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 Nancy Colyar, Chair

Notes & Tracings

It's the end of another busy year, in the LLA Academic Section just as in academia in general. I am gratified to see that our section covered so many hot topics at our latest conference held at the Lafayette Hilton & Towers, March 3 - 6.

Some LLA Executive Board Activities

I thought you might like to know about a few items of business handled by the LLA Executive Board, where I have been representing you this past year. The Executive Director, Christy Oliver, left LLA in the Fall. The Board was pleased to find Beverly Laughlin to assume the position just before the annual conference. She couldn't have picked a better or busier time! She has prior experience on the Executive Board and other LLA offices. She is already hard at work learning the other details of the job, and working on the *LLA Manual*, the budget,

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and contracts for mailings and conferences. More recently, the LLA Office moved from Baton Rouge to Eunice, Louisiana.

Incoming LLA President Debra Rollins has recovered from a broken leg, and is on the fast track to getting her administration staffed and begun. She is looking for volunteers for the following committees: Continuing Education; Federal Relations; Legislation; Membership. Members can contact her at (rollins@iamerica.net).

There has been a contest held to select a new logo for LLA and the results should be announced soon.

Plans have already begun for next year's annual conference, March 6 - 8, 2002, at the Radisson Hotel in Baton Rouge.

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Conference Report

We were fortunate to have Dr. Bill Nelson of Augusta State University in Augusta, GA at two Academic Section-sponsored sessions. "Partial Applications of ACRL Standards" covered a topic on the minds of many libraries' administrators. "GALILEO: The Georgia Consortium Experience" was interesting particularly to those of us in consortia in Louisiana.

At our Academic Section Business Meeting, we agreed by consensus to no longer produce this newsletter in print; rather we will announce it on the LLA and other appropriate email listservs, and post the newsletter on the LLA web site. We also agreed to lend our name to the LLA Grassroots Grant. We announced our incoming and newly elected officers: Lea Wade (UNO), Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Deborah Poole (Loyola), Secretary.

Another session on a topic frequently in the news is ebooks. Just this past week, the vendor netLibrary announced the adoption of industry standards for netLibrary eBooks. Thanks to presenters Aimee Ficarek, systems librarian, LSU; Trudy Patterson, systems librarian, Allen Parish Library; Crystal Lee, director of learning resources, River Parishes Community College; and Gennice King, head librarian, Public Services, Xavier University Library for an update on the topic.

Copyright has also been in the news this past year, with all the news related to Napster. With ACRL-Louisiana Chapter, the LSU Libraries, and the State Library of Louisiana, we co-sponsored a well-attended post-conference "Copyright Laws in the Age of Technology". Our presenter was Laura

Gasaway, director of law library and Professor of Law, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. We would like to thank the USGS National Wetlands Research Center for providing the workshop location.

Fall Conference

Next year's joint conference with ACRL/Louisiana - LUC will be hosted by SLU on October 25-26, 2001, as Laverne Simoneaux will be the Vice President/President Elect of ACRL/LA for 2001/2002.

Final Note

I have enjoyed getting to know more of you from around the state over the past two years as your Vice-Chair and Chair. I send heartfelt thanks again to our Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Fred Hamilton from Louisiana Tech who worked very hard all year to prepare and organize the Academic Section sessions for you. I am sure he will serve you well as Chair in the coming year.



Section News

Academic Section Outstanding Academic Librarian Award

This year's recipient of the Louisiana Library Association's Academic Section Outstanding Academic Librarian of the Year Award is **Jill Fatzer**, professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education, University of New Orleans.

Throughout a long and distinguished career devoted to public services, bibliographic instruction, and library administration in academic libraries, Jill has been an active participant in professional activities which have enriched the ability of academic librarians to enhance library services. In particular, she has been instrumental in developing cooperative ventures that have brought library resources and services to Louisiana's academic community. She was principal investigator for enhancing access to government publications by having catalog records for eleven

Louisiana depository libraries added to the online catalogs of those institutions.

She has served the profession on the national and state level, serving on the board of directors of the Association of College of Research Libraries, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant College's Commission on Information Technology, and as chair of the Louisiana Academic Library Information Network Consortium. She has served as spokesperson for the profession to various professional groups, including the National Council for Accreditation of Teachers of Education, as well as on other accreditation teams. She has conducted and shared research with academic librarians, nationally and in Louisiana, through national and state publications.

Jill Fatzer serves as a role model for academic librarianship, bringing together professional expertise, research, and action to enhance library services.

Academic Section Officers named

The new Academic Section officers for 2001-2002 have been elected.

Fred Hamilton, former Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect is now Chair. Fred is head of bibliographic management at Louisiana Tech University. His email address is (fredh@latech.edu).

Lea Wade was elected as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. Lea is chair of the reference services department and science reference librarian at the University of New Orleans. Her email address is (lwade@uno.edu).

The section's new secretary is **Deborah Poole**. She is public services coordinator at Loyola University. Deborah's email address is (poole@loyno.edu).

They will assume office after the June meeting of the LLA Executive Board.

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Library News

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Libraries

Mike Russo joined the library as a new reference librarian.

Angela Akinniyi, digital project librarian in Special Collections, and **Leah Wood Jewett**, director of the United States Civil War Center, made presentations at the Louisiana Association of Museums, annual meeting April 25-27, 2001. The title of the session was "Building Digital Landscapes: Virtual Exhibits from LSU Libraries Special Collections." Both presenters spoke about their individual digital projects: Leah presented on the "Beyond Face Value" exhibition (www.cwc.lsu.edu/cwc/BeyondFaceValue/index.htm) and Angela presented on the "Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial: A Heritage Explored," a digital library project due to be available via the LSU Digital Library on July 4, 2001.

"Beyond Face Value: Depictions of Slavery in Confederate Currency," a virtual exhibit of the U. S. Civil War Center at LSU, has received over 63,000 "hits" since June 2000. Site reviews and references have appeared in *USA Today*, the *New York Times*, and on CNN.

LLA Office moves

The office of the Louisiana Library Association has moved to the town of Eunice. The new address is 421 South 4th Street, Eunice, Louisiana, 70535. The new telephone number is 337/550-7890 and the fax number is 337/457-7400. The office email is (lla@pelican.state.lib.la.us).

The U. S. Civil War Center announces the publi-

cation of the Summer 2001 issue of the *Civil War Book Review*, the journal of record for new and newly reprinted books about the antebellum, Civil War, and Reconstruction eras. *Civil War Book Review* is included in the EBSCO catalog and is available for library subscription.

Faye Philips, associate dean of libraries for special collections, was elected chair of the Council on Research for 2001. The LSU Council on Research is an advisory group to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School.

This summer, two new exhibitions will be on display in Hill Memorial Library. In the second floor gallery, "Aardvark to Zebra: Art and Zoology in the McIlhenny Natural History Collection," curated by **Elaine Smyth**, will open June 1 and run through August 3. It will feature books and art from the E.A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection, which is rich in the art of zool-

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ogy, including creatures both real and fanciful. Arranged like a bestiary, the exhibition will feature zoological art from the 16th to the 20th centuries by artists ranging from Audubon to Zimmerman. The first floor gallery will display "A Second Look: Louisiana Flora in the Works of John James Audubon and Margaret Stones." Audubon was known for his lifelike and life-sized renderings of North American birds, which were often portrayed surrounded by the flora of their native habitat. Interestingly, the backgrounds were not infrequently painted by others — among them Joseph Mason, George Lehman, and Audubon's long-suffering wife, Lucy Bakewell Audubon. This exhibition invites viewers to take a second look at the flora behind Audubon's birds and compare it with contemporary botanical drawings of the same flora by renowned botanical artist Margaret Stones.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY EUNICE LeDoux Library

The library held its annual book sale on April 20 and 21 and made over \$800.00.

Some of the outstanding presenters at the noontime program series held at the library have included Dr. Steve Guempel on Charlotte Perkins Gilman; Students of Free Enterprise on Mutual Funds Investments; William Myers on his book of interviews with World War II veterans entitled *Honor the Warrior*; UL Lafayette poet Matt Pritts and short story author Nathan Dube; Dr. Tony Baltakis on the "History Mystery of Pearl Harbor;" poets Errol Miller and Don Hoyt; and Dr. Claude Oubre on "Hancock vs. Davis, St Landry Parish Court 1830," about a slave suing for his freedom.

MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY Frazar Library

Barbara Royer, serials department, has been elected secretary for LLA.

NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE Library

Jules Tate, director, has been nominated and is on the ALA ballot for ACRL/CJCLS (Community and Junior College Libraries Section) Section Chair.

OUR LADY OF HOLY CROSS COLLEGE Library

The Friends of the Library hosted author Brian Altobello, who presented and signed his book, *Into the Shadows Furious: The Battle of New Georgia*. The book has been selected as a finalist for the Distinguished Book Award issued by the Army Historical Society of Arlington, VA. Sixty-four people attended the event. Refreshments were served by the members of the Board of Directors of the Friends Group.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY Cade Library

Angela Proctor, electronic services librarian, was one of 20 librarians selected nationally for participation in the ARL Leadership and Career Development second biennial Training Institute for Librarians of Color hosted by the University of Minnesota Libraries.

Angela was also accepted into a

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comprehensive archives training program which is sponsored by the NEH and Spelman College. The program will feature multi-course instruction extending from basic to advanced coursework in three segments throughout the year. The faculty for this project were selected based on their expertise in the archives profession and their reputation as archival educators.

TULANE UNIVERSITY Howard-Tilton Library

Bruce Boyd Raeburn, curator, Hogan Jazz Archive, recently published "King Oliver, Jelly Roll Morton, and Sidney Bechet: Ménage à Trois, New Orleans Style," in *The Oxford Companion to Jazz*, ed. Bill Kirchner (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000) and "Confessions of a New Orleans Jazz Archivist," in *Reflections on American Music: The Twentieth Century and the New Millennium*, eds, Jim Heintze and Michael Saffle (Hillsdale, NY: Pendragon Press, 2000).

Ed Rock, humanities reference librarian and bibliographer, was one of 20 librarians selected nationally for participation in the second biennial Training Institute for Early Career Librarians sponsored by the University of Minnesota Libraries—Twin Cities and supported by a national leadership grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. He was also among the 200 Americans sponsored by the ALA/FIL—Free Pass program to attend the Feria Internacional del Libro of Guadalajara, Mexico. The featured country of the Feria's fourteenth year was Spain.

Andy Corrigan, **Jean-Paul Orgeron**, and **Ed Rock**, Information Services Department, co-presented a roundtable discussion

at the national ACRL conference in Denver entitled, "Students Opinions About Digital Resources and the Best Ways to Promote Them."

Stephen Fowlkes, social sciences reference librarian and bibliographer, accompanied a group of historic preservation students and faculty from the School of Architecture on a two week study trip to Cuba. He used the trip to continue his liaison work with Tulane's Cuban Studies Institute by delivering books and periodicals to several libraries and institutions participating in the Institute's Book Donation and Exchange Program.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE Dupré Library

I. Bruce Turner, head of archives and special collections, served as the principal humanities scholar on an oral history project with three other historians. The project culminated in the publication of *Jefferson Davis Parish: An Oral History* (Jennings, LA: Jeff Davis Parish Arts Council, 2000). The book contains several chapters written by Bruce and was the result of a Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities grant to Jeff Davis Parish Arts Council.

Chris Gilcrease, night reference librarian, presented a paper about European monetary policy at the Southwestern Social Science Association meeting in Fort Worth, TX in March 2001. The research paper entitled "The Accountability Question in the Mission of the European Central Bank" focuses on the Central Bank of European Union as it attempts to forge a common economic policy for the

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diverse countries in the Union.

David Stokes, gifts and development librarian, has completed his research about railroads as supply lines for the war effort during the Civil War. His article entitled "Railroads Blue and Gray: Rail Transport in the Civil War, 1861-1865: A Bibliography" is published in *National Railway Bulletin* (National Railway Historical Society) 65.5 (2000): 4-11, 32-39.

A portrait of Christiana G. Smith, the first African American graduate of the university (1956), was unveiled on February 15, 2001. The portrait was donated to the university by an alumni chapter named in Ms. Smith's honor along with Louisiana Representative Wilfred Pierre and Samuel Pierre. The portrait will hang in the lobby of the library. The unveiling of the portrait was part of Black History Month Celebration at the library. **Sherry T. Broussard**, special projects librarian, was in charge of the celebration and the program to honor Ms. Smith.

Beate N. Kukainis, head of technical services, was inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2000/2001. She was one of four faculty honored for service to the university.

Sherry Moore and **Ashley Bonnette**, Internet Access Services, have acquired two grants to improve the public services at the library. The first is a Student Technology Enhancement Program grant entitled "An Interactive Directory and Wayfinding Kiosk System for Edith Garland Dupré Library and the Student Union, UL Lafayette" for approximately \$28,800.00. Sherry and Ashley gave a presentation on the grant process at an LLA session in March. The second is an instructional improvement mini-grant from UL Lafayette entitled "Acquisition of an Off-

line Browser Software Package for Instructional Purposes in the Dupré Library Bibliographic Instruction Lab" for approximately \$350.00.

Jan Rice, general reference librarian, served as local coordinator for the Health Sciences Librarians Association of Louisiana (HSLAL) Spring meeting, held at Dupré Library on March 7. The meeting brought together health sciences librarians from across Louisiana, and included a 4-hour Medical Library Association-sponsored course, "Keeping Up With PubMed."

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS Earl K. Long Library

Phoebe Timberlake, chair of technical services, retired on February 28 after 32 years of dedicated service. **Marilyn Hankel** is serving as interim chair of technical services.

Lora AmsberryAugier filled the position of government documents/reference librarian on January 16. She most recently had been adult/young adult librarian at Jefferson Parish Library and had previous experience as a reference librarian at Indiana State University.

Congratulations to three UNO faculty who were recently elected LLA officers for 2001/2002: **Marilyn Hankel**, Second Vice President of LLA; **Lea Wade**, Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the Academic Section; and **Lora Amsberry-Augier**, Vice Chair/Chair Elect of GODORT.

Florence Jumonville organized the first annual UNO Authors Exhibit, which opened on the Library's fourth floor lobby with a reception for faculty on April 24.

**ACADEMIC SECTION
BUSINESS MEETING
LOUISIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2001
LAFAYETTE, LA**

The meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m. by Nancy Colyar, President, Academic Section and Rebecca Stenzel, President, ACRL-Louisiana. Nancy and Rebecca both introduced current officers and newly elected officers for their organizations. Nancy also thanked the committees she had worked with this past year. Bob Heriard from UNO (Chair), Don Smith (ULM), and Wendy Johnson (RPCC) served as the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee. Cecilia Stafford (Tulane), Mike DiCarlo (Louisiana Tech), and Marilyn Hankel (UNO) served as the Nominating Committee.

There was no "old business" to discuss.

Under "new business" Nancy announced that NMRT would no longer be sponsoring the Grassroots Grants and asked if the Academic Section would like to administer it. Since it would not cost the section any money, members agreed to the transfer. Susan Richard, editor for *Notes and Tracings*, asked if it would be okay to put the newsletter out on the web. Marie Morgan asked that members be notified when a new issue was published. Nancy said that could be done via LALINC-L and the LLA listserv. Susan also mentioned that her contacts at various institutions were not sending in "new hires" information.

Rebecca asked Laverne for a treasury report. Laverne said ACRL-Louisiana has money and that she had sold all of the directories. Rebecca said there were some more slots available in the copyright workshop. Next year's ACRL-Louisiana conference meeting will most likely be held in Hammond, La. at Southeastern Louisiana University, as Laverne Simoneaux will be the Vice President/President Elect for 2001/2002.

Submitted by,
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Secretary, LLA Academic Section
March 5, 2001



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