From the Chair, Pat Kreitz

This year has already been active and productive. We are accomplishing many projects, organizing exciting topics and programs for the Annual meeting in Chicago, and experimenting with new initiatives in several areas. This does not happen unless real people with full-time “day jobs” are willing to donate extra time and energy to their Section. Thank you all for your hard work, enthusiasm, wisdom, and humor. The members of STS are a great group to work with and to work for!

The 2000 Program is going to be very exciting — and thought provoking. The theme is Communication and Information Models for the New Millennium: Scientists and Librarians Face the Future. Our speakers include Dr. Michael Barnett, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Julia Blixrud, ARL/SPARC, Bob Pisciotta, University of Kansas, and Roy Tennant, U. C. Berkeley. The program will be held on Monday, July 10th from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Directly following it will be a poster session where a dozen innovative sci/tech projects will be featured. The program committee has been hard at work selecting and working with the poster session presenters.

In my Fall column I described the issues of cost and attendance that were motivating the STS Council to experiment with a non-traditional approach to the STS reception. At the Midwinter meeting the Program Committee, with the approval of the Section Council decided to try something very different. In Chicago, we are going to have a continental breakfast reception as part of the poster sessions following the Annual Program. In this relaxed but science-focused atmosphere, we hope to provide time for networking and discussion; attract STS members who have not in the past had the time to attend an evening reception; and attract some of the non-STS members who attend the program, but who would not normally have a chance to learn what a warm, welcoming, and intellectually stimulating group STS can be.

This year we have generous support for the program and reception costs from the following publishers and vendors:

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I would also like to thank the 2000 Program Committee, chaired by Jill Newby, for their great ideas and incredible energy which has resulted in such an outstanding list of program speakers and poster presentations. The Committee members are: Nan Butkovich, Katharine Calhoun, Caroline Harny, Julie Hurd (local arrangements), Ed Lener, Mari Miller, Jill Newby (Chair), and Ola Riley. I have also been serving on this committee so I feel free to compliment them.

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on their willingness to experiment with new approaches and to thank them for the extra time and thought they have put into making the poster session relevant and intriguing.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Chicago. It has been a pleasure serving as STS Chair this year.

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From the Vice Chair / Chair Elect, Julie Hurd

As I write this for the Signal, I am able to report that all STS committees are fully staffed for the upcoming year ready to carry out their assigned charges. All our discussion groups have chairs prepared to identify timely topics and facilitate exchange of ideas. I am grateful to all of you who were willing to serve a second term either as chair or member; your expertise will provide much-valued continuity. In addition, I was pleased to have ample volunteers from among new members and others who chose to increase their level of activity in STS. I was able to appoint every one of you who sent me a volunteer form to one of the committees in which you expressed interest. STS will certainly benefit from such a high level of commitment from its members.

Those of you newly named to committees are invited to attend your committee’s meeting in Chicago (unless it is a closed jury). While new appointments do not begin until the close of the annual meeting, you will learn much about the group by sitting in. Those of you still thinking of volunteering are also encouraged to visit any committees you might wish to join. Introduce yourself to the chair so that he or she will be aware of your interest if a vacancy arises unexpectedly.

Plans for the STS program in Chicago have long been finalized, and all of us involved are confident you’ll find our speakers will have many insights into the future of our profession. The poster sessions offer still other opportunities to learn about innovative programs and services in sci/tech libraries. This year we have scheduled our section reception between the speakers and the poster sessions to add a festive air to the morning and to allow more of you to attend. We’ll have beverages and snacks through generous support from publishers and vendors whose products we purchase for our libraries. Do plan to spend Monday morning learning and networking with colleagues.

The San Francisco annual meeting in 2001 will mark the fortieth birthday of STS, and that Conference Program Planning Committee, on which I serve, is working on a very special celebration. Julia Gelfand chairs the committee, and she led a lively exchange of ideas when the committee gathered at mid-winter. Watch for updates on the meeting as we progress in our planning.

Meanwhile, I’m look forward to welcoming all of you to Chicago this summer!

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College Science Librarians Discussion Group

The discussion topic for the Annual Meeting will focus on three ways that colleges provide library services in the sciences: the branch or departmental science library approach; the subject integrated library collection/service model; and a combination of both of these scenarios. Facilitators will present these varied perspectives for discussion and will address with the group the following questions: What has determined service patterns? What are the pros and cons of each model? Is there adequate support in all situations? Does proximity to library patrons, the science community, and professional colleagues on campus matter in the age of the Internet? Are there trends favoring one service model over the others?

If you are interested in serving as one of the facilitators for this discussion, please contact Rocco (rpiccini@library.smith.edu) or Susan (sjkimball@amherst.edu).

Information supplied by Rocco Piccinino and Susan Kimball

General Discussion Group

The General Discussion Group hosted 62 participants in a discussion of Digital Libraries now and in the future. Two facilitators, David Flaxbart of the University of Texas at Austin and Kimberly Douglas of Cal Tech, set the context for the two-hour discussion. The facilitators described the environments at their respective institutions, and many questions followed, provoking an interesting and exciting discussion.

Topics ranged from troubleshooting the digital library in its infancy, to predicting what the library of the future will hold. Questions and comments included the issue of the OPAC and electronic products. Promoting the use of electronic media and training of users were also discussed. However, even as electronic products are expanding in
number and scope, print materials are still widely used. In some cases they continue to be the preferred source. With regard to print resources, the issue of ARL accreditation was raised. In many libraries the number of print volumes is decreasing because they are being replaced by electronic resources, but libraries are penalized in their ARL statistical ranking because of dropping volume counts.

Electronic journals seem to be on the minds of all librarians. The discussion surrounding electronic journals ranged from access issues to statistics provided by vendors. The discussion continued with speculation of what the library of the future would bring, from its architecture and aesthetics to its content and personnel. The discussion was rounded out with the perennial question of the role of the librarian in the digital library, and whether we, as a profession, will continue to be needed. After many comments, the group reached the consensus that patrons will always need librarians to guide them through the world of information, regardless of format of information.

The discussion was a lively one with many contributors. The facilitators brought much to the table that was both interesting and thought provoking.

*Information supplied by Kimberly Lyons-Mitchell and Julia Zimmerman*

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**Heads of Science and Technology Libraries Discussion Group**

The Heads of Science and Technology Libraries Discussion Group’s topic “Electronic Information-Ramification and Repercussions in Sci/Tech Libraries” was led off by Suzanne Weiner, Head of Burlington Textiles Library at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. She noted that in an institution such as NCSU with 16 campuses state-wide and with the Textile Library situated one mile from the main campus in Raleigh that a great effort was being made to deliver information resources independent of their location. The Textile Library has a full range of electronic databases and journals accessible via their web page. All of the e-journals and full-text databases have entries in the OPAC. She compared the explosion of electronic resources to the task of juggling fifty watermelons and emphasized the importance for librarians to drive the development and the delivery and use of electronic resources. To illustrate this, she spoke of her library’s pilot program of lending Electronic Books and passed around a “Rocket eBook” from Nuvo Media and a “SoftBook Reader” from Softbook Press for show and tell. Each of these readers is lent with 6 to 8 electronic book titles preloaded for one-week periods. She reported that users preferred the SoftBook readers and that they worked especially well for field managers who appreciated the device’s ability to take notes and print out data. The pilot program gave both the librarians and library clientele the opportunity to assess each product and familiarize themselves with this new format. Consequently, she has encouraged both McGraw Hill and O’Reilly publishing companies to make more of their publications available electronically. All of the STS attendees were thrilled to explore using this new way of information delivery.

Our second speaker, Richard McDonnell, from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), described the giant and rapid steps that UTSA has made in providing electronic resources for its users in the last 15 years. Beginning with only one IBM PC in 1984, the Library now offers a large number of electronic citation databases via the internet including several full-text electronic journal databases including Science Direct, Academic Ideal, and ACS. These have been enormously well received by the faculty and students and, according to McDonnell, contribute to the library staff being held in higher regard than previously. Access to full-text electronic journals has also relieved space problems because his library is no longer binding any journals for which print and electronic subscriptions are held. It was his subjective observation that the use of electronic resources have contributed to students doing better work and preparing more professional presentations.

*Information Supplied by Laura Lane*

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**Publisher / Vendor Relations Discussion Group**

The Publisher/Vendor Relations Discussion Group provided overviews of electronic journal products by three publishers: Elsevier, Springer, and Wiley. Jerry Curtis from Springer spoke first, describing Springer’s e-journal package and its two mirror servers. Curtis spoke in terms of previous Springer miscues such as the use of passwords for access to full text. To address problems with slow response time, two mirror sites were created with seamless access to each. John Tagler, from Elsevier, spoke next and, in addition to the expected overview, he described a new standard called Cross Ref. This new standard, when implemented, will allow users to view an article from one publisher and then to a cited article from a different publisher. This standard and its implications are being investigated. Christopher McKenzie, from Wiley, described Wiley’s e-journal packages and deals made with various libraries. The follow-up discussion included access to statistics and linking to from online databases, such as Web of Science and the CrossRef initiative and its implications.

*Information supplied by Catherine Soehner and Richard Llewellyn*
Science and Technology Databases Discussion Group
The Midwinter 2000 Databases DG had standing room only with 74 people at its January 16 meeting. This session introduced the newly launched PubScience Database <http://pubsci.osti.gov>. It was formally demonstrated by Judy Gilmore, an Information Specialist at the Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee where PubScience was developed. Containing DOE publications, articles from nearly 1000 peer-reviewed journals, and preprints, the goal of the PubScience creators has been to establish a free service similar to PubMed but emphasizing energy-related disciplines. Ms. Gilmore shared many insights into the planning, development and launch of PubScience and reminded those in attendance how important the input and review by the academic library community is to its success.

Later in January the Preprint Network will go live. This will be a search engine to 25 databases and includes subject pathways. The goal is to expand on the 200,000 preprints already available. Access will also be made available to Energy Files and DOE Reports via Info Bridge, as well as to a greater body of grey literature and technical reports through GPO Access. Researchers in the physical and environmental sciences will have additional access to a wide variety of information. Ideas are progressing rapidly for the establishment of a Digital Library of Energy Science and Technology and anyone interested in these developments should consult <www.osti.gov>.

Suzanne Fedunok and Julia Gelfand as co-chairs indicated that they were again seeking ideas for topics for the next meeting in Chicago in July.

Information Supplied by Julia Gelfand

Committee on the Comparison of Science and Technology Libraries
The Comparison of Science and Technology Libraries Committee discussed the status of the Web site being developed to make non-identifying raw data from the 5th Survey and material from earlier surveys available to interested organizations. There is still some editorial work necessary before it is ready to be shared. An article on the results of the 5th Survey is being prepared. The committee will be piloting an electronic mini-survey format as an alternative to the exhaustive written instruments. A proposed survey on personnel practices in Science and Technology libraries was accepted, and will be implemented in a pretest before actual distribution this spring. It was agreed to extend the survey, for the first time, to land grant institutions and large state universities as well as the ARL institutions.

Information supplied by Judith Johnson

Continuing Education Committee
Our discussion at ALA Midwinter covered three major topics: the survey to determine the continuing education needs of STS member, the collegial council, and the state of our web site.

Jeanne Davidson reported on the results of the survey. Fifty people responded to the questionnaire, which was distributed via STS-L. The survey covered four major areas: www/internet/computing; licensing/consortia; information literacy; and collection development. Following are the topics scoring at least 20 out of 50 "high interest." In the first category, Copyright, electronic journal use, and web design. In the second category, licensing electronic resources and consortial agreements. In the third category, presentation and teaching skills and web/internet training for patrons. In the fourth category, electronic resources in sci/tech, collection management, research use of e-journals, effective liaison meetings, subject reference sources and coping with serials crisis. Jeanne’s summary was passed along to the program planning committee.

Laura Galvan-Estrada has contacted each member of the Collegial Counsel to enquire about their willingness to continue to serve. Twenty one members are willing. We discussed various ways to advertise the collegial council and ways to make it more accessible. Nancy Hayes has been the intermediary between people who want to contact members of the collegial council and the council members. Nancy will follow up with the people who requested use of the service to get a feel for how the collegial council has been used. Nancy or Laura will write a thank you letter to each member of the collegial council. The list needs to be reviewed once a year.

The committee will attempt to consolidate various parts of the web site onto one server. Various pieces currently reside on several servers. Jeanne will install a counter on the site to track usage.

Information supplied by Pat Viele

Forum for Science and Technology Library Research
Elaine Nowak reported on the ACRL Research Mentoring Program and distributed brochures. Malena Wald sent letters encouraging those who submitted abstracts to also submit proposals for ALA poster sessions. Comments from committee members on research design were included in the letters of acceptance. The committee has actively supported and encouraged mentoring by these activities.

Six proposals were received. The Committee evaluated all abstracts for timeliness, evidence of scholarship, relevance to Science and Technology librarianship, and indication of research analysis. Three abstracts were chosen for presentation at ALA Annual 2000 in Chicago. The speakers are Cecelia Brown, University of Oklahoma; Julie Hurd, Deborah Blecic and Ann Robinson, University of Illinois at Chicago; and Mark Winston, Rutgers University.

Information supplied by JoAnn DeVries
# Tentative Annual Meeting Schedule

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**Attending your First ALA Conference or New to STS?**

Our ‘Welcome to ALA’ Get Together, sponsored by Membership & Recruitment, is for YOU!

**Saturday, July 8**  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Government Information Committee
The committee reviewed and evaluated the prototype version of our Web site, which features information about the committee, news related to government information, and links to science and technology related government information Web sites. Members volunteered to work on selected sections and submit their input by April 1, 2000.

Some legislative developments of interest:
1. Library advocates are closely watching the progress of two database protection bills in the U.S. House of Representatives. ALA opposes HR 354, the Collections of Information Antipiracy Act, because it does not protect fair use and would give a producer or publisher unprecedented control of uses of information, including transformative use of facts. ALA supports HR 1858, the Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act.
2. The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws passed the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). Each state may now decide whether or not to adopt this model contact law which would enforce “shrink-wrap” and computer “click-on” licenses. ALA and other library organizations oppose adoption of UCITA because it will constrain the use of information for important public purposes such as democratic speech, education, scientific research, and cultural exchange.
4. The U.S. Monthly Catalog data will be distributed to commercial vendors such as Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble. The U.S. Government Printing Office and the Library Programs Service are working on a prototype electronic archive to be used for publications added to the FDLP Electronic Collection.

Information supplied by Susan Norrissey

Oberly Award Committee
The Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural Sciences Committee met in closed session on Saturday, January 15, 2000. The award is presented on odd-numbered years; therefore, our discussions involved means of improving publicity for the award and possible measures to increase number of nominated works for the 2001 award. Highlights included:
The title of the award is perhaps too narrow, possibly resulting in a low number of nominations. A title change to include related sciences will be pursued.
Distribution of the call for nominations will be broadened to include pertinent professional societies. Discussion about new publicity avenues will continue by e-mail.
The Committee will continue its Web site for working papers. The Chair will update and maintain the site, then pass it on to the next chair.

Information supplied by Jeannie Miller

Organization and Planning Committee
Strategic Planning: We discussed the STS Council’s suggestion of looking into the creation of a to-the-point strategic plan for the Section. Don noted some of the work that has gone into the new ULS Strategic Plan. He will distribute copies to the members of the STS Organization & Planning Committee.

STS 40th Anniversary Plans: The Committee decided that a special working group needs to be created by the STS Council for the Anniversary celebration.

Checklist: The Committee discussed a possible checklist of policy/procedure for STS committee chairs and STS discussion group chairs. Amy will look at the guidelines that have been compiled for ACRL chairs.

Information supplied by Don Frank

Membership and Recruitment Committee
Triggered by a decrease of 4.33% in STS membership, strategies to improve recruitment and retention in the section were discussed. Survey results reported that ALA’s new rule permitting two Sections (rather than three) with Division membership was a main reason for dropping STS. Drafts of new brochures incorporating STS Website colors approved by Council I were distributed. A brainstorming session on new member orientation at Annual resulted in the decision to host an “STS Conference Kickoff” for new and continuing members and other interested individuals. Methods of working with the ACRL Membership Committee toward ACRL goal 1.3, “ACRL increases its efforts to promote academic librarianship” were presented. The role of this committee in implementing the “ACRL New Member Mentoring Program” was outlined.

Information Supplied by Nirmala S. Bangalore

Publications Committee
The committee reviewed applications for an open position on the ISTL Editorial Board and selected David Flaxbart. ISTL is considering the addition of a refereed section and other applicants will be encouraged to serve as reviewers.

Katherine Whitley, STS Webmaster, asked to resign from the committee due to a job change. The position was advertised on STS-L and applications were reviewed at Midwinter. Jennifer Duverney was selected as the new webmaster and will begin her term immediately. The lack of a description of the webmaster’s role in the STS Procedures Manual was discussed. The committee felt that the webmaster should continue to be a member of the STS Publications committee and should also be made an ex-officio member of Council. The possibility of an intern position to assist the webmaster was also raised. A discussion of changes/additions to the Procedures Manual and Bylaws
will be held via e-mail and recommendations will be made at the 2000 Annual Meeting. Working with the new webmaster, the committee will also begin creation of standard guidelines for any web pages prepared by individual committees and discussion groups within the section.

The section’s primary listserv, STS-L, has 991 subscribers and continues to be heavily used. The STS Council listserv, however, will likely be discontinued in the near future due to an almost total lack of traffic.

An Ad Hoc committee, which will be led by David Atkins, has been formed to continue exploration and implementation of the use of streaming media technology to make available selected audio portions of STS programs via the section homepage.

Information supplied by Edward Lener and Heather K. Moberly

Subject and Bibliographic Access Committee

The Subject & Bibliographic Access Committee discussed the issue of intellectual/bibliographic access to electronic journals. Four approaches are currently in place in science libraries: hyperlinked alphabetical lists, hyperlinked subject lists, aggregators, and records in the library catalog. We plan to create a web page to facilitate discussion about access issues to electronic journals. We also plan to develop a usability study of access issues, focusing particularly on maintenance and usability. How do reference librarians (and possibly patrons) perceive and use the various access methods? We are beginning a literature review. Persons interested in this project or in the committee should contact Janice Christopher at jchristo@mines.edu.

Information supplied by Janice Christopher

2001 Conference Planning Committee

The STS 2001 Conference Planning held its first meeting in San Antonio. STS Chair-Elect Julie Hurd and current Chair Pat Kreitz met with the committee composed of Bart Lessin, Caroline Hamly, Sheree Harrington, Victoria Mitchell, Locke Morrissey, Vicki Coleman, Marlena Wald, and Julia Gelfand (Chair).

The Committee is planning a very exciting conference to build on the ACRL Conference theme defined by President-elect Betsy Wilson and to support the strategic plan of the division. STS will celebrate its 40th Anniversary in 2001 and the intention is to highlight some past accomplishments and to celebrate the incredibly strong future this section has. San Francisco and the Bay Area are rich with natural beauty, cultural institutions, universities, think tanks and on the frontier of science and technology. Capturing that with a theme is the next goal. There will be programs and sessions, social activities, a field trip option and the bringing together of many ideas. By the time, we convene at the Chicago conference, we hope to have many ideas more highly formalized to share. We hope that you won’t miss the big 40 birthday party in San Francisco, June 17, 2001.

Information supplied by Julia Gelfand

2000 Conference Program Planning Committee

The Committee spent a productive four hours firms up plans for the upcoming program this summer in Chicago. The program theme is ‘Communication and Information Models for the New Millennium: Scientists and Librarians Face the Future.’ The presenters are Michael Barnett, Head, Particle Data Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Bob Pisciotta, Associate Director, Dykes Library, University of Kansas Medical Center; Julia Blixrud, Asst. Director, Public Programs for SPARC; and Roy Tennant, Digital Library Project Manager, University of California, Berkeley. There will be a poster session following the program to highlight new innovative projects and activities involving librarians that meet the challenges of evolving scholarly communication systems. Poster session applications were discussed and approved. In addition to the poster session, there will be refreshments to encourage conversation and mingling of STS members. This setting will serve as the STS reception. This is a new venue for the STS reception, which has traditionally been held in the evening in a site with a science or technology theme. The new format for the reception is being tried in order to reduce costs and time spent by the STS chair in fundraising activities. Pat Kreitz, STS Chair and Julie Hurd, STS chair-elect have been successful in their fund raising efforts with vendors. The funds will be used for the reception and travel expenses for the non-librarian speaker on the panel, Michael Barnett, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Information supplied by Jill Newby

2000 STS Officer Candidates

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STS Electronic Communications Update

STS-L Listserv
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