#### PROFILES

J. GORMLY MILLER has been elected director of the Cornell University Libraries System by the university's Board of Trustees, effective February 1, 1975.



J. Gormly Miller

Miller, who from February 1970 to 1974 was deputy chief of the Central Library and Documentation Branch of the United Nation's International Labor Agency in Geneva. Switzerland, first came to Cornell in 1946 as librarian in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR). He also taught undergraduate and gradu-

ate courses in research methods in the ILR School, holding the titles of both librarian and professor before going to Geneva. He returned to Cornell in February of this year as a professor and librarian of the Martin P. Catherwood Library in the ILR School. In his new post Miller assumes responsibility for one of the nation's largest and most outstanding research libraries in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences, numbering more than four million books.

Miller received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Rochester in 1936 and a bachelor of science degree in library service from Columbia University in 1938. Miller has had numerous consulting and special assignments in his field, including adviser, in 1961, to the Department of Labor Relations and Dean of Faculty of Economics of the University of Chile, Santiago, on plans for library program development, and consultant on plans for expanding library resources and reference and documentation services for the U.S. Department of Labor from 1965 to 1970.

Miller said, "Although the period of rapid expansion and growth which the Cornell Libraries shared with other major institutions during the 1960s has slowed, there hopefully will not be slowing of development. Growth and development are not necessarily synonymous. I am confident that the staff of the University Libraries can easily mobilize itself to work out ways of dealing with the variety of serious problems we are being faced with and to examine new ideas and new approaches. I am very keenly looking forward to working with them in developing and using to the university's best advantage the tremendous base of resources that was built up here at Cornell under the leadership of Steve McCarthy, Dave Kaser, and Giles Shepherd."

Ms. ESTHER J. WALLS has been appointed associate director of libraries at the State University of New York in Stony Brook. Her previ-



ous experiences include a variety of publishing and library positions, most recently, head of the Teachers Central Laboratory/Education Library at Hunter College of the City of New York. Prior to that, she held positions as director of the U.S. Secretariat for International Book Year, 1972, and as program officer for Franklin Book Pro-

Esther J. Walls

grams, Inc. She began her career in the New York Public Library, where she held various administrative and specialty service positions. Ms. Walls culminated her NYPL experience as director of the North Manhattan Library Project.

Out-going chairman of the ALA International Relations Committee, Ms. Walls was recently appointed to a two-year term as ALA representative on the United States Commission for UNESCO. She also serves as member of the Board of Directors and vice-president for the U.S. Committee for UNICEF.

When asked by the editor of the *News* concerning her appointment, Ms. Walls responded as follows: "I hope to make a contribution in strengthening the human and bibliographic resources of the Stony Brook Libraries and to give special emphasis to the problems which relate to public relations and personnel. Since the Stony Brook Libraries are young in relationship to many other university libraries, the challenge here is unique. My reward is the opportunity to participate in the process of effecting change in a situation where one is not unduly restricted by tradition and historical prerogatives."

#### APPOINTMENTS

ELAINE K. ALBIN—librarian, interlibrary service—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Austin.

WANDA R. ALLEN—librarian, serials records section—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Austin.

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#### From Obstruction to Destruction?

Destruction of former president Nixon's White House tapes "would be unpardonable," warns this country's leading oral historian, Louis M. Starr, head of Columbia University's Oral History Collection.

"The world at large is cognizant of tapes and transcripts as never before," writes Professor Starr, "all because Mr. Nixon decided that his presidential library would go the JFK and LBJ libraries one better when it came to oral history."

"President Ford's lawyers contend that the Nixon tapes should be destroyed because they should never have been made," said Professor Starr. "But the situation is similar to the case of Warren Harding's letters to his mistress. Those probably shouldn't have been written, but even Harding's heirs agree they should be preserved for history."

The oral history movement began twenty-six years ago at Columbia. The Columbia collection, largest in the world, has been a model for hundreds of others. Offering a vast range of oral testimony about events as remembered by those who participated in them, it now numbers nearly 400,000 transcribed pages. tion services—STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, Albany.

GLENN R. SCHARFENORTH-director of libraries-DE PAUL UNIVERSITY, Chicago, Illinois.

TOM SKINNER—head of technical services, learning resources center—Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Calgary.

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JOAN SUSSLER—curator of prints, Lewis Walpole Library—YALE UNIVERSITY, Farmington, Connecticut.

SUSAN THORPE—assistant engineering librarian—PURDUE UNIVERSITY Libraries and Audio-Visual Center, West Lafayette, Indiana.

GEORGE VROOMAN-associate librarian for

#### Networks and the University Library

The published proceedings of the ACRL University Libraries Section preconference institute on "The University Library's Role in Information Networks" are now available, in a limited quantity, from the ACRL office. The institute was held in June 1973 in connection with the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

The proceedings, entitled Networks and the University Library, have been edited by LeMoyne W. Anderson, director of libraries at Colorado State University and chairman of the University Libraries Section in 1972-73. The papers, published substantially as they were presented at the institute, treat the following aspects of the topic: a definition of networks; a philosophical basis for networks; discussions of five operational systems (OCLC, BALLOTS, MINITEX, TIE, and MARLIN); factors of success and of failure; jurisdictional and organizational constraints on networks; financial, procedural, and personnel constraints on networks; prospects for state and national plans; and a consideration of the future of networks.

The proceedings are available at a cost of \$3.00 each if prepaid or \$5.00 each if an invoice is required. Checks should be made payable to the American Library Association. Requests for copies should be addressed to Beverly P. Lynch, ACRL, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. collection development—YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, Connecticut.

MARY E. ZOBEL—health science information services librarian, Sandel Library—Northeast LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY, Monroe.

#### RETIREMENT

NANCY K. BIRD retired August 31, 1974, from the Library of FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSI-TY, Tallahassee. She had been on the staff for twenty-eight years, serving as periodicals librarian and later as interlibrary loan librarian. For the past fourteen years she had been head of special collections.

#### DEATHS

SISTER M. DENISE MONAHAN, I.H.M., cataloging librarian at the MARYWOOD COLLEGE library in Scranton, Pennsylvania, died on Saturday, September 21, 1974.

F. BERNICE FIELD died on Monday, October 14, 1974, after a long illness. Ms. Field was a librarian at YALE UNIVERSITY Library for thirtysix years, retiring June 30 as associate librarian for technical services. In 1966 Ms. Field was the recipient of the Margaret Mann Citation in Cataloging and Classification for her "Extraordinary contributions to Librarianship, particularly through her scholarly and practical leadership in the area of descriptive cataloging; for her influential continuous participation in national, regional, and local professional associations; and in recognition of her sustained, distinguished performance for the Yale University Libraries.' **1 1** 

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