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NEWSLETTER NEWS!

There is a lot of information in this issue of the newsletter, but there could be more!

Keep in mind this is your newsletter, so if you have any ideas, comments, suggestions, etc., please feel free to contact me.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Colleagues -

ONLINE COMMUNITIES AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS

In the Fall 2004 issue of ULS Universe I mentioned that the Virtual Meetings Taskforce was about to present a checklist for virtual meetings to the ACRL Board. The approved checklist can soon be found on the ACRL website at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/resourcesforwork/tipsheets/tipsheets.htm>.

I encourage you all to consider using the checklist and send comments to me (hughes@uci.edu) or Sandra Yee (sandra.yee@wayne.edu.) If you want an overview of how the College Libraries Section has used electronic communications to streamline their Midwinter schedules, check out their newsletter at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrlbucket/cls/newsletters/Spring2004.pdf>.

Many of you probably noticed the article in the March 2005 issue of American Libraries entitled "ALA to Launch Online Communities." Sometime

during Spring 2005, ALA is planning to provide its membership with a web-based tool that will enhance continuing education and electronic participation in ALA. Some of the features of this tool include threaded discussion/bulletin boards; sharing of links, files and documents; an event calendar; polling (i.e. voting by members); and synchronous chat. I look forward to being able to participate with all of you in a variety of electronic meetings in the near future. It is very exciting to contemplate how this might allow our far-flung ULS membership to collaborate!

I hope to see you at the ULS program on Saturday June 25, 1:30-3:30pm. There will be a very brief business meeting for discussion of a couple of ULS Bylaws revisions. Also, please note that ULS is co-sponsoring a number of programs in Chicago. This is definitely proof of how innovative and energetic the ULS membership is as well as how diverse in our concerns.

Carol A. Hughes, Ph.D.
ULS Chair, 2004-2005
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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHAIR/ CHAIR-ELECT

Many thanks to those of you who have stepped up to volunteer to serve on committees, chair committees or serve as conveners. There were many more volunteers than spaces to fill, so if you didn't get a spot this time, let us hear from you again! One of the ideas that has surfaced is to have our own ULS volunteer form on the ULS website. I think this is a good idea, and I will be working with our webmaster and others to develop a form more specific to ULS.

I'm looking forward to the wonderful programs that the ULS is sponsoring and co-sponsoring at ALA in Chicago. The 2006 Conference Committee is still seeking good ideas for the annual conference in New Orleans. If you would like us to consider a topic or a speaker please email the Chair, Rita Bullard, at rbullard@emich.edu. We are very much interested in your ideas.

The ULS Executive Committee will be meeting only once at ALA this summer. This is an experiment to determine if we can get together only once and still carry on the work of the section in a timely manner. We also encourage all of our committees and groups to look at the Virtual Meeting possibilities. Send me your comments about the possibilities of Virtual Meetings, and let me know if you're planning to move in that direction.

Sandy Yee
Chair-elect

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JOIN THE ULS DISCUSSION LIST!

Looking for a low-traffic way to stay up-to-date on ULS news and issues of interest to university libraries? Then join *uls-l*, the new, unmoderated email list maintained by ACRL and the ULS Communications Committee. To subscribe, send an email to listproc@ala1.ala.org with "subscribe *uls-l* your first and last name" in the message field.

Upcoming ACRL professional development events

46th Annual RBMS Preconference, "**Bridging the Gap: Education and Special Collections**"
St. Louis, Missouri, June 21-24, 2005

ACRL's 46th Annual RBMS Preconference will explore a crucially important issue in our profession: the rift between the growing variety of educational roles played by special collections librarians — as teachers, advocates, interpreters, impresarios — and the shrinking opportunities for formal training and continuing education available to prepare special collections librarians for these roles.

ACRL Preconference @ ALA Annual Conference
Chicago, Illinois, June 24, 2005

Instruction Section Preconference - **Instructional Design: Tools, Techniques, and Strategies**

This preconference will provide both new and more experienced instruction librarians with instructional design strategies and techniques that respond to today's student populations.

Learning Spaces: Collaborations and New Opportunities

Explore new types of learning spaces, primarily information commons, multi-media studios, and informal spaces developed by more than one campus unit. Develop a vision for a learning space and begin to complete a planning template.

Institute for Information Literacy Immersion '05
Eckerd College Conference Center, St. Petersburg, Florida,
July 29 - August 3, 2005

Applications for ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy Immersion '05 program are now being accepted. Whether your institution is just beginning to think about implementing an information literacy component or whether you have a program well underway, Immersion '05 will provide you with the intellectual tools and practical techniques to help your institution build or enhance its instruction program.

ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute
Cambridge, Massachusetts, August 7-12, 2005

This institute is designed for directors of libraries and individuals in positions such as associate university librarian, assistant dean, vice president of information resources, university librarian, and college librarian. Harvard Institutes for Higher Education faculty cover issues such as leadership, organizational strategy, transformational learning, and planning.

Proposal to Reorganize ULS Committees

At the ALA Mid-Winter Conference in Boston, the ULS Executive Committee decided to propose a reorganization of the committee structure. The proposal involves combining the Policy & Planning Committee with the Organization & Bylaws Committee. The restructuring was recommended because of the overlap of duties between the two committees. The committees have similar charges and usually work together to complete assignments and tasks.

Charge of Organization & Bylaws:

To monitor the organizational structure of other ACRL sections and to assure responsiveness to the needs of the members. To monitor proposals and changes in the ACRL Constitution and Bylaws and the Strategic Plan. To review petitions for the formation of ULS discussion groups and to monitor the renewal process. To review proposed charges for standing committees to ensure they are consistent with the bylaws of the section. To serve the ULS Executive Committee in an advisory capacity. To ensure that all section practices are consistent with the Bylaws.

Charge of Policy and Planning:

To review and make recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding the section's future direction, goals and objectives, and policies. To develop and oversee implementation of plans and strategies that will help the section achieve these goals and objectives. To serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive Committee on matters of policy that may arise from time to time. To prepare and, subsequently, maintain and revise a policies and procedures manual for the section. To take responsibility for preparation of the section review and the Strategic Planning Inventory according to ACRL timetables.

As with any restructuring there are pros and cons.

Pros

1. Streamline potential assignments by eliminating steps in bureaucracy
2. Increase efficiency of the decision making process
3. Improve communication in the section

Con

1. Reduces opportunities for ULS members to participate on committees

In order to complete this process, a formal proposal must be initiated and approved by the ULS Executive Committee. In addition, changes must be made in the section bylaws and the ULS Manual. The proposal is in its initial stages, so the Executive Committee would welcome feedback from ULS members before the ULS Executive Committee meeting on June 25, 2005. Please contact:

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Mid-Winter COMMITTEE REPORTS

Current Topics Discussion Group

ULS Membership Committee

Committee members Juliet Kerico, Janet Steins, Walter Stine, and Marilyn Hankel met in Boston at Midwinter. The committee's primary focus was organizing the first ULS Orientation and Social, which will be held at ALA Annual in Chicago on Saturday June 25 from 3:30 – 4:30 PM, directly following the ULS Program. The event is partially funded by Blackwell and is targeted at new section members and any members interested in becoming involved in section activities. Additional information will be forthcoming as our committee plans the event.

Section Membership

As of February 2005 ULS has 5317 members, which is up from 5102 members in February 2004. Of the 5317 members - 5071 are individual memberships, 241 are organizational memberships, and 5 are corporate memberships. The 5071 individual memberships include: 3935 regular members, 359 student members, 18 trustee members, 8 support staff, 8 support staff, 14 associate, 194 international members, 161 non-salaried members, and 12 honorary members. Student membership in ULS continues to grow – from February 2003 to February 2004 there was a 29.66% increase and from February 2004 to February 2005 there was a 17.32% increase. In the year since February 2004, there were 654 new members, 328 reinstated members, and 892 dropped members. The Membership Committee sends letters to all new members from the ULS Chair and Vice-Chair. Drafts of letters to reinstated and dropped members have been approved and will begin to be sent out this spring.

Bruce Henson, Chair

The subject of this year's Current Topics Discussion Group at Midwinter in Boston was "Institutional Repositories: Their Place in the Evolution of Scholarly Communication."

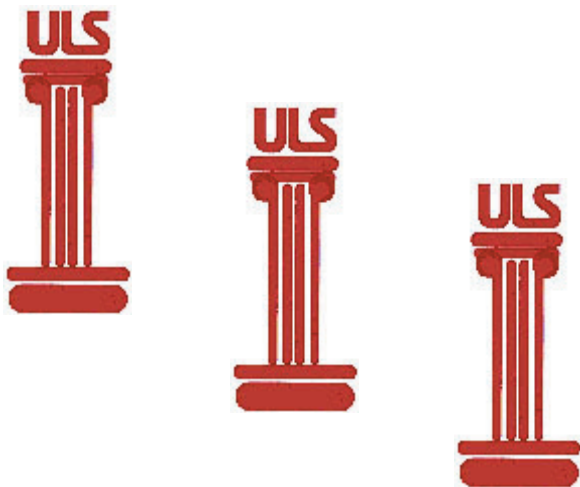
Michael Keller, University Librarian at Stanford University, opened up the discussion with strategic considerations for developing institutional repositories. Some sources of institutional output exist independently and without any method of preservation for the future. Digital versions of institutional records and documents are obviously replacing traditional print versions. In addition, more scholarly communication is being produced in digital form with the creation of Course Management Systems. Faculty needs the libraries' help in archiving all of the university's reports, publications and even student records. The "stuff of scholarship" increasingly originates in digital form. The unit cost of digital memory is decreasing at around 40% annually. The growth of Internet II will allow moving larger bundles of information than ever before. Improvements in search and discovery technology will provide better retrieval of the repository information. The future of libraries will most definitely include running institutional repositories.

In the next presentation Shane Nackerud from the University of Minnesota chronicled the development of Uthink, the largest academic blogging site in America. In April 2003, a statement from Rawbrick.net gave Shane the idea of libraries hosting blogs as a form of institutional repository of information. The goals of UThink were to promote intellectual freedom, build communities of interest, enhance traditional academic enterprise, and retain intellectual memory of the academic institution and change perceptions about the library. The project officially began with a soft release in March 2004 with 30 blogs created on the first day. The blog site now hosts around 900 blogs.

The PowerPoint slides from Mr. Keller's presentation and from Mr. Nackerud's presentation are posted at the ULS web site. To access them, please go to:
<http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/universitylib/BostonCurrentTopics.htm>

Margret Branschofsky (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) described the vision of the D Space project which involves the university's active solicitation of content for an institutional repository. She outlined how MIT handled issues of intellectual property, including copyright and licenses. Since marketing was crucial to the project's success, a marketing consultant was hired. Messages sent to faculty were tailored to anticipate questions and encourage ongoing submissions.

Carol Baker



ULS CO-SPONSORS PROGRAMS AT ALA ANNUAL CHICAGO

Pay to Play: Debating Models of Scholarly Publishing.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the ULS program, Saturday June 25, 1:30p-3:30p, which will be co-sponsored with the ACRL Scholarly Communications Committee. There will be a membership reception with light refreshments immediately following the program.

The program will feature speakers addressing topics related to models of disseminating/publishing scholarship including open access, commercial, society, and emerging models as well as the leadership role of the university library in supporting and providing broad and sustainable access to scholarship. A diverse panel consisting of librarians and publishers will address and debate key issues including cost effectiveness, sustainability, acceptance, and format for disseminating our universities' current and future scholarship.

ULS will also co-sponsor with CLS and WSS a program entitled: **Getting Published: From Practice to Print.** The program will feature two well known editors, one in library science, Gloriana St. Clair, founder and former editor of *portal: Libraries and the Academy* and the other in women's studies, Teresa Kemp, co-editor of *Feminist Teacher: A Journal of Practice*. The panel speakers will address issues of publishing from the editor's perspective as well as changes occurring in the publishing world and changes in research and gaps in research. Roundtable discussions which will follow will be led by experienced library practitioners. Monday, June 27, 8:30a-12:00p.

ULS will co-sponsor with ANSS a program entitled: **Are Subject Librarians an Endangered Species?** Sunday, June 26, 8:30a-12:00p. A panel of subject librarians will address questions like: "What does the future hold for us in academic libraries? Will our roles and responsibilities evolve beyond recognition or will our traditional activities continue to be important?" Join subject librarians from around the country for a fascinating discussion about our current situation and the future of our field.

HELP NEEDED

Assist the ACRL Research Committee. Get involved in identifying issues and topics that you think will affect academic and research libraries over the next few years and that should be discussed in the 2005 environmental scan.

At its May 3rd, 2004 meeting in Washington, D.C., the ACRL Board focused and expanded the ACRL Research Committee's charge. Working with the ACRL Board and other ACRL entities, the new charge now includes:

Explore, develop, and promote research that focuses on the current needs of academic and research libraries and the Association;
Develop programs and other activities that will assist in the accomplishment of needed research;
Develop activities and programs to encourage improvement in research skills among academic and research librarians;
Coordinate and communicate with other committees and groups within and outside ACRL that focus on research.

Send your ideas to Mary Sellen [ULS Member at Large] at msellen@uamail.albany.edu or Jon Hufford at jon.hufford@ttu.edu.

ACRL Board of Directors to Vote on Dues Increase

Dear ACRL Member,

ACRL has been the premier association for academic and research librarians for over 100 years. Our association's publications, *College and Research Libraries*, *College and Research Libraries News*, *Rare Books and Manuscripts and Choice*, are vital to us as we go about our day-to-day work. ACRL articulates the values, needs and concerns of academic and research librarians and libraries by working diligently as an advocate and standard-bearer for the field. ACRL's professional development programs and networking opportunities enrich our skill sets, keep us up-to-date, broaden our thinking, and give us new perspectives.

Membership and participation in ACRL provide us with significant benefits in terms of career enhancement, the advancement of the professional community, leadership and service opportunities, and the value we provide to our communities.

In June 2004, the ACRL Board of Directors approved the association's new strategic plan (<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/whatisacrl/acrlstratplan/stratplan.htm>). The plan sets ambitious goals for enhanced advocacy at all levels, from the local campus level up to the national and international arena. The plan also calls for more professional development that is both cutting-edge and accessible virtually, strengthening partnerships and collaborations with library and higher education associations, improving our expertise and management of information technology, and continuing to lead in the area of information literacy and standards for academic and research libraries. Higher education faces challenges to manage demands for virtual learning spaces, to increase student diversity, to improve student retention, and to assess student learning in an atmosphere of "do more with less." It is imperative that librarians and libraries collaborate with and lead their communities! in finding solutions to these issues. ACRL is committed to supporting librarians as they work to transform teaching and learning on their campuses.

Over the past 15 years ACRL has not increased dues. As current economic realities have reduced library budgets, ACRL's financial picture has also been negatively affected. The downward trends in ACRL revenue have compelled the Board to ask members to increase dues. As ACRL moves the strategic plan forward, more resources will be needed.

The 2005 ACRL ballot proposes increasing dues by \$20 over a two-year period to \$55 in 2007. I encourage you to read the FAQ on the dues increase, as well as the article by ACRL's Budget and Finance Committee Chair Susan Allen, in the March issue of *C&RL News*, which provides greater detail about the services and products ACRL offers and the need for the dues increase. Both documents may be found on the ACRL web site at <http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlmembership/dueslinks.htm>,

I ask that you please take a moment to reflect on the value you receive from your ACRL membership. I hope you conclude, as 12,500 of your colleagues have, that the programs, networking opportunities and leadership experience you glean through participation in ACRL are vital to your development and success.

Please show your support for the important leadership role that ACRL plays on behalf of all academic and research librarians in positioning us as indispensable to advancing learning and scholarship in the 21st century.

Sincerely,
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