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CHAIR'S CORNER

by
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The Academic Section had a very productive year during 1997-98. Bylaws for the section were written and will be included in the LLA Handbook, important revisions providing more specificity were made to the policies and procedures for the outstanding academic librarian award, and a number of relevant and informative programs were provided at the LLA Annual Conference.

An outstanding slate of officers is in place for 1998-99. Rebecca Stenzel as Chair will provide excellent leadership and innovative ideas. Jules Tate, as Vice-Chair, will serve as program chair. Please begin to inform him about ideas that you have for the 1999 conference. Susan Richard, who has done such an outstanding job as editor of the newsletter, will serve as Secretary.

Special thanks go to Rebecca Stenzel for her role as chair of the 1998 Academic Section Program Committee; to Phoebe Timberlake (chair), Anne Stanton, Jean Kiesel, and Eleanor Elder for their work on the Bylaws Committee; and to Rebecca DiCarlo (chair), Judy Irvin, and Joe McNeil for their efforts on the Awards Committee. Susan Richard, for a second year in a row, produced an excellent newsletter for the section.

The Executive Board will have its annual end-of-year and planning retreat in early June. Information from that session and important news from the new officers will appear in the next newsletter. If any of you would like to serve on a committee, have ideas for the section, or want to make suggestions, please contact the 1998-99 officers.

Many of you know by now that I am leaving librarianship to return to the College of Education at Northwestern. I will serve as Director of Teacher Education and will coordinate the many and varied tasks that relate to accreditation processes and standards. This was a difficult decision. My experiences and activities with LLA and with all of you over the past few years have been extremely rewarding and enjoyable. Serving as LOUIS Systems Administrator was a highlight of my long professional career.

Thanks to all of you for your support and assistance during my year as Chair of the Academic Section. Please stay in contact.

LIBRARY NEWS

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Middleton Library

Jane P. Kleiner, head of collection development, has won the 1998 K. G. Saur Award for the best article in *College and Research Libraries* in 1997. The article was co-authored with **Charles A. Hamaker**, now of University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The article, entitled "Libraries 2000: Transforming Libraries Using Document Delivery, Needs Assessment, and Networked Resources," appeared in the July, 1997 issue.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY EUNICE LeDoux Library

The month of April brought many visitors to the campus. The library's exhibit for April was "Termites: Small Bugs, Big Problem." Exterminators from Orkin and Terminex and Dr. Gregg Henderson of the Entymology Department at LSU in Baton Rouge provided interesting items and live specimens for viewers.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY School of Library and Information Science

The School announces the promotion of **Robert Ward** and **David Robins** to Assistant Professor and of **Carol Barry** to Associate Professor.

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY Prescott Memorial Library

Stephen Henson, government documents and maps librarian, attended the Depository Library Conference, April 19-23 in Arlington, VA. He was co-presenter on two papers: one on drafting a state plan for depository libraries and the other on writing the GPO self study. The U.S. Government Documents Regional Depository recently passed its inspection by the U.S. GPO.

Judy Irvin, serials librarian, has been appointed co-chair of the Continuing Education Committee of the North American Serials Interest Group.

David Cargill, media librarian, attended the Administrative Certification for Distance Learning workshop at Texas A&M in mid April. His review of the book *The Caddo Indians: Tribes at the Convergence of Empires, 1542-1854* appeared in the *Shreveport Times* in March.

Kevin Cuccia, science/engineering librarian, has been contributing book reviews to the *Shreveport Times*. His latest appeared in March on *Haunter of Ruins: the Photography of Clarence John Laughlin*.

Peggy Lou Schenk, health sciences librarian, was part of a panel discussion at the LLA Conference in Shreveport on "Reference Services to Patrons with Disabilities." She was also recently elected Vice-President of the Health Science Library Association of Louisiana. As program chair she coordinated a continuing education workshop held in conjunction with the Mississippi Biomedical Library Association in Natchez, MS on April 24.

MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY
Frazar Library

Kathie Bordelon, archivist and special collections librarian, has been asked to chair the archives section of ACRL/LA. She serves on the local arrangements committee for the Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Conference. Kathie has also been elected secretary of the Southwest Louisiana Historical Association.

The Archives Department is working on an oral history project, recording the memories of the Italian and Lebanese families who settled in southwest Louisiana during the 1900's.

Several exhibits housed at the library included: "Alford's African Art Collection: Faces of Africa," featured 75 authentic and contemporary pieces, including hand-carved masks; "McNeese and Vietnam, 1965-1973," examined McNeese State College during the Vietnam era in photographs and narrative history based on original research; "Memory of the Confederacy in Lake Charles, 1888-1995," featured photographs and artifacts from Confederate veterans' and descendants' organizations in Lake Charles.

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY
Ellender Memorial Library

David B. Howell, assistant professor and assistant librarian in the reference department, was appointed for another term to the Board of the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society at the April meeting. He was also elected as the editor in chief of the *Register*, publication of the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society. This means that each quarter he must create a new publication worthy of membership interest. He attended the annual convention of the National Genealogical Society in Denver, CO, May 6-10.

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
Watson Library

Patricia Threatt installed a version of her display on Caroline Dorman from the Watson Library Cammie G. Henry Research Center at the Louisiana Arboretum during February.

Martha Henderson represented Northwestern at the NCATE meeting in San Diego, March 23-27. During the session she was reappointed to a three-year term on the Unit Accreditation Board.

Archivist **Mary Linn Wernet** moderated a panel, "Multicultural Collection Development: A Humanistic Approach," at the 1998 meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists on May 29 in Lafayette. **Patricia Threatt** and **Sonny Carter** presented "Someday, Someone Will Hunt History in These Very Old Notices: Making Preservation a Virtual Reality," at the same meeting.

Fleming Thomas attended the Louisiana Board of Regents workshop on copyright, April 8 in Baton Rouge.

NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Library

Meredith Curtis is the new cataloger. She received her MLS from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and was previously librarian at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee. Construction is underway on the library and classroom building. It should be completed in 1999.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Howard-Tilton Library

Jennifer Cella, formerly of the Bucknell University Library, has been appointed assistant head of access services. She has particular responsibility for Interlibrary Loan in addition to assisting Circulation and Reserves. Her library degree is from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Robert Sherer, university archivist, has been promoted to Librarian IV, effective July 1, 1998.

Jeannette Thompson, cataloger, received the "Outstanding Librarian of the Year" award at a dinner sponsored by the Friends of the Library during National Library Week.

Librarians **Bill Meneray**, special collections, **Cristina Fowler**, information services, and **Bill Nanez**, Latin American library, were recently honored for over 25 years of service to Tulane University.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Edith Garland Dupr Library

Ashley Bonnette, bibliographic instruction and distance learning librarian, is the author of the first place winning entry in the Overdyke Award Competition, Graduate Division, for the Best College Student Paper in North Louisiana History for 1998. The paper is entitled "Multiple Use

Management of Public Forest Land: Kisatchie National Forest and the Military." She presented the paper at the Phi Alpha Theta Conference of the Louisiana Historical Association in New Iberia in March, 1998.

Dupr Library has acquired access rights to the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) *Web of Science (WOS)*. The *Web of Science* consists of a powerful Web-browser and three ISI citation databases: Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index, and Arts and Humanities Citation Index. Current Contents (ISI) online service has also been purchased for USL users.

EBSCO company will provide Dupr Library with access to several full-text online databases beginning with July, 1998. Currently a free trial period is in effect for EBSCOHOST and seven of the databases.

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SUPPLEMENT

LLA ACADEMIC SECTION ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 5, 1998 MINUTES

Chair Martha Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. There were 39 persons in attendance. After introducing the current officers, Henderson announced that the new officers for 1999 were Jules Tate, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and Susan Richard, Secretary. She added that ideas for new programs were needed and that any new program ideas be referred to Tate. Also, the position of editor of Notes & Tracings will be vacant later this year, when its present editor, Susan Richard, assumes the position of Secretary.

Copies of the minutes of the 1997 meeting were distributed and approved, Michael DiCarlo making the motion and Judy Irvin seconding.

Cinderella Hayes reported on ACRL/LA activities for Sue Forrest and announced that she had ACRL membership application forms. David Duggar reported that ACRL/LA will give \$400 to the LLA Scholarship fund. He brought handouts of the ACRL goals for 1998 and copies of the ACRL/LA Directory.

Henderson commended the ACRL/LA president, Sue Forrest, for the work that the chapter has done this year.

Beverly Laughlin expressed appreciation for all individual contributions to the LLA Scholarship Fund and solicited further donations.

Rebecca Stenzel gave a rundown of this year's conference programs sponsored by the Academic Section: "Digital Library Initiatives, Louisiana's Future?," "Full Text Access Evaluation: Are We Getting the Real Thing?," and "Distance Education: It's Closer Than You Think."

Barbara Wittkopf invited all the members to the "Full Text..." program to meet LSU's new electronic services librarian, Laurie Preston.

Henderson introduced the proposed new bylaws. After giving a brief history of their development, Phoebe Timberlake moved for their adoption, Ada Jarred seconded the motion. The motion passed without discussion.

The Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee, Rebecca DiCarlo, chair, with Joe McNeill and Judy Irvin, did not present an award this year. The committee did propose revisions to the selection criteria. Copies of the proposed revisions were distributed and explained by Judy Irvin, in DiCarlo's absence.

Beverly Laughlin moved and Connie Phelps seconded, to present future award recipients with a scrapbook containing their letters of recommendation. The motion was approved and the guidelines were amended to reflect this change. Also, Martha Henderson moved to accept the guidelines with a provision to make dates consistent with any changes adopted by the LLA Awards Committee in June, 1998. The motion passed.

Both the bylaws and guidelines for selection of the recipient of the Outstanding Academic Library Award will be included in the 1998-99 LLA manual.

After some brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted by

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