommunications satellite Satcom I will be able to receive the program. However, the registration packets and telephone interaction will be only at the 25 ALA selected sites.

For further information and registration, please contact:

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Public Service Satellite Consortium
Suite 907
1660 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 331-1154

Guy Lambert Dies

Guy Lambert, director of libraries at Elon College, died September 21, 1981, following a severe coronary. Lambert had been director for several years.

Two at NCCU Receive Paraprofessional Grant

Gloritha Love Mercer of Goldsboro, N. C. and Arneice Hilliard Bowen of Raleigh, N. C. have been awarded fellowships of \$250 from a fund that was established recently by Mr. Leo Brody of Kinston, N. C. Mercer and Bowen have both been employed in libraries — the Wayne County Public Library and at North Carolina State University respectively — and after beginning their work on a part-time basis will be able to matriculate full-time during the fall term, with this financial aid.

The School of Library Science has been making an effort to identify and to motivate promising paraprofessionals in libraries to improve their status and is pleased to be able to increase the number of professionals in libraries in this way.

Davidson College Library Receives Million-Dollar Endowment

Mr. E. H. Little, former President and Chairman of the Board of the Colgate Palmolive Co., has left the Davidson College library a \$1 million endowment in his will.

Mr. Little, who died on July 14 at age 100, was a longtime friend of the library and native of Mecklenburg County, where the college is located. The library building, completed in 1974, was named in his honor following an earlier gift of \$1 million which he made toward its construction. The funds left by Mr. Little in his will will be used for the upkeep of the library, according to Dr. Leland M. Park, director.

Davidson College was founded in 1837. It is a co-educational, four-year, liberal arts institution affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

Lanier Appointed to Legislative Committee

Liston B. Ramsey, Speaker of the N. C. House of Representatives, announced this week that he has appointed Dr. Gene D. Lanier, professor in the ECU Department of Library Science, as a member of the Legislative Research Study Committee on Obscenity Laws. This study is to be conducted pursuant to the authority of a resolution passed by the 1981 General Assembly.

Lanier will be the librarian designee on the committee. The study group, composed of fourteen members, will also include three members of the House of Representatives, three members of the Senate, one member of the press, one district attorney, one member of the judiciary, one representative from the Department of Justice, one representative of the periodical distributing

industry, one representative of movie theatre owners, and one member of the television industry. Their findings and recommendations are to be reported to the 1983 General Assembly.

Bracy Joins NCCU Faculty

Dean Annette L. Phinazee is pleased to announce that Pauletta B. Bracy joins the Faculty at the School of Library Science of North Carolina Central University as an assistant professor with teaching specializations in school librarianship, audio-visual librarianship, and children's literature.

Mrs. Bracy comes to North Carolina Central University from a teaching post at the School of Library Science at the University of Iowa. She also taught while still a doctoral student at the University of Michigan (for the School of Library Science extension program at Flint).

Pauletta Bracy received her B.A. from Fisk University, M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Michigan. Her years of experience in the field were spent as a librarian in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Public Schools. Her dissertation deals with intellectual freedom, censorship, and selection policies in the school media setting. Her doctoral research was selected for presentation at the American Association of School Librarians' Research Forum at the American Library Association Conference in San Francisco in July 1981. Dean Phinazee states that "Mrs. Bracy strengthens further North Carolina Central University's school media program. She can play an important role in expanding the profession's appreciation of the unique importance of the School of Library Science's facilities and program for the stimulation and growth of young children."

Cleveland Tech Receives NEH Grant

Cleveland Technical College in Shelby, North Carolina has been granted \$106,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to implement the project, "Cleveland County in Transition: Changing Community Values in an Age of Technology." The project is a Public Library/Humanities program designed to increase the use of library humanities resources and to help people understand changes taking place which affect the quality of life today and in the future.

Directed by Cleveland Tech, the project is a cooperative effort among the public libraries of Cleveland County and the Cleveland County Historical Museum. Through combined efforts, the program has the potential to reach the more than 40,000 adults in Cleveland County.

The format of the project includes six public forums to be held at the various libraries to bring people together and involve them in discussing their history, culture, traditions, and values and to get them reflecting on the county's transition from an agrarian community to a diversified, industrial society. Each forum will have pre/post-supportive activities, including library exhibits and displays, bus tours, and varied outreach activities.

Forum topics include uses of land in the county; how family traditions are changing; the history of textiles and diversified industries and their impact on a rural community; economics, natural, human and technological resources; and the values of church, school and helping agencies. The last forum which will be held at CTC in the spring of 1982 will be "Images of Cleveland County: Blueprint for the Future."

Through the use of innovative library outreach activities, a public information program to make people aware of the project, and a multimedia dissemination system, the project has the capability of touching in a creative way the lives of the public it serves.

An advisory committee made up of CTC staff, members of the community, and head librarians from area libraries collaborated in designing the project. Margaret Cummings, humanities instructor in the General Education Department at CTC and doctoral student at the University of South Carolina, will serve as Project Director. The Project Librarian is Megan Perry, a 1976 graduate of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Other staff include a secretary and media technicians.

Cleveland Tech is among the first community colleges/technical colleges to receive a public library/humanities grant.

ALA President Announces Search for Ideas to Promote Awareness of Libraries

As a part of her program focus on increasing public awareness of libraries, ALA President Betty Stone has launched the "Library Awareness Idea Search," an ALA sponsored nationwide search for the best ideas — both tried and untried — to promote public awareness of libraries.

The Idea Search will re-emphasize the Public Awareness Goals and Objectives adopted at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services; will recognize librarians for their creative ideas to promote public use and support of libraries; and will provide ideas to be shared with the library community.

Ideas received will be reviewed by a selection committee for possible publication in a LIBRARY AWARENESS IDEAS HANDBOOK to be available at the 1982 Philadelphia conference. In addition, the most imaginative ideas will receive special recognition during the President's program at the same conference.

All ALA members are eligible to submit ideas before the February 8th deadline, to President Elizabeth W. Stone, "Library Awareness Idea Search," ALA Headquarters. Each idea should be typewritten on no more than three 8½ x 11" pages and should answer the questions "What is the public awareness problem being addressed? What is the idea you suggest; how will it be carried out and what are the intended results?" Members may submit any number of ideas, but each must be sent as a separate entry and must include the entrant's name, address, telephone number, signature, and date.

President Stone also announced that all entries for the 1981 John Cotton Dana Award Contest will automatically be eligible for the Library Awareness Idea Search and the related publication. With the cooperation of the H. W. Wilson Company, sponsors of the Dana awards since 1946, outstanding entries for this coveted recognition of public relations programs will be included in the **LIBRARY AWARENESS IDEAS HANDBOOK**.

The John Cotton Dana Award competition is open to all public, university or college, school, military and special libraries, to library consortia in the U. S. and abroad, and to library associations. For detailed information and entry forms write to the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Awards, The H.W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452.

In her announcement of the **IDEA SEARCH** President Stone commented, "This is the year of 'Responsiveness' and 'Awareness' — I hope that you'll respond so that your colleagues can become more aware. Submit your best public relations program for your library or library organization to the John Cotton Dana Contest and your best ideas about public awareness to me."

For further information on the **IDEA Search** contact President Elizabeth W. Stone, "Library Awareness Idea Search," American Library Association, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611.

North Carolina Seminar on "The Impact of the Moral Majority and Libraries"

More than one hundred participants attended a one-day seminar on April 11, 1981, in Durham, North Carolina, to hear a panel of speakers address the topic, "The Impact of the Moral Majority and Libraries." The session was sponsored jointly by the Durham County Library Association and the North Carolina Central University School of Library Science. Mr. Benjamin F. Speller, Jr., the organizer of the seminar, and an assistant professor of library science at North Carolina Central University, recently filed this report of the day's events.

The Rev. Lamarr Mooneyham, Executive Director of the North Carolina Moral Majority, and the seminar's keynote speaker, explained that the Moral Majority espouses four principles. The organization is:

Pro-family (the traditionally defined monogamous family), supporting legislation which will strengthen the family;

Pro-life (believing in the sanctity of human life), supporting anti-abortion legislation;

Pro-American (extremely nationalistic), supporting legislation for a strong national defense; and

Pro-Biblical morality (believing that the Bible is the definitive source for moral decisions).

Emphasizing that the Moral Majority is legally a non-profit educational organization, not a religious one, Mooneyham discussed the Moral Majority's current project, which is the analysis of the state-approved list of public school textbooks. (See June, 1981, OIF MEMORANDUM). He asserted that this review would not recommend a course of action to anyone; it would merely offer the views of the Moral Majority. The organization is encouraging parents to discuss controversial books with school officials and to use the political process to gain a say in the selection of school texts and library materials. It is not proposing that books be banned, stated Mooneyham.

Attorney Charles B. Markham, associate professor of law, North Carolina Central University, discussed the legal ramifications of the removal of books from school libraries. Markham stated that, "Various courts have ruled both for and against school boards which have removed books from school libraries because the members found them vulgar and indecent." Courts are likely to leave the matter to the discretion of the school board if the board adheres to previously established guidelines for selection when removing a book from the school library. If the removal is arbitrary or capricious, however, the court's involvement is likely.

Dr. Percy High, Pastor of Durham's Mount Vernon Baptist Church and a former secondary school educator, spoke on his personal religious view of evolution and humanism. High outlined both the principles of evolution and the religious arguments against it, saying that religious persons need not be concerned about what is merely a theory dealing with the development and change of forms of life. After defining humanism as a system of enlightened learning in which human interest predominates, High expressed concern that the Moral Majority believes in Jesus as the son of God, but not in Jesus as the son of man.

Mrs. Amanda Bible, director, Columbus County Public Library, Whiteville, North Carolina, outlined the development of the recent censorship case

faced by her library. In February, 1979, a twelve-year-old girl accompanied by her mother checked out Judy Blume's *WIFEY* on her first visit to the Columbus County Library. Her mother, Mrs. Elaine Cumbee, came back later to complain about the book, but at that time declined to fill out the form for registering a complaint. Bible explained the selection policies of the library and invited Mrs. Cumbee to the next library board meeting. Instead, Mrs. Cumbee sent an anonymous letter to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and other citizens, enclosing photocopies of pages 98 and 99 from *WIFEY* and asking, "Do you want your tax dollar to buy this kind of filth?" Later, she filed an official complaint.

At its April, 1979, meeting, the library board refused to remove the book from the shelves. At a closed meeting of the Columbus Board of Commissioners, however, the commissioners voted unanimously to order the library to remove *WIFEY* from the library. They also wanted all the "offensive" books out of reach of minors (under eighteen years of age), unless accompanied by a parent.

On May 18, the library board unanimously passed a motion to restrict use of books in the adult section by children under eighteen "if parents register an objection." Two types of library cards have been instituted — one for persons

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eighteen and over, and one for persons under eighteen. All children's cards would require the parents' signature and a statement as to whether or not the child could borrow from the adult section of the library. This solution was acceptable to the county commissioners, but has received misleading press coverage. News stories have stated that now children cannot borrow the Bible at the Columbus County Library.

During a question and answer session, Mrs. Bible told the audience that only a small percentage of Columbus County parents have opted for restricted borrowing cards for their children. Mrs. Bible was asked if she thought that Columbus County Library's new circulation policy was an abridgment of the rights of persons under eighteen years of age. She responded affirmatively, but added that the library board had been guided by ALA's position that a child's reading behavior can be restricted only by a parent. Attorney Markham noted that legally minors have not been accorded the same freedoms as adults.

In a summary of the day's session, Dr. Gene Lanier, chair of East Carolina University's Department of Library Science, and chair of the North Carolina Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee, pointed out that freedom of the mind is based upon the assumption of freedom of information. Universal intellectual freedom is the proper goal of the library profession.

The proceedings of the seminar have been recorded on two ninety-minute cassette tapes and are available for \$7.50. Orders should be addressed to:

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Attn: Benjamin F. Speller, Jr.
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Durham, North Carolina 27707

Benjamin Speller

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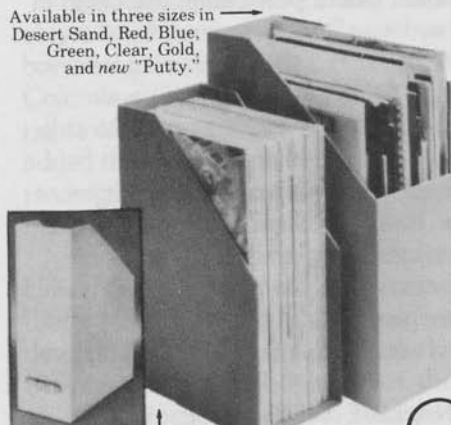
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