

NEW DEAN BEGINS WORK AT UNC

Dr. Walter A. Sedelow, Jr. has been appointed Dean of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and assumed his duties June 1. A member of the University faculty during the 1966-67 academic year with a joint appointment in the Department of Sociology and in the Department of Information Science, Dr. Sedelow is a sociologist, historian, and computer scientist.

He is a native of Massachusetts, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Amherst, with the M.A. and Ph.D. (History) from Harvard. Before coming to Chapel Hill, Dr. Sedelow was chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at St. Louis University. His special interests are computer applications to complex language behavior, organization research and applied social science, and the history of the social and behavioral sciences.

Among his publications are "Science and the Language of History," "Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*," "Some Parameters for Computational Stylistics," and "A Preface to Computational Stylistics" in *The Computer and Literary Style*.

THE LIBRARY WORLD AT LARGE

AWARD FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS PLANNED

The American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association and a department of the National Education Association, has established a Distinguished Library Service Award for School Administrators. This award, in the form of a citation, will be presented for the first time at the Joint AASL-NEA Program in July, 1968 at the annual convention of NEA in Dallas, Texas.

The award is to be made annually to a person directly responsible for a school or group of schools who has made a unique and sustained contribution toward furthering the role of the library and its development in elementary and/or secondary education.

Nominations must be received for the first annual award by December 1, 1967. Each nomination must be accompanied by a biographical sketch and supporting professional data to establish the merit of the candidate. Nominations should be sent to Professor Rachael W. De Angelo, Chairman, AASL Committee on Education Citations, Graduate School of Library Studies, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS ISSUED

The new guide for total evaluation of a library's service to its public, MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS, 1966, has recently been published by the American Library Association. These officially adopted standards supersede the 1956 standards, *Public Library Service*, and are based on them and the library system concept so strongly recommended then.

Introductory chapters of the 80-page paperback deal with the role of the public library, its functions, the concept of library systems, and use of the standards.

More than 150 specific standards are presented and linked to sixty-six guiding principles. The standards relate the principles to observable, objective aspects of library facilities and service. Each provides a measure of the library's achievement of the guiding principle under which it stands.

Work on these revised standards was begun in 1965 with the support of a \$17,855 grant from the J. Morris Jones-World Book Encyclopedia-ALA Goals Award made to ALA's Public Library Association.

SLA APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

George H. Ginader has been named Executive Director of the Special Libraries Association, succeeding Bill M. Woods, whose resignation was announced in early July. Mr. Ginader, who is presently chief librarian at the New York Stock Exchange, assumed his new duties September 11.

Mr. Ginader's appointment was announced by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Usher, SLA President. He was chosen as Mr. Woods' successor by a special selection committee headed by Donald Wasson, librarian at the Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., New York City. SLA's new Executive Director attended Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., and received his library science degree from Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia. Before joining the Stock Exchange in 1966 he was for two years librarian of the New York State Chamber of Commerce.

EXTREMIST PERIODICALS LIST ISSUED

"From Radical Left to Extreme Right," a book calling attention to current U.S. periodicals of protest, controversy, or dissent, has been published by Campus Publishers, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The paperback book was edited by Robert H. Muller, associate director of the University of Michigan Library.

In the book's preface, Muller suggests that college and public libraries should place greater emphasis on the whole gamut of polemic fringe publications in the political arena instead of confining themselves largely to the middle range of opinion.

"With rare exceptions, college and public libraries tend to shy away from the highly controversial in their subscriptions to periodicals," Muller says. "They often limit themselves to what is included in collective indexes, to magazines of culture and quality, to mass-circulation periodicals, and to a few titles of an extremist nature that are donated by pressure groups." "More often than not," he adds, "the actual reason for neglecting certain types of publications is not deliberate effort at exclusion but the plain difficulty of becoming aware of fringe publications and how to obtain them."

NEW NORTH CAROLINA BOOKS

by

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ELISABETH ANN BOWLES. *A Good Beginning, The First Four Decades of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1967. 193pp. Illus., bibliography. \$6.00.

While this is specifically a history of the institution which became a branch of the Consolidated University of North Carolina in 1932, it is in many respects a reflection of the history of higher education in the state prior to 1932 and of the movement for woman's rights. The assembling of a faculty and development of the curriculum of a new and growing institution, financial problems, problems of health (epidemics), contributions to World War I (Farmerettes), and many other problems of varying degrees of interest to the general reader are discussed. There are brief biographies of numerous persons associated with the college from 1892 to 1932.