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Academic Section Report
MPLA Executive Board Meeting
June 13, 1999

The MPLA Academic Section will be sponsoring the following programs for the MLA/MPLA conference:

1. With a Lot of Help from Out Friends: Meeting the Challenge of Providing reference Services After the CSU Flood Librarians from the Colorado State University Libraries will discuss the 1997 Flood at CSU and the challenge of providing reference and other services to students, staff and faculty with one-third (app. 470,000 volumes) of the collection destroyed. This presentation will include ten-minute video and photographs as well as an update of the recovery process. Presenters: Lou Anderson and Suzanne Taylor, Library Faculty, CSU. Co-sponsor: MPLA Special Collection, Archives and Preservation Section
2. Academic Research Forum This Forum is a joint program between MLA and MPLA and as such, the interested participants must be current members of either MLA or MPLA. Both MLA and MPLA will contribute to the $100 prize award. Four presenters are scheduled.

Other programs scheduled for the Annual Conference that may be of interest to academic members include: "Designing a Multimedia Learning Environment"- half-day preconference program; Embracing Change: New Roles and Opportunities for Academic Librarians" -- ACRL President Maureen Sullivan; Distance Education for Paraprofessionals and Support Staff; Documents Workshop; Census 2000; Going Online with Library Skills Instruction; Grantwriting; Get a Grip: Project Management for the Overwhelmed; Agricultural Information: Past and Present; How to Father (and Mother) a Newspaper Indexing Project; Copyright Update 99; and Natural Resources Information Service workshop.

The Academic Section Nomination Committee was co-chaired by Vicky York, Montana State University-Bozeman and Warren Bobcock, Utah State University.

Our new chair-elect is Betty Dance and our new secretary is Ken Kempcke.

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