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BULLETIN

REEL FICHE: "An emerging technique in microfilm offers time and space savings. A report from consultants Howard A. Floyd and W. Wadsworth Wood describes a new storage technique: Reel Fiché. Standard 4" by 6" microfiche are processed and left on the reel rather than being cut into cards. The reel medium permits the use of thinner film stock, providing more footage and more images per reel. Coupled with this is a retrieval system called MIRA (Microfilm Information Retrieval Automated).

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The MIRA equipment holds a 1200-foot reel of film. At a reduction ratio of 48:1 this reel contains almost one-million images. To store that much data would normally require 500 rolls of microfilm, or 10,205 microfiche. Keeping it all on one reel allows for faster retrieval and better file integrity. Retrieval time for any image on the file is 15 seconds." (Modern Office Procedures, 18:24, June 1973)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Cataloging Librarian; to catalog materials in the Social Sciences with an emphasis on economics and political science; library degree from ALA accredited library school; undergraduate or graduate degree in economics or political science; U.S. citizenship; \$8900+; send inquires and resumes to: W. David Laird, University Librarian, University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona 85721.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Appointments: Nancy Collins, classified, Law; Carol Smith, classified, Law; William P. Thurman, professional (staff attorney), Law; Mark Paster, classified, circulation; Clifford Black, classified, Administrative Services.

POSITION OPENINGS: Map Dept., new classified, open about 7/1/73, see Jim Minton; Biological Sciences, new professional, open 7/1/73, see Bill Lee; Circulation, professional, open now, see Mr. Gordon; Cataloging, classified V, open 6/25/73, see Ms. E.V. Smith; Cataloging, classified III, open now, see Ms. E.V. Smith.

EDITORIAL: The era of being a cataloger, a reference librarian, etc. may well be drawing to a close. With ever decreasing budgets we are much more likely to become librarians with a common cause. At ALA, the depressingly similar stories came from all across the country. Several states and regions are now faced with a legislative dictum which requires each academic library to confer with all other academic libraries in the state, or otherwise defined region, and verify a particular item is not held in the region before the library is allowed to purchase any book, any microform, or any serial subscription costing more than a specified amount. In some areas, the specified amount is as high as \$250, in others, as low as \$50. Some of the more notable cases of this are in the California university libraries, in the State of New Mexico, and in many areas along the east coast. We at Kentucky have not had to resort to this yet. But unless we are willing to practice a stern form of librarianship we will inevitably find ourselves in a similar situation. Now is the time to take the matter of book selection very seriously. Now is the time to exercise responsible judgement, proving to state agencies and legislatures that we are competent in the actions we take.

None of this is to imply that our respective functions are not important. Of course, they are. It is simply that our function as librarians, as reliable decision-makers, must take precedence as budgets dwindle and as our accountability is drawn into question. (D.H.)

