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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Traditionally I have used this space to update you on activities of the faculty during the past year. This will be no exception, however, I want to take a slightly different approach by presenting a profile to you - a profile of a committed, qualified and active faculty and student body.

FACULTY

This year faculty have been in leadership positions in several associations and have served on the governing bodies of several, including the American Library Association, the American Society for Information Science, and The Association for Library and Information Science Education, and the Special Libraries Association.

They have featured columns and lead articles in a diversity of serial publications, including *ALA Yearbook*, *Advances in Librarianship*, *Boston Review*, *Electronic Library*, *Information Processing and Management*, *Microcomputers for Information*, *Observations: Essays on Documentary Photography*.

In addition, they have reviewed for many journals including *American Libraries*, *Appraisal*, *Archivaria*, *College and Research Libraries*, *Education for Information*, *History of Photography*, *Horn Book*, *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, *Library Journal*, *Library Quarterly*, and *School Library Journal*.

They have delivered keynote addresses at national and international conferences on topics ranging from "Collection Development and Future Roles of Children's Librarians," to "Microcomputer Library Systems and Subsystems;" from "New Technology and its Implications for Librarians" and "International Development in Library and Information Science Education" to "Corporate Library Excellence."

They have written monographs and handbooks on such diverse subjects as *Integrated Information Management*, *A Systems Approach*; *International Guide to Library and Information Science Education*; *Landscape as Photograph*; *MicroUse Directory*; *Software*.

They have received research grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, OCLC, Hollowell Research Fund, Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation and Digital Equipment Corporation.

Among other sources, they are listed in current issues of *Contemporary Authors*, *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the East*, *Who's Who of American Women*, and *The World Who's Who of Women*.



"Project Emperor-I"

THE CHINA CONNECTION

Many of you know of the long standing cooperation Simmons has had with China, starting back in the early 1900's with Mary Elizabeth Wood, who attended the School through those years and who was destined to be the founder of the first library science program in China. She is also heralded as being instrumental in the development of the modern public library movement in that country. Following on that connection with Wuhan University (the eventual home of the school founded by Wood), Dr. Josephine R. Fang, during the mid 1970's began working on an arrangement, funded by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, to bring students and visiting scholars from Wuhan to Simmons. Over the last four years several have come to Simmons. As word has spread other students, with the support from the Ministry of Education, UNESCO, and Asia Foundation have been admitted. Currently there are 10 students from Mainland China and three from Taiwan.

In addition to Dr. Fang, Dr. Ching-chih Chen and Dr. Robert D. Stuart have been involved with libraries on the mainland and Taiwan. Several trips, either sabbaticals or trips sponsored by the World Health Organization, UNESCO or research grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities have taken one or the other of those three to China. The most exciting development has been in conjunction with the NEH grant reported on last time in the *Simmons Librarian*. Dr.

Chen, as principal investigator, led a 7 member team of researchers/technicians to interview experts, film excavations and museums, and collect data in Beijing and Xian. The outcome of the effort has been the completion of the second phase of the research project EMEROR-I. Two double sided videocassettes, with both English and Chinese soundtracks, have been produced. The third phase of the project, design and production of study guides and development of a research data base which will be used in conjunction with a microcomputer and the videocassette, is currently being developed. The project will have its unveiling at a ceremony and showing at the Boston Public Library. Opportunities will be explored to review it with alumni.

In April-May 1985 another visit to China was through the auspices of the Citizen Ambassador Program which coordinated the trip for a delegation of librarians from North America. At the invitation of the Society for Library Science, with arrangements through the Chinese Association for Science and Technology, Dr. Stuart led a delegation of 67 librarians from all parts of the United States and Canada - representing all types of libraries and library education. The delegation visited and made formal presentations in public, academic, special and school libraries. It is obvious that the Chinese government is beginning to recognize the important role of libraries, and that Simmons has developed a reputation for leadership to which many librarians in China are turning.