

## ALA Midwinter committee update

The committee decided during its ACRL conference program planning meetings that, unfortunately, it could not go ahead and present its program in Salt Lake City. Below is the text of the letter sent to the ACRL Board of Directors on January 26, 1992.

"With deep regret, the ACRL Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee has unanimously decided to not present a program at the 1992 ACRL Conference. This decision came after a great deal of debate, soul searching, and consideration over the broad issues of race, ethnic diversity, and women's rights. Utah's well recognized stance against abortion and its failure to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment were painful reminders that women do not have the same rights as men.

"This committee was founded on the principles of equal rights for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation; therefore, we cannot in good conscience present a program in Utah. The committee's decision was particularly difficult because of its respect for and appreciation of the work of Dr. Joseph Boissé, ACRL Conference chair. This decision in no way reflects on his significant efforts on behalf of ethnic and cultural diversity, but instead speaks to a Board decision the committee finds inappropriate. With the withdrawal of many of our speakers and attend-

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ees, the committee was forced to reconsider the program and after discussion, withdraw from the conference. We intend to present this program at the 1992 Conference in San Francisco.

"We would like to thank ACRL for giving us a forum to present our views and we will continue working on our goals and projects within the scope of ACRL."

## Diversity part of ISU personnel training documents

The Indiana State University Libraries currently use statements on cultural diversity in three library documents: the Staff Handbook, the Student Assistants Manual, and New Employee Orientation. There is some overlap in the documents which include the text of the ISU Institutional Statement on Human Relations. In addition, the library has revamped its general library orientation sessions for all student employees. The one-hour sessions now include information on diversity, a reading of the ISU diversity statement, and a showing of the video *Still Burning: Ethnoviolence on Campus* (21 minutes). For information contact: Marsha Miller, Instruction Librarian, Cunningham Memorial Library, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 47809; fax (812) 237-2567; libmill@indst.bitnet.

## Exhibit on Chicano/Latino Studies at UC-Irvine

The University of California, Irvine, campus recently hosted a display of Chicano/Latino Studies research works by UC Irvine faculty. Eighteen faculty members were represented in this exhibit held from November 1991-February 1992. Major topic areas covered by the exhibit were: education, folklore, history, immigration and border studies, literary analysis, and novel writing. For information contact: Angela Yang, Multicultural Services Librarian, Reference Dept. at (714) 856-7021; fax (714) 856-5740; bitnet: Amyang@orion.cf.uci.edu. ■

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## BIS members: Turn in survey

Members of ACRL's Bibliographic Instruction Section are reminded to complete and return the survey that was published in their fall 1991 newsletter. The return date has been extended until the time when BIS gets a large enough response. If you need another survey contact: Diane Zabel, Pennsylvania State University, E105 Pattee Library, University Park, PA 16802; (814) 865-1013.