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From the Chair . . .

Racing toward New Orleans! I hope to see you at the Chapters Council meeting in New Orleans on Sunday, January 11, 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and at the ACRL Presidential Candidates Forum on Saturday, January 10 at 12:30 p.m. It would be great to see each Chapter's president, vice-president or council liaison at the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please ask someone to attend as your representative.

As Fall rushes by in its usual hectic pace, I am reading Michael Gorman's article "Meditations for Librarians" from the September issue of *American Libraries* and trying to find time for reflection on some of these issues myself. How can we continue to affirm and maintain the values that brought us into librarianship? How can we refresh our mental energies when we often feel overwhelmed with change? We all need to find ways of "keeping our equilibrium" as well as "keeping up with the technology."

One of the best ways to "refresh and restore" ourselves may be through keeping in close touch with our colleagues at local and regional conferences. Conferences provide opportunities to restore our balance by stepping away from the fray for a few minutes, sharing ideas and frustrations with colleagues, and easing the accumulated tension with some old fashioned (and effective) meeting and greeting. Did you ever notice that you can often problem-solve work issues much more efficiently and creatively staying at a hotel, rather than in your messy office?

Librarians should be deliberate about offering conference programming that spans the spectrum rather than the almost single-minded technoprograms that seem to have gripped many of us over the last few years. These last few years of web-mania are hopefully leading toward the return of some sanity to the discussions about the Internet. The hyperbole is starting to decline as more people actually try to use the Web as an information tool. In his recent book, *Virtuous Reality*, Jon Katz puts the media hype in historical and cultural context. His book is a balm for the hype-weary librarian and suggests that reason and sanity will probably prevail after all.

I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans,

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Preliminary Agenda

ACRL Chapters Council
Midwinter Meeting
Sunday, January 11
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
New Orleans Convention Center, Room 90

- Welcome - Barbara Jenkins, Chair
- Approval of Minutes
- *Chapter Topics* Report - Jill Holman, Editor
- Election Update - Lois Cherepon, Vice-Chair
- Issues from ACRL
- Presidential Candidates Forum
- Chapter Relations Task Force Update
- Government Relations Update
- Leadership Update
- Headquarters Update
- Sharing Your Chapter's Successes

Sharing Your Chapter's Successes --
Many Chapters Council members have expressed an interest in sharing examples of newsletters, Web pages, membership forms, etc. If you have some juicy items to share, bring some copies. Our time and sanity are important — let's not reinvent the wheel!

**New Orleans
Midwinter Meeting
January 9-14, 1998**

Remember the
Chapters Council meeting
Sunday, January 11, 8:30 - 11 a.m.

Send a **representative**
if you cannot attend!

Enter the "Define ACRL" Contest!

The ACRL Board wants a good, pithy slogan that will, in a catchy soundbite, describe the mission of ACRL.

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The winner will receive complimentary registration to ACRL's 9th National Conference in Detroit, April 8-11, 1999 with three nights lodging. Groups may enter, but must designate a single winner.

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ACRL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FORUM

Saturday, January 10, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monte Leone Hotel, Queene Anne Ballroom
Sponsored by ACRL Chapters Council

Meet the Candidates:

Jill Fatzner

Dean of Library Service
Long Library
University of New Orleans
Lake Front

Larry Hardesty

Director
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Program:

Welcome and Introductions
Prepared Questions
Questions from the Audience
Closing Statement from the Candidates

Come meet the candidates and hear their responses to questions regarding their leadership of ACRL. If you have questions of the candidates that you would like to share with the committee ahead of time, please let me know.

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From the Editor . . .

Greetings from your new editor! This is your newsletter, so please share ideas for desired changes. One to look for -- we are working on publishing *Chapter Topics* to the WWW. I'm looking forward to working with all of you,

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Chapters Council Nominations

Nominate candidates for Chapters Council Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect or Secretary. Candidates should have experience with Chapters Council and plan to attend annual and midwinter conferences. What a great opportunity to be involved in ACRL national! Contact Lois Cherepon, Nominations Chair, with questions or nominations (cherepon@sjvm.stjohns.edu or 718-390-4521.)

*Preconference
Alert!*

IVORY TOWERS AND THE HALLS OF POWER

The ACRL Advocacy/ Legislative Training Task Force and the Government Relations Committee are planning a preconference program for the ALA meeting this June that is designed to encourage academic librarians to get involved in the legislative process. The goal of the preconference is to help librarians develop strategies for influencing legislators and to build the skills and confidence to implement those strategies.

Beginning with a reception "on the hill" Wednesday evening, June 24th, the program will continue with workshops and presentations the following morning. Visits to Congressional offices where librarians will have a chance to meet with their own legislators and/or legislative staff will follow in the afternoon.

The planning group is working to keep the registration cost low in order to encourage wide participation. Please be on the lookout for more details and mark your calendar now for this valuable program.

COLORADO

The Colorado Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries sponsored a popular program at the Colorado Library Association Annual Conference, Copper Mountain, October 1997. "Digital Libraries and Stephen Spielberg" drew a large audience and was cited as one of the most interesting programs at the conference on the evaluation forms. Paul Rutherford, Vice President of Software Engineering, EMASS Inc., gave a riveting presentation on digital storage technologies, touching on the Library of Congress Digital Library and the Sony Music Audio Archive and provided a fascinating glimpse into the technology currently being used to store and retrieve the more than 35,000 digitized videotaped interviews for Stephen Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Holocaust.

The Colorado Chapter of ACRL, working jointly with the Colorado Library Association, College and University Division, is busy with plans for its annual Spring forum, scheduled for March at the Auraria campus in Denver. The program will include a full day of presentations and discussions to explore "Who is the Librarian of Tomorrow?"

Colorado Chapter members are excited about the information that Denver is being considered as a possible site for the Eighth National ACRL Conference in 2001. If Denver is selected, we would provide a warm, western welcome to our colleagues!

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FLORIDA

The Annual Fall Workshop, sponsored by the Florida Chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries, focused on one of the hottest topics in Florida, "Distance Learning and Its Implications for Libraries and Librarians." The Workshop was held at the Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach, October 17, 1997. Seventy-five participants from academic institutions in Florida attended the day-long Workshop. The program featured Dr. Tom Abbott, Dean of Learning Resources and University Development, University of Maine at Augusta. Dr. Abbott speaks regularly and consults nationally on distance learning, information literacy, off-campus library services and distance education technologies. He is a charter member of ACRL's Extended Campus Library Services and for the last two years served as Vice-Chair and Chair.

Joining him as panelists were three librarians

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from Florida. Lisa Close is Library Applications Specialist for the Public Access Catalog at the College Center for Library Automation. She has been developing policies and procedures for providing access to remote databases in LINCC (Library Information Network for Community Colleges) and has been instrumental in making LINCC accessible to the visually impaired and the distance learner. Paul Pival is Document Delivery Librarian at Nova Southeastern University. He is responsible for ensuring NSU distance students receive educational materials to support their studies and he participates in distance training rotation, visiting sites to conduct informational and training sessions on library services and databases. Carol Turner is Director for Public Services at the George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida. She represents the Smathers Libraries on the State University System Public Services Planning Committee and chairs its Distance Learner Services Subcommittee. She was a member of the library subcommittee of the Florida Institute on Public Postsecondary Distance Learning, a group that developed the plan for library support for Florida's distance learner, and is now a member of the Steering Committee for Florida's Distance Learning Library Initiative.

Participants listened to the four speakers discuss how distance learning will affect the way libraries provide reference service, access to electronic resources, borrowing privileges, document delivery and patron/user training. A delightful buffet lunch was served outdoors at the OceanDeck Cafe overlooking the beach! Lots of great handouts were available to the participants and the evaluations indicate that everyone was very pleased with the overall content and format of the workshop.

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GEORGIA

The Georgia Library Association's Centennial Celebration October 1-3, 1997 at Jekyll Island was the setting for the Georgia ACRL chapter's latest gathering. The chapter, GLA's Academic Library Division, contributed greatly to the success of this milestone conference. We sponsored a general session on "The Virtual Library and You," with speaker Barbara J. Ford, Director of Libraries at Virginia Commonwealth University, President of ALA, and a past president of ACRL. The history of Virginia's VIVA was presented, a topic of great interest to Georgia librarians involved with GALILEO.

The Chapter also sponsored a series of refereed

papers, based on the conference theme "A Legacy of Learning and Leadership." From ten submissions, six papers were presented in two sessions. Presenters and their paper titles were: Diane Black, Augusta State University, "In Search of Out-of-Print Books: the Past, the Present and the Future;" Greta G. Anderson Boers, Emory University, "Mentorship and Motivation;" Akilah Nosakhare and Sharon E. Robinson, Georgia State University, "Library Service for African Americans in Georgia: a Legacy of Learning and Leadership in Atlanta;" Elizabeth W. Brown and Jean Hudgins, Georgia Institute of Technology, "Cataloging GALILEO and Beyond: Remote-Access Resources in the Georgia Tech Library Catalog;" Elaine Wagner, Emory University, "Multidisciplinary Searching for Comprehensive Retrieval;" Rebecca Ziegler, Georgia Southern University, "Reference Sources to Support the Burgeoning Field of Commonwealth and Postcolonial Literature in English."

The speaker at our annual luncheon was Cornelia Bailey, storyteller and folklorist from the settlement of Hog Hammock on Sapelo Island, Ga. Special guests, in addition to Bailey and Ford, were Ted Arnold of Blackwell and Mary Sue Hoyle of EBSCO who provided prizes to Black, Boers, and Wagner for their outstanding papers. Officers for the next term were also announced. They are Merryll Penson, University of Georgia, Chair; Fred Smith, Georgia Southern University, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Callie McGinnis, Columbus State University, Secretary-Treasurer; and Susan D. Morris, University of Georgia, ACRL Representative.

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ILLINOIS

The Illinois Association of College & Research Libraries (IACRL) sponsored or co-sponsored programs and contributed papers at the Illinois Library Association Conference, "Illinois Libraries: Defining the Value, Designing the Future," held October 25-28 in Springfield. Topics explored in "New Approaches to Delivering Graduate Library Education In Illinois" included the effect of distance learning on the delivery of library education, the challenges that library school faculty face in adapting to styles of delivery and the impact of new approaches on accreditation. Shared perspectives from library administrators in higher education on the skills and attitudes they seek in new employees who must address lean budgets, new technologies and growing patron demand for enhanced services were the highlights during "Beyond the MLS: Job Skills for the 21st Century." Contributed papers included "Turning the Vision into Reality: The Digital Library at IIT" and "Moving Beyond the Initial Network Infrastructure: Planning Network Growth to Meet User

Demands."

Plans are well underway for IACRL's conference, "Academic Libraries at the Crossroads: Identity and Change" to be held April 23 and 24, 1998, in Matteson. Keynote speakers include Bonnie Nardi, an anthropologist formerly with Apple Computers and Lee Hisle, ACRL President.

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INDIANA

The Indiana Academic Library Association is hard at work on a web page. Several logos have been designed and the Executive Committee is in the process of selecting a finalist. Planned web site contents include: bylaws, election schedules, committee membership information, new members information, volunteer interest forms, and links to relevant ACRL and state information. Stay tuned for further developments.

Progress on the Annual Conference, scheduled for April 1998 in Indianapolis, is proceeding smoothly. We are looking forward to welcoming Dr. John Lienhard of the University of Houston as the keynote luncheon speaker.

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KENTUCKY

The ACRL Kentucky Chapter/Academic Library Section of the Kentucky Library Assn., the Special Library Section of KLA, and the Special Libraries Assn. Kentucky Chapter will hold a joint conference April 15-17, 1998, at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park. The theme is "Great Expectations: Managing Knowledge, Resources, and Time." Although the program and speakers have not been confirmed at this time, pre-conference programs will be held on Wednesday, April 15. Steve Gowler, Berea College, is our Chapter's representative on the Planning Committee.

Our slate of officers for the 1997-98 year has been announced: Chair-Elect/Vice-Chair: Sue Burch, Univ. of Kentucky Law Library; Secretary: Lisa Dick, Hopkinsville Community College; and Treasurer: Lois Schultz, Northern Kentucky Univ. Steve Gowler, Berea College, will be our new ALS/ACRL Chapter Chair.

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LOUISIANA

LA Chapter met on November 14, 1997 at LSU at Eunice for its annual Chapter meeting. The program provided the opportunity for the state's academic librarians to submit papers to be reviewed and selected by the program committee for presentation. Not only can the eight chosen make presentations refereed by professional colleagues, but the papers, after presentation, will be published in the spring issue of *Louisiana Libraries*, offering a further opportunity to develop the academic credentials necessary for promotions.

The Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws were considered for revision at the November 14th meeting. An important issue was attempting to make the calendars of the Academic Section of the LLA and LA/ACRL Chapter coincide for better coordination and cooperation between the two organizations.

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MARYLAND

The Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of the Maryland Library Association is continuing its focus on trying to reach more academic librarians in the state. Our bi-monthly meetings are held at libraries in different locations throughout the state and each time we invite the local library director to welcome the group. Participation by library administrators is seen as critical to providing support for participation. Strong programming is viewed as the key to increasing involvement, so we have been hard at work planning a diversity of topics for presentation.

Our September meeting included discussion of budgeting for electronic resources. Three library directors gave presentations representing the university, small college, and community college perspectives. Our Fall program, "Where Do Systems/Technical Librarians Come From?" will be an attempt to address this important staffing concern for academic libraries. In January, we will hold a forum discussion on electronic reserves. The Spring program will be a discussion of the future role of academic libraries and librarians and ACRL Executive Director, Althea Jenkins, is scheduled to be the featured speaker. We will also sponsor several programs at the state-wide conference in May. Katherine Branch, Library Director at Anne Arundel Community College, is busy planning for these, in her role as Vice President/President Elect of ARLD.

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MICHIGAN

The Academic and Research Libraries Division sponsored a major program in March 1997 on the changing accreditation environment. Stephen Spenghal represented the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools while Patricia Senn Breivik described the evolving concept of standards at ACRL. Discussion groups covered topics including assessment, institutional ethics and the Internet.

At the annual conference of the Michigan Library Association, November 5-7, 1997, the Division featured three programs: on outcomes assessment, media services, and distance learning.

Planning is currently underway for a workshop next Spring to examine the impact that full-text products and services are having on all areas of academic library practice: reference, instruction, collection development (including legal aspects), cataloging, interlibrary loan, and document delivery. The State Librarian, George M. Needham, will be one of the main speakers.

In addition, the ARL Division has undertaken as a joint project with the state association's Information Literacy Roundtable the development of a Michigan journal of academic librarianship. The journal project is part of an effort to involve more academic librarians in the Michigan Library Association and to address some of their special needs and concerns. Future programming will look at quality of professional life issues including workload, compensation, and faculty status.

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MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Chapter sponsored or co-sponsored eight sessions at the 1997 Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference. Sessions on distance education issues and web search engines, and sessions providing updates to two major statewide initiatives were especially well-attended. Other topics included system migration and the how's and why's of Library Friends groups. Our annual business meeting provided us with an opportunity to get feedback from members regarding future programming (a good list of ideas was generated) and preferred means of communication (e-mail seems to be gaining in popularity).

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MISSOURI

The scope of the MACRL electronic distribution list was expanded to include event announcements, position openings, and other matters of interest within the state in addition to the chapter newsletter. It has become the primary means of disseminating information from the ACRL Legislative Network as reported by Pat Antrim, the Missouri representative to the network.

The chapter sponsored a number of programs at the Missouri Library Association Annual Conference held October 8-10 at The Lake of the Ozarks.

The MACRL Community College Special Interest Group presented a demonstration of the Ariel electronic document transmission software.

Michael Somers, Kansas State University Libraries, presented "Producing, Archiving, and Marketing Electronic Journals." He discussed the experiences thus far of the KSU Libraries' partnership with another KSU academic department in bringing a new electronic journal to publication.

Susan Maze, William Woods University, and David Moxley, University of Missouri-Columbia, featured the subject of their recently published book, *Authoritative Guide to Web Search Engines*, in a program to a standing-room-only audience. They described the way a number of the popular search engines collect and index web pages, evaluated their content and performance, and discussed the quality of the results and rankings.

The chapter co-sponsored with the Special Libraries Council "Investing in E-Journals" presented by Janet McKinney and Aris Woodham, UMKC Law Library; and "Academic Table Talks" with the MLA Membership Committee.

The chapter held its annual business meeting on October 10. Reports were given by Mary Tygett, MLA Board Representative; Stephanie Tolson, Community College SIG Representative; and Jim Dutton on the Chapters Council. The MACRL officers for 1997/98 are: Chair, Stephen Stoan, Drury College; Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Valerie Darst, Moberly Area Community College; Recorder, Charlotte Dugan, Southwest Missouri State University; Community College SIG Representative, Valerie Darst, Moberly Area Community College, MLA Board Representative, Mary Tygett, Central Missouri State University.

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NEBRASKA

The College and University Section sponsored three sessions and co-sponsored one session at the Nebraska Library Association convention, Oct. 29-31, 1997. William Miller, Past President of ACRL, gave an address, "What's Wrong and Right with Academic Librarianship." "Accreditation of Academic Libraries" featured Stephen Spangehl from North Central Association, Otto Bauer, Professor of Communication & Vice Chancellor Emeritus, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Patricia Smith, Metropolitan Community College. David Sherwood, Creighton University, presented "The Library Web Site: An Instructional Tool." The session, "Licensing and Copyright of Online Services," was cosponsored with the NLA Technical Services Round Table.

The Planning Committee for the Iowa/Nebraska Joint Spring Conference (1998) met in Des Moines on August 7. The theme of the conference will be "Creating New Connections." An ACRL Initiative grant was awarded jointly to the Iowa and Nebraska groups to sponsor programming for paraprofessionals. The conference will run two days with Thursday devoted to paraprofessional topics. Larry Oberg from Willamette University will be Thursday's keynote speaker. Friday's schedule will remain very similar to the usual College and University Section Spring Meeting format. A keynote speaker has not been finalized.

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NEVADA

For the second year in a row, our invited speaker ended up in the hospital instead of at our State Library Association. Our outgoing chair has sworn never to invite a speaker again, for fear of worse things happening. We are planning a statewide teleconference broadcast to all University and community colleges in the state utilizing in-house talent on "The Pros and Cons of Access vs. Ownership." This will be in early Spring. We have begun an effort to boost active membership in the chapter, and I am optimistic about getting statewide cooperation. We plan to send out notices to all classified and professional library staff in the state system (small state) to get activity going.

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NEW ENGLAND

Conferees to the ACRL/NEC Fall Conference "Wired and Wary: Legal Issues for Librarians in the Digital World," held Friday, November 7, at Boston University, heard experts Laura N. Gasaway, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, University of North Carolina and Molly Sherden, Partner, Peabody & Arnold, and Julia Gammon, Head, Acquisitions Dept., University of Akron discuss the complex licensing and copyright issues associated with the new digital technologies. Mary M. Case, Director, Office of Scholarly Communication, Association of Research Libraries, had listeners walk that "Tight Rope of Change" and fellow librarians, M. Claire Dougherty, Reserve Multimedia Services Librarian, Northwestern University, and Virginia M.G. Hall, Curator, Art History Visual Resources Collection, Johns Hopkins University gave their perspectives on the application of 'fair use' within the local research library environment.

ACRL/NEC members continue to be enriched by the wide array of creative Interest Group programs. The fall program roster was especially full this year. On October 17, the Women's Studies Interest Group met at the University of Connecticut at Storrs to join in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of UConn's Women's Center, one of the oldest such centers in the country. UConn librarians, Barbara Cervera and Susan Smith, spoke about their project of gathering oral histories of the women who were active in the establishment of the Women's Center in the 1970s.

The Business Librarians' Interest Group met at Bryant College to hear speakers Shelley Cudiner, University of Connecticut at Stamford, Paula Tivey, ITDN Operations, Shannon Maines, Rhode Island Export Assistance Center, Patricia Perez, MBA, International Marketing speak on the topic "International Marketing: What Do We Need?"

"Exhibit Basics for Library Materials: Principles and Practice" was the focus of the Preservation/Conservation Interest Group's fall meeting held, November 20, at Wellesley College. Panelists Ruth Rogers, Wellesley College, Barbara Hebard, Boston Athenaeum, Pam Matz, Widener Library, Harvard University, and Lisa McDermott, Davis Museum, Wellesley College talked about exhibition planning and design, lighting and safe display techniques, exhibit case design, and loans and packing. David Moore, Collections Conservator of Widener Library demonstrated various techniques for display and examples of commercially available products for exhibits.

The Collection Development Interest Group's fall program "Cooperative Collecting in an Electronic Environment: the Boston Library Consortium Experience" was held December 10 at Boston College. Presenters were Hannah Stevens, Executive Director of the BLC and Robert Evensen, Associate Director for Collection

Management and Technical Services at Brandeis University.

The Bibliographic Instruction Committee has identified two programs that are possibilities for the winter. Programs under consideration are "Electronic Classrooms: Designing, Planning, Evaluation of Teaching Software" and "Evaluating BI Programs: Studies, Surveys: How are they done? What can be learned?"

High on ACRL/NEC's goals list for early winter is the appointment of a webmaster and the creation of the Chapter's web page. The Chapter successfully mounted a temporary web site in order to provide easy access to information about our Fall Conference. We hope to have a first draft of a permanent web site up by January.

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NEW JERSEY

The Research Committee of the NJ Chapter will sponsor a panel discussion entitled, "Are Two Heads Better Than One? Collaboration in Research and Publication," at the New Jersey Library Association 1998 Spring Conference. Ellie Fogarty, Amy Job, Dan O'Connor and Penny Page will be panelists. Other offerings for the conference, to be held next May at Ocean Place Hilton in Long Branch, are not yet final.

Other than that, we are continuing our effort to identify a member liaison at each campus in the state and promoting the use of our listserv. Even in a small state, fostering a sense of community and collegiality among academic librarians seems something to which the chapter must consciously attend.

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EASTERN NEW YORK

The Eastern New York Chapter held its Fall 1997 conference on Oct. 9 at Adirondack Community College with a full capacity crowd and perfect fall weather. Keynote speaker Robert Hauptman, a librarian on the faculty of St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and editor of the *Journal of Information Ethics*, engaged conference goers in discussion during his opening address on the conference theme, "Ethics and Academic Librarians." He incorporated humor, audience participation, and case studies into his presentation.

Individual presenters then addressed a range of library activities that involve ethical considerations, including the provision of reference service, copyright

regulations, vendor licenses, and book selection. All of the day's speakers, including librarians and a representative of the American Society of Journalists and Authors, fielded questions collected during the course of the program and presented to the panel of speakers in a National Press Club format, which once again generated lively audience participation.

The fall conference also provided the opportunity for our chapter to present its first, annual Janice Graham Newkirk Research Award. A \$500 check was presented to members Mary Cahill of Union College and Cheryl LaGuardia of Harvard University to support their research on the public perception of librarians, being prepared for the 1998 Popular Culture Association conference.

Our chapter's annual meeting and spring conference is scheduled for May 8 at Marist College. Check our website at <<http://urislib.library.cornell.edu/acrlhome.html>> for conference topic and registration details in early 1998.

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METRO NEW YORK

The 1997 annual ACRL/NY Symposium was held Friday, November 21 at the Fashion Institute of Technology located at 27 Street and 7 Avenue. The title of the symposium was "The Book and the Brave New Library." Our two keynote speakers were Sven Birkerts, author of *The Gutenberg Elegies* and literary critic for *The New York Times*, and Carla Hesse, a professor of History at the University of California at Berkeley and the author of several books on European History. The afternoon panelists were Dr. Michael Lesk, scientist and author of *Practical Digital Libraries*; Janice Kuta, President of Stockton Press, and Marianne Gaunt, the University Librarian at Rutgers University.

The symposium speakers represented a spectrum of views on the future of the book, historical perspectives, the shifting present, the technological promise, and issues in publishing and choice that librarians confront. Lois Cherepon, a Past President of ACRL/NY moderated the symposium.

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WESTERN NEW YORK / ONTARIO

The Western New York / Ontario Chapter held its Fall Conference "Great Expectations: In Search of Leadership, Self Satisfaction and Personal Fulfillment" on November 21st at Daffodil's Restaurant in Buffalo, NY. A panel session in the morning reflected on why new

projects are important for personal and professional growth; how the librarians responsible for technology keep current; and how to remain excited about the many good things that technology provides librarianship.

Kathryn Deiss, Senior Program Officer for Training and Leadership Development of ARL/OMS spoke in the afternoon on "The Nature of Leadership and Followership: A Question of Balance."

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NORTH DAKOTA / MANITOBA

The North Dakota / Manitoba Chapter is in the midst of a productive year. Planning for next year's Annual Conference in Grand Forks, North Dakota is in full swing. The tentative date is May 15, 1998. Although the program is not yet confirmed, newly elected chapter officers have identified two possible themes. The first possibility is to discuss the restructuring of higher education, especially those influences that are altering campus roles (distance education, technology, tenure debate, participatory learning, etc.), and how libraries stay relevant within this changing environment. The second possibility is an exploration of the library as a learning organization.

Other goals for this year include establishing a homepage with a link to the National ACRL homepage, creation of a logo, and, most importantly, full integration of our new Manitoba members into all chapter activities.

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OKLAHOMA

This year's Fall Conference was held on November 7 at Rose State College, Midwest City. The theme was "Information Technology: Challenging Information Technology on Various Library Departments and Operations." Phil Moss, Director of Instructional Technology for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, presented recommendations from the "Technology 2000" report that would affect all state libraries in implementing technological advances. Lee Hisle, ACRL President, the second keynote speaker, presented a "big picture" perspective of librarian values that are in question due to technological progress and demands. Following the speaker presentations, a reactor panel composed of Ann Blakely (Tulsa University), Ila Grice (University of Oklahoma), Jon Woltz (Southwestern Oklahoma State University) and Marty Thompson (OU Health Science Center) met. The panelists, librarians representing four different library departments, discussed points made by the speakers and offered unique views from their departments. After lunch,

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the panelists facilitated breakout sessions where participants offered feedback from morning remarks and discussed common technological problems and solutions. At the end of the conference, each group summarized the discussion of the breakout session.

Over 65 attendees participated in the conference. With financial support from ACRL National, three paraprofessionals from academic libraries, attended the conference and offered their perspectives throughout the discussions. Candidates for the 1998 Executive Board were introduced and ballots were distributed to chapter members.

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OREGON

New Board, New Bylaws — Oregon ACRL welcomes new officers and board members following an election held in August. Anne Fox, Western Oregon University, is Vice-President/President-Elect, and new members-at-large are Anna Beauchamp, Southern Oregon University, and Nancy Henderson, Oregon Graduate Institute. Members also approved a bylaws revision. Janet Webster, Hatfield Marine Science Center, has begun her term as President, and Arlene Weible, Willamette University, is the new private colleges representative.

OSSHE Collection Development Day — Academic and public librarians in Oregon gathered on October 31 to examine a range of issues related to electronic journals at a workshop sponsored by the Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE) Collection Development Group. "Cutting Edge vs. Cutting Wrists: Handling the Issues of Electronic Journals" featured sessions on licensing, technical issues, new developments, and demonstrations by vendors.

The Hotline Goes Electronic — Starting with the December 1 issue, the newsletter of the Oregon Library Association, *the Hotline*, will be delivered to OLA members via e-mail. A print version will be sent to members without e-mail accounts. *The Hotline* will also continue to be available on the web; look for it at the OLA website <<http://www.open.org/ola/>>. The new and improved *Hotline* will allow OLA to provide news about the association and Oregon's library community (including events, people, jobs, and legislation) to members much more quickly.

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UTAH

ACRL President W. Lee Hisle has accepted an invitation to speak at our chapter's business meeting next spring. This will take place at the joint Utah Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association conference May 6-9, 1998. Conference planning has not been finalized so please contact me for more information.

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The academic librarians sponsored several intriguing programs at the Wisconsin Library Association Conference in November. Among the highlights were Evan Farber speaking on "Systems Over Service: Are We Slighting Educational Basics?;" Wayne Wiegand discussing Melvil Dewey as hero or villain; Susan Calcari, Director of the Scout Project, sharing tips with librarians on surfing smarter; and Gretchen Farwell and Lois Komai of UW-Madison Steenbock Library promoting Team Spirit.

The theme for the spring conference in Green Bay, April 23-25, is "Pass, Punt or Kick? Game Plan for the Future." In addition to the many informative and exciting academic programs, there will be an opportunity for a tour of the Packer Hall of Fame, which is within walking distance of the conference hotel. Two of the featured speakers will be Gary Pitkin, Director of University Libraries at the University of Northern Colorado and Kyoko Mori, poet and novelist.

A great deal of planning and effort is also going into the grant received from ACRL for support staff. Funds are being given to support staff to encourage them to attend the two state level library conferences, and a special leadership conference is being planned for June.

A professional development page on WAAL's web site now provides hot links to professional electronic journals.

An ad hoc committee is working on information literacy competencies and criteria for undergraduate students. So far, ten broad competencies have been identified, and now specific criteria for each competency are being developed. A final draft will be presented at the WAAL conference in April. The committee's work can be found at: <<http://www.execpc.com/~1mcatlv/draft.htm>> or <<http://www.uwlax.edu/WAAL>>.

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Cliff Lynch, Director, Coalition for Networked Information, will address leadership roles for managing technology.

Toolkit Presenters

Michael Butler, Executive Director, OHIONET

Margo Crist, Director of Libraries, University of Massachusetts

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Thomas Michalak, Executive Director, Harvard Business School Library

Linda Wallace, Director, ALA's Public Information Office

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To reserve a room, contact the Tremont Hotel at: 800-331-9998 and specify that you are attending the ACRL Institute.

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