

# The time to lead

## ACRL seeks nominees for office

**W**ould you like to seek office in an ACRL section? Would you like to nominate anyone else for one of these positions? If the answer is yes, here is what you need to do.

### ACRL section officers

Candidates for vice-chair/chair elect of ACRL sections are selected by the Nominating Committee of each section. If you would like to nominate someone or be nominated for vice-chair of an ACRL section, contact the chair of the Nominating Committee for the appropriate section prior to the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

Other section officers, including secretary and member-at-large, may also be under consideration for this term of office, which will begin in the summer of 2001.

### Section nominating committee chairs Asian, African, and Middle Eastern

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To be announced. Contact the current Vice-chair Mark Dimunation, chief, Rare Books and Special Collections Division, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20504-4747; mdm@loc.gov

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words, title, author, year of publication, or record number to search. A multifield search supports advance searching, including boolean operators, numeric operators, comparison operators and the ability to search more than one field at a time. Searching can be enhanced by using partial words, begins with, or browse search options. Search results yield bibliographic records and ordering information for journal articles, books, reports, and literature reviews.

Because the database has not been updated since 1998, researchers will have to search other reference tools for current violent literature. VioLit can be a starting point for locating juvenile violence literature.—*Nancy Allen, USF at Sarasota-Manatee/New College, nallen@sar.usf.edu*

**Biz/ed.** <http://bized.ac.uk/>.

This well-organized site, created by a non-profit consortium working at the Institute for



Learning and Research Technology at the University of Bristol, is designed for business and economics students and their teachers.

The Internet Catalogue, the first major link on the site, is a Yahoo-style directory of more than 1,500 Internet resources selected and described by subject experts.

Top-level headings cover accounting, business, economics, financial economics, higher education, human resources, macroeconomics, management, marketing, mathematical economics, organizational management, production, the tourist industry, trade, and commerce. Business students, business professionals, and the public at large will be able to make good use of this directory.

The Virtual Worlds link on the site includes two resources: a Virtual Factory and a Virtual Economy. The factory is based on a bona fide business, Cameron Balloons Ltd. There are four main sections in the factory: the Factory Floor (which includes worksheets, photos, relevant business theories, and an explanation of each main business function), Cameron Balloons (background on the company, its history, and product range), a Cost

Breakdown of balloon components, and a Glossary of ballooning jargon.

The Virtual Economy is based on computer models that are similar to those used to keep the British economy on track. It includes case studies, a section on the economic variables in the model, a library of resource materials, and the interactive model itself. Users of the site may change the values of the variables and run the model repeatedly.

The site also includes major links to Learning Materials, Company Facts, and Data. These pages include many online worksheets, datasets, PowerPoint presentations, and other instructional resources. Some will be most useful to students in the UK.

Despite the breadth of Biz/ed, navigation is quite easy. The site includes a persistent navigation bar, a good site map, a search function, and several readily accessible help screens that explain the site section by section.

Biz/ed will be useful both as a quality information resource and as an interactive teaching tool.—*Tom Nichol, College of St. Benedict & St. John's University, tnichol@csbsju.edu* ■

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