

Letters

To the Editor:

Due to an editorial error, one sentence in our article, "Reference-Bibliographers in the College Library" (*CRL*, Jan. 1974), did not appear as originally written. The last sentence on p. 31, column 1 should have read: "Because faculty-dominated selection is often sporadic and lacking in sustained quality, faculty input should only be cultivated in esoteric subject areas."

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To the Editor:

Though a member of ALA, I do not feel that the Association truly meets my needs as an academic librarian. Subscribing to the ALA journals of interest to me would certainly be cheaper than being a member of the Association. However, I have retained my membership for 1974. ALA should provide more for the academic librarian or academic librarians will/must organize an alternative organization.

I find that ALA's "rival," SLA, meets my needs on a national basis to a greater degree than ALA. This is also true of ALA and SLA's "offspring," the local and state library organizations.

I really am not enthusiastic about another national library organization that would further splinter the profession. However, if that means is the only way academic librarians can have their needs met, then another organization should be formed. Perhaps the specter of another organization will spur ALA on to action.

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To the Editor:

Those readers who were interested in the letter of Kenneth and Sandra Roff in the November 1973 *College & Research Libraries* discussing folklore as a discipline should take note of the introduction of a bill to "provide for the establishment of an American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress (\$1844)." A brief discussion of the bill can be found in the December 1973 *Wilson Library Bulletin* on page 302.

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To the Editor:

Many times I have been convinced that the desire for faculty status of librarians has been written about by librarians for librarians and no one else. The "Faculty Status—A Comprehensive Bibliography" by Nancy Huling in *CRL* for November 1973 bears this out. Only two journals cited are teachers' journals; all other citations are from library journals.

Faculty status for librarians needs support from outside the library profession. It is only from opinion in instruction and administration that any form of status can be achieved within a college or university. If the arguments which have been put forth by librarians since 1878, as shown in the bibliography, are well-founded and agreed upon within the library profession, then would some of these librarians who have presented views recast the articles for administrative or teaching journals? Or for union journals, or teacher association journals?

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