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1. MLA NEWS:

★PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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MLA MEMBERSHIP = BENEFITS + VOLUNTARISM + PARTNERSHIP + ADVOCACY

At its last meeting the MLA Executive decided to begin our annual membership drive. Our current membership is around 300 which seems to be its "natural" long term level but a forthcoming study of employment in libraries estimates that there are over 3,000 (410 librarians in the 1991 census) people working in libraries in Manitoba. Of course, the other library associations in Manitoba also serve and represent library workers and supporters and many people only have the money and time for one library membership but I would still like to review the benefits and importance of membership in MLA in this message and appeal to all potential and lapsed members to join the association, not just by subscribing but by participating.

MLA strives to be a paying proposition by providing its members with numerous benefits. Our information services include MLA Newslines which carries all the library news in the Province. Our mailing list, MLA-News, offers fast-breaking news and job postings as well as a host of internet resources. Our forthcoming web page will begin with the most current, thorough and comprehensive provincial library directory ever (free of paper costs!)

Our professional development services currently include monthly workshops on need-to-know topics and technologies. Our last conference offered a cornucopia of the same with national and international speakers/experts.

The value of MLA goes beyond these tangible benefits. MLA is the primary vehicle for library leadership and advocacy on all the pressing information issues of the day from access to training. Our committees, especially our conference committee, are in need of an infusion of membership energy and ideas to make MLA a force in the larger society.

Studies show that more and more people are struggling to survive and meet their numerous job and family

obligations with little time left for their civic and professional obligations. In a time of cutbacks and downsizing, one's fears and frustrations can be enervating. Also many of us are burnt out, been there, done that! I personally feel this way at least half the time!

I still think that activism is the best solution. MLA offers you an outlet for your highest professional ideals. If we had more committee and project volunteers, we could accomplish so much more. Considering we are in the midst of an information revolution, we must be active in the public arena, representing our values and our interests. Please consider your commitment to MLA.

If you are not a member, please join and lend us your name and financial support.

If you are a member, can you help out?

Can you talk to non-members about the benefit and importance of membership?

Is there a current project or committee of MLA to which you can contribute ideas, moral support, feedback and plain ordinary help?

We have a web page, training and legal information projects aborning which need your help.

Do you have an idea that you think MLA should be working on? Your energy and commitment might make it happen. We are open to ideas!

Are you unemployed and anxious to prove yourself while waiting for job opportunities?

People who work in libraries know how to cooperate and communicate. MLA and its sister associations need to work in partnership to harness all available creative energies at this critical moment.

We need to cut through the hype and hoopla about the information highway to demonstrate the ongoing value of libraries.

★TSIG NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

MLA Technical Services Interest Group Achievement Award Announcement

Nominations are invited for the second MLA TSIG Achievement Award. This award is sponsored by the

MLA Technical Services Interest Group in order to honour outstanding performance in technical services.

The purpose of this award is to recognize achievement by any technical services staff member in the Manitoba library scene. The aim is to encourage innovation and excellence, to foster high morale among technical services personnel, and to raise the profile of technical services personnel within individual libraries and across the Manitoba library community. The recipient will receive a certificate at TSIG's annual general meeting.

The deadline for nominations is March 31, 1997. Nominations should be made in writing and should include a brief outline of the nominee's contributions to technical services in Manitoba. A TSIG committee representing public, university, school and special libraries will evaluate the nominations and decide the winner.

Nominations should be sent to:

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★VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR '98

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MLA needs volunteers for the next conference...

We are now in the process of planning the 1998 MLA conference and are in need of volunteers to participate or chair various committees. If you are interested in helping to put this conference together, please contact:

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2. NEWS:

★AUDREY KERR RECEIVES EMERITUS HONOUR

At the 1996 Spring Convocation at the university of Manitoba, Audrey Kerr received "emeritus" status upon her retirement for her distinguished achievements in her leadership, scholarship and teaching.

A 1953 graduate of the Faculty of Science from the University of Manitoba and a graduate in Library Science from UBC, Audrey joined the UofM Libraries as medical librarian in 1963. She was appointed Head of the Medical Library in 1972 and Professor in the Faculty of Medicine in 1982. IN 1991 she became Acting Head of the Neil John Maclean Library and retired in 1995.

Among her many accomplishments, Audrey is recognized for her part in founding the Faculty of Medicine Archives in 1973; being foremost among Canadian university librarians in making online resources available to faculty; establishing the grant-funded College of Physicians and Surgeons' extension service for rural physicians; and establishing the first open learning laboratory outfitted with free-standing microcomputers for student use.

In 1994, Audrey received the Peter D. Curry Chancellor's Award for exceptional contribution to the University of Manitoba.

Congratulations Audrey!

★DIAL-A-STORY AT WPL

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DIAL-A-STORY LAUNCHED AT WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY

If you are a parent, you know there's nothing children like better than hearing a story read by their mom or dad or favourite relative. But if you would like to try something a little different, check out the new Dial - A - Story service co-sponsored by Manitoba Telephone System's Talking Yellow Pages and Winnipeg Public Library.

Children will find it easy to call 784-9000 and, when asked to "enter a four digit code now", press R-E-A-D (7323). They then can enjoy a story selected and read by one of Winnipeg Public Library's expert storytellers. Some of the stories recorded for the line are The Hamiltons, The Name of the Tree, and Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?

Encourage your children to pick up the phone and connect with a story today!

★UofM LAW LIBRARY DONATION

The computer classroom in the E.K. Williams Law Library has been updated with state-of-the-art computers and related equipment, thanks to the generous donation of \$110,000 from the Manitoba Law Foundation.

The donation made it possible to obtain 21 new computers operating Windows 95 to replace the old 386 models installed 5 years ago. The new equipment complements the introduction of new courses in advanced legal research and the requirement that first year courses teach the basic of computerized legal work.

For more information, contact Neil Campbell, Head, E.K. Williams Law Library at 474-9996 or email him at ncampbell@bldgrobson.lan1.umanitoba.ca

★NEW WPL BRANCH UPDATE

The new Northwest Library, on the east side of Keewatin, south of Burrows, will open to the public in early February 1997. The winner of the name-the-branch contest will be announced at a later date. The address will be 765 Keewatin Boulevard, R2X 3B9. The branch's hours will be

Monday:	Closed
Tues-Thurs	10AM - 9PM
Friday	10AM - 5PM
Sat (all year)	10AM - 5PM
Sunday	1 - 5PM (Victoria Day to Labour Day)

When open, the 13,500 square foot library will feature:

- * a drive-by window for picking up materials
- * motion-sensor lighting
- * access & low shelving for people with disabilities
- * parking for 60 vehicles
- * a park-like, fully landscaped setting
- * full WWW access on selected PC's

This project was recommended in the Library's last long range plan which was approved by Council in 1990. As directed by Council, the nearby Brooklands and McPhillips branches will be amalgamated into the new library.

★CREATIVE RETIREMENT DONATES TAPES TO PLS

Creative Retirement Manitoba is donating VHS sets of Manitoba Seniors Television programs for use by Public Library Services. The first set of shows has been delivered to Brandon and sets of additional ten shows will be donated to PLS by late February 1997.

The first ten shows are: Delicious Cooking for One or Two; Tips for Better Memory; Managing Arthritis; Preventing Caregiver Burnout; Overcoming Depression in Retirement; Preventing Falls at Home; Prostate Cancer a Family Concern; Tasty Freeze Ahead Meals; What You Must Know About Alzheimer's Disease; Caring For Aging Parents, Issues, Dilemmas.

All shows will be broadcast throughout 1997 on the community channel of many Manitoba regional cable television systems.

Creative Retirement's Manitoba Seniors Television Project will continue to work with regional cable television systems, public libraries, senior's groups and other partners to produce, broadcast and/or distribute television shows. All shows are produced with and for older Manitobans on a non-profit basis.

Manitoba Seniors Television is funded by *New Horizons - Partners in Aging Health Canada*. For more information about these shows and MSTV, please call Doug Wasyliw, MSTV Manager (collect) at 204 949-2555 (using live operator assistance).

★NEW MLS GRADUATES

After taking almost three years to complete the MLS program from Emporia State University Library, while keeping their jobs and maintaining their households, 40 graduates celebrated their commencement on December 7th 1996 in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Driving through all types of weather to meet in the weekend intensive classes and enduring the financial

hardships shows the determination and dedication of these individuals. The Manitoba graduates are:

Analyn Baker, Winnipeg
Barbara Bourrier-LaCroix, Winnipeg
Rita Braun, Winnipeg
Carol Dales, Winnipeg
Alison Edgerton, Pine River
Colleen Einarson, Winnipeg
Darleen Golke, Winnipeg
Gloria Hersak, Winnipeg
Peggy Neal, Winnipeg
Christine Shaw-Daigle, Winnipeg
Sylvia Wiebe, Winnipeg
Theresa Yauk, Winnipeg

✓ CONGRATULATIONS to each of you!!

★HEALTH & MEDICAL ARCHIVES TELEPHONE INFORMATION NETWORK

Last April, the Centre for Research in Information Studies at the University of Toronto, in association with the Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine, established a new, national non-profit reference, advice and communications service for users and custodians of health and medical archival materials in Canada. The response from both researchers and archivists has been exceptional.

For 24-hour toll-free access to the Network, please dial 1-800-281-INFO (1-800-281-4636). Please note that full access to the services and information provided by the Network requires the use of a touch-tone phone. Rotary-dial users will only be able to record brief messages requesting advice and assistance.

The Network has a website at
<http://www.fis.utoronto.ca/research/cris.htm>

For more information about the Network, Please contact the Centre for Research in Information Studies, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto, 140 St. George St., Toronto ON M5S 3G6 or phone 416 978-7093 or fax 416 971-1399 or email at research@fis.utoronto.ca



★CISTI NEWS

✓ CISTP's collection development policy is available at <http://www.nrc.ca/cisti/irm/policy.html> or in print by calling 1-800-668-1222.

✓ Plans for new CISTI online catalogue are taking shape

CISTI will implement a new catalogue and cataloguing environment using Innovative Interfaces, which will be available to clients by April 1, 1997. By using Innovative Interfaces, already in use for acquisitions and circulation at CISTI, we will have up-to-the-minute information for clients on the latest issues received, books on order and those in circulation.

CISTI will continue to provide free access to its catalogue through the World Wide Web (which has become the industry standard), with an option for DATAPAC access at a small hourly rate.

This integrated solution will give CISTI increased flexibility to respond to client's requirements, and be more cost-effective than having a separate system for cataloguing, as we did with AMICUS. CISTI will still contribute records of its holdings to the National Library of Canada's national union catalogue on AMICUS.

CISTI has been chosen as a test site for Innovative Interfaces' new Windows-based cataloguing system.

★INGLES WINS AWARD

Ernie Ingles, Associate Vice-President (Learning Support Systems) at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, and Chair of CISTP's Advisory Committee, was named Information Innovator of the Year by the Canadian Information Productivity Awards (CIPA). The University of Alberta Library also received an Award of Excellence from CIPA in recognition of its advancement of the digital library "with its order processing and delivery system." The library has adopted the Relais document delivery system, which is the commercial version of IntelliDoc in use at CISTL.

★NEW PHD IN INFORMATION SCIENCE

The Ecole de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information (EBSI) of the Université de Montréal announces its new Ph.D. in Information Science program,

as of September 1997. This program is under the responsibility of the Faculté des études supérieures (FES) of the Université de Montréal.

The only French-language Ph.D. in Information Science, the program will aim at preparing students for research in information science, and at contributing to the development of information science and its knowledge base.

The Ph.D. program offers two areas of specialization:

- 1) information transfer;
- 2) information systems and resources.

Information science studies the properties of information, the forces that govern the flow of information, and the processes of managing information in order to maximize its access and use. Information science consists of the body of knowledge concerning the creation, evaluation, analysis, organization, storage, dissemination, transformation and use of recorded information and knowledge in any form.

Information science is at the crossroads of many disciplines, including: library science, archival science, communications, computer science, linguistics, semiotics, cognitive sciences and management.

How is information created, recorded, preserved, stored? How is information organized, analyzed, represented, modeled for fast, easy retrieval? How do information needs occur? How can searching for information be modeled, optimized? These are but a few examples of fundamental issues of interest to information science. Of course, because of the complex and intangible nature of information, such problems are very rarely solved definitively. Nevertheless, societal evolution and technological progress constantly raise new research questions. Because of this, information science is, at present, one of the richest and most fertile research areas even though it is a relatively new field.

To be eligible for the program, candidates must have a master's degree in library and information science or the equivalent. Candidates will be selected on the basis of the following criteria and requirements: excellence of their academic record; aptitude for research; preliminary research proposal; appropriate computer skills; appropriate statistical knowledge; excellent knowledge of the French language; good knowledge of the English language; three (3) letters of reference (preferably from

former professors). An interview with the School's Doctoral committee is required. In the case of foreign students, this interview can be done by teleconference.

Doctoral students are required to complete 90 credit hours (18 credit hours of courses and 72 credit hours of research). The minimum residency requirement is 6 semesters (including three (3) consecutive semesters). Maximum length allowed to complete the program is 15 semesters (full-time) or 18 semesters (half-time).

Students' academic achievements will be recorded in their "doctoral portfolio" and should include, in addition to formal for-credit activities, the following realizations: publications in scientific and professional journals, teaching experience and assistantships, research assistantships, participation in a research grant application, presentation of papers at conferences and professional meetings.

The School will admit up to five (5) new students each year into the Ph.D. program. The director is Gilles Deschatelets.

For additional information and an application package, please contact:

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The deadline for applications for the fall 1997 semester is March 28, 1997.

3. PUBLICATIONS:

★FREEBIES!!

Available from Collections Management, 220 Elizabeth Dafoe Library, University of Manitoba Libraries:

125-150 titles on women's studies and status of women in Canada, mostly from the 1970s. Mostly government of

Canada reports, some photocopied articles, etc.; paper covers.

The recipient must arrange for shipping including coverage of any costs. Please contact Orysia Tracz, Collections Management, at (204) 474-9961, or tracz@bldgdafoe.lan1.umanitoba.ca

4. CALENDAR:

★JANUARY 27 1997

CASLIS MANITOBA SEMINAR

Topic : New Technologies - Recent Internet Developments

Speaker: Colin Angel, Computer Services, University of Manitoba

When : Monday, January 27, 1997 1:30 -3:30 pm

Where: The University of Manitoba DOWNTOWN
400 Webb St.

Admission: CASLIS Members \$5.00; Others -\$8.00
please pay at door

Registration required : no later than noon, Friday,
January 24, 1997 with Sheila Andrich - 474-9976 or
E-Mail - andrich@cc.umanitoba.ca Fax: 261-9282

★FEBRUARY 5 1997

The University of Manitoba Friends of the Libraries invite you to an evening at the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library, Bannatyne Campus, on Wednesday February 5 from 7:30 to 9:30PM

Their guest speaker will be Dr. Ian Carr, Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine who will speak on the topic *Hippocrates on the Red - Glimpses of the History of Manitoba Medicine*.

We look forward to your joining us - come along and bring a Friend! Parking is available at the Emily Street Parkade, 1/2 block south on Emily Street.

★FEBRUARY 8 1997

MLA presents a **Library Automation Workshop** for all librarians and administrators looking to automate their library or information centre. This workshop examines the steps involved in automating small and medium sized libraries.

Topics to be covered:

- * systems analysis
- * selecting an automation package
- * preparing the library for automation
- * examining hardware requirements
- * system implementation

WHEN: Saturday February 8 1997

WHERE: Red River Community College, Orange Room

COST: \$40 for MLA & Associate Members
\$50 for non-MLA members

REGISTER: Phone 204 452-7734 (leave a message) or
e-mail halloween@escape.ca

Enrolment is limited so register early!

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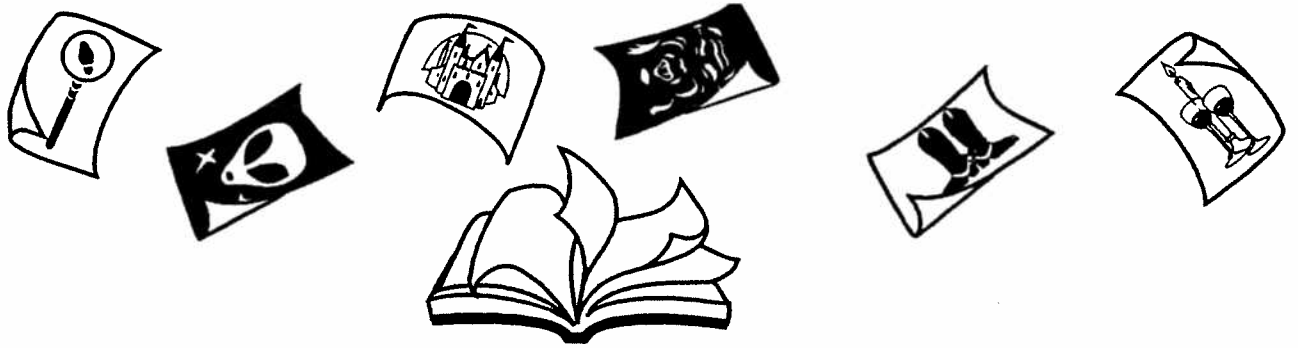
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Winnipeg romance writer, Elizabeth Thornton, will be the luncheon speaker at the “Unmasking the Genres: A Guide to Popular Fiction” workshop being held at Red River Community College on Friday, February 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This action-packed day promises useful information for library staff and readers of genre fiction.


Other presenters will include Betty Parry, Winnipeg Public Library (WPL), who will discuss tools available to assist librarians in selecting and acquiring the latest in genre fiction.

Sheila Johnston, an instructor in the Library and Information Technology Program at Red River, will provide insight into the criteria for genre fiction and explain how to become an “instant authority.”

A panel of local experts including Paul McNally from McNally Robinson Booksellers, Henrietta Wilde, co-owner of Whodunit?, Winnipeg’s mystery bookstore, Ed Cuddy, WPL, and others to be announced, will provide more details about what’s currently hot in genre fiction.

Bruce Gillespie, an instructor in the Advertising Art Program at Red River, will present tips on how to design book displays and handouts that will generate patron interest.

A session using the Internet to access information about genre fiction is also planned.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. All sessions will be held in Room F213 at the college. For free parking please report to the Commissioner at Entrance 3. (see map on reverse) 

For more information on the sessions, contact Iris Loewen, (204) 822-4092 or by email irisloew@mbnet.mb.ca

Workshop sponsored by: Manitoba Library Association and Red River Community College.

Registration Fees:

MLA Members: **\$24.00**
 Non-MLA Members: **\$29.00**
 Students: **\$19.00**

*registration fee includes lunch.

Make cheques payable to: Manitoba Library Association

Mail in registration deadline:
 Thursday, February 20th

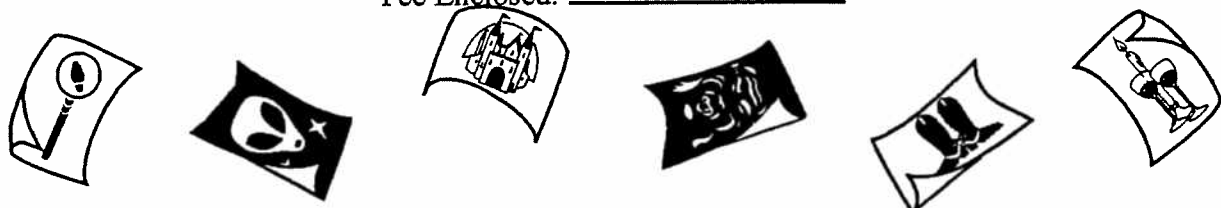
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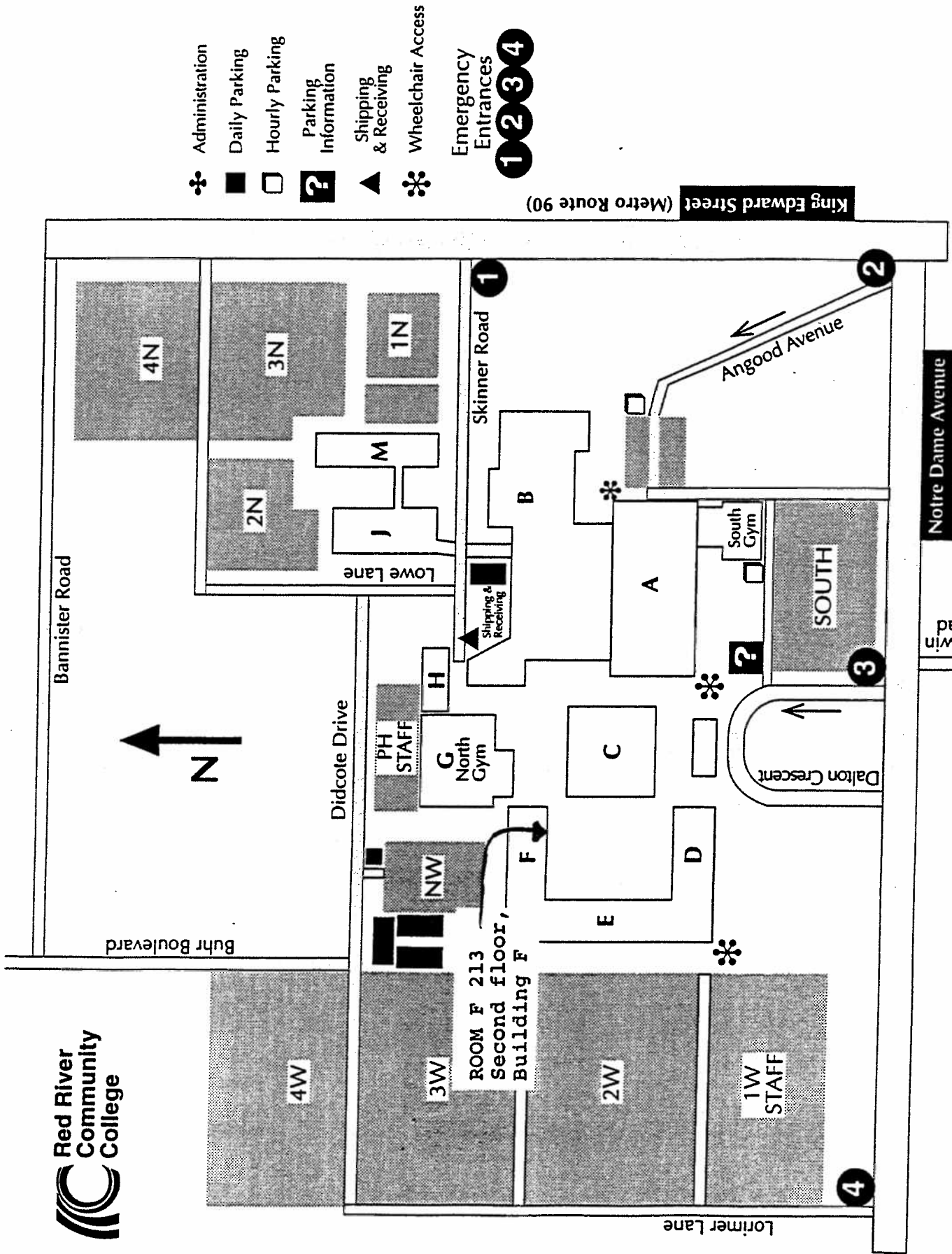
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