John Gaboury, dean of libraries at Mississippi State University, was recently honored by the Mississippi Library Association with its Peggy May Award at its Annual Conference in Jackson. Gaboury was honored for his leadership and contributions on behalf of all types of Mississippi libraries. He was especially cited for his leadership in the planning for statewide electronic access to Mississippi library re-

sources, the establishment of the current Statewide Information Network Task Force, and his continued work in moving Mississippi libraries ahead in the field of information technologies.

Laurene E. Zaporazhetz, dean of libraries at Louisiana State University-Shreveport, has been credited with providing the information on library resources used in the *National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Handbook for Board of Examiners Teams* (1994).

Appointments

Pamela Q. J. André has been appointed director of the National Agricultural Library (NAL) in Beltsville, Maryland. She has been serving as acting NAL director since February 1994 Before that she served as NAL's associate director for automation and in several positions at the Library of Congress including computer systems analyst and assistant chief of the MARC Editorial Division. She has served on the editorial boards of several library-related publications and is a member of ALA and the International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists.

Michael LaCroix, formerly library director at Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania, has been appointed director of library services at Creighton University's Reinert/Alumni Memorial Library in Omaha, Nebraska. Before joining Albright, LaCroix served as director of li-



braries at Wingate College and Greensboro College in North Carolina; coordinator of technical services in the Health Sciences Library at Wright State University; and head of acquisitions at Wake Forest University. A graduate of MacMurray College, LaCroix received his MLS from the University of Kentucky, and an MBA from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro

I. Andrew Magpantay, special assistant for innovative projects and planning at the Library and Center for Knowledge Management, University of California, San Francisco, has been named director of ALA's new Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP), effective June 15. Magpantay has served as computer systems manager at the College of William and Mary, visiting librarian at the Duke University Library, and applications programmer for online library information systems at the University of California. Los Angeles. He was also a reviewer for the Telecommunications Information Infrastructure Assistance Program at the U.S. Department of Commerce, and staff researcher for the California Public Utilities Commission Task Force on Telecommunications Network Infrastructure.

A member of ALA since 1986, Magpantay is a member of the ALA Committee on Legislation's Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Telecommunications. He is also a member of ACRL, the Library Administration and Management Association, the Library and Information Technology Association, and the Special Libraries Association.

Establishment of OITP is part of the ALA Goal 2000 proposal, a five-year plan to position ALA for the Information Age. The new office is designed to complement the Washington Office's efforts and serve as a public policy advocate for libraries in the area of information technology.

Robert S. Martin has been named director and librarian of the Texas State Library in Austin. Martin has served as associate dean of the Louisiana State University Libraries since 1985. Before that he held library positions at the University of Texas at Austin and the University of

Texas at Arlington, and had extensive experience as a consultant to academic and research

libraries and archives. A graduate of Rice University, Martin earned his MLS at the University of North Texas, and a Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina. He has been an active member of ALA, the Society of American Archivists, and the Society of Southwest Archivists. He edited a collection of essays published



Robert S. Martin

by ACRL called Scholarly Communication in an Electronic Environment: Issues for Research Libraries (1993) and is currently a member of the C&RL News Editorial Board.

Rosemary E. Walker has been appointed director of the Alumni Library at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. Walker has served as the library's associate director since 1990. Before joining Wentworth she served as chief librarian for the French Library, head librarian at Newbury College, and librarian at Boston Edison Company's Technical Library. A graduate of Emmanuel College, Walker received her master's in English literature from Catholic University, her master's in cinema studies from New York University, and her MLS from Simmons College.

Peter Accardo has been appointed cataloger and technical services coordinator in the Houghton Library at Harvard University.

Jackie Druery is now reference librarian in the Government Documents/Administrative Studies Library at York University, Ontario.

Gregory Finnegan is now associate librarian for public services and head of reference in Tozzer Library at Harvard University.

Daphne Flanagan has been named reference librarian in the Government Documents/

Ed. note: Entries in this column are taken from library newsletters, letters from personnel offices, individuals using institutional letterbead, and other sources. To ensure that your personnel news is considered for publication, write to Pam Spiegel, Assistant Editor, C&RL News, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: pam.spiegel@ala.org.

Administrative Studies Library at York University, Ontario.

M. Robert Fraser has been appointed network resources librarian at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Mardigian Library.

Dorothy Gregor has been named assistant to the president for academic and research library relations at OCLC in Dublin, Ohio,

Kent Haworth has been appointed head of Archives and Special Collections at York University, Ontario.

Cynthia Henderson has been named health sciences librarian at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

Jean Hines is a new librarian at the Smithsonian Institution Libraries Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum Branch.

Julie Hoff is now map/reference librarian at the Arizona State Library in Phoenix.

Yolanda Hollingsworth has been appointed assistant electronic resources librarian at the Governor Thomas E. Dewey Graduate Library for Public Affairs and Policy at the University at Albany, State University of New York.

William T. Johnson has been appointed subject librarian for science/biology, mathematics, and physics at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Melissa L. Just has been appointed information specialist at the University of Southern California Norris Medical Library, Los Angeles.

Janice Krentz is now head of the Department for Spain, Portugal, and Latin America at the University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence.

John Lehner has been named half-time assistant reference librarian at the Governor Thomas E. Dewey Graduate Library for Public Affairs and Policy at the University at Albany, State University of New York.

Kenneth Liss is now career reference librarian in the Baker Library at Harvard University's Business School.

Marilyn Moody has been named director of the Science and Engineering Library at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

Mary Ann Nash is now director of OCLC Pacific, the OCLC service center for libraries in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, other western states, and Western Canada.

James P. Niessen has been named subject librarian for humanities/history and foreign languages at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Brian Quinn has been appointed subject librarian for social sciences/psychology, soci-

ology, and social work; health, physical education, and recreation; and human development at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Kathleen Burke Ryan is now business information analyst in the Baker Library at Harvard University's Business School.

Carrie Sundstrom has been named assistant director of library development at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Millie Syring has been appointed reference and document delivery librarian at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Kristin Welton is now photo archivist at the University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence.

Norma Yueh is the new director of research at Ramapo College, New Jersey.

Deaths

Edwin Truman Coman Jr., former librarian of the School of Letters and Sciences at the University of California, Riverside, died in January at the age of 91. Coman began his library career as a research assistant at the Claremont Colleges. From 1936 to 1942 he was director of the Graduate School of Business Library at Stanford University, then served as assistant professor of business history from 1945 to 1950. Coman served as president of the California Library Association in 1949. His publications included Sources of Business Information (1949) and Time, Tide and Timber (1949).

Frances Fishburn, librarian at Park College in Parkville, Missouri, from 1943 to 1962, died last August. Fishburn graduated from Park College in 1921, then received her BLS from Collumbia University, and then became assistant librarian at Park College in 1927. Following her retirement in 1962, she served as archivist at the college until 1988.

Doug Hindmarsh, grants coordinator and consultant for the Utah State Library, died of a sudden illness on December 7, 1994, only one month after assuming the duties of vice-president/president-elect of the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA). Hindmarsh began his career as a cataloger and library science instructor at Brigham Young University. He later joined the public library field and worked at the Salt

Lake County Library System in many capacities. As a member of MPLA, he served on practically every standing committee MPLA has and chaired more than one. As the Utah Library Association's representative to MPLA, he served for six years on the MPLA Board.

Nina D. P. Horio, reference librarian in the Science-Technology Reference Department of the Hamilton Graduate Library at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, died last August of complications of therapy for breast cancer. Horio received her MLS from Simmons College in 1971. She served as president of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, and received the first Excellence in Librarianship Award from the Hamilton Library in 1993.

Philip J. McNiff, former director and librarian emeritus of the Boston Public Library (BPL), died in November. Before joining the BPL, McNiff served the Harvard College Library for many years. Starting in 1942, he rose through the ranks to become librarian of the Lamont Library, the nation's first library specifically for undergraduates; and eventually became associate librarian of Harvard College and Archibald Cary Coolidge bibliographer.

James S. McPhee, head instructional services librarian at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), died January 22 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. McPhee began his tenure at UNLV in 1984 as the first orientation librarian. In 1994 he was voted UNLV Librarian of the Year. As a member of ALA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, McPhee was a tireless defender of the right to free speech, fighting innumerable battles against censorship.

Neil Ratliff, head of the Music Library and the International Piano Archives at the University of Maryland at College Park, died last September after a long illness. Ratliff served as a music librarian in the performing arts collection at the New York Public Library at Lincoln Center before joining Maryland in 1980. From 1983 to 1992 he also served as lecturer in music librarianship at Catholic University. Early in 1994 Ratliff, who spoke Greek fluently, received a Fulbright grant to establish a music library in Greece in the new Athens Concert Hall. He considered the project to be the culmination of his life's work, but was unable to carry out the assignment because of illness.