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CLS Needs YOU

From the Vice-Chair

Hello, I'm Scottie Cochrane, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the College Libraries Section. I'll get right to the point - we need your help.

IF you get involved in the section's work by serving as a committee member or an intern, I guarantee that CLS will offer you an opportunity to learn more about college libraries and librarianship, plus you'll develop an invaluable network of colleagues.

Why do I offer you this golden opportunity, you ask?

Welllll, because it's my job to make committee appointments that will begin at the close of the Annual Conference in San Francisco in June 2001. Most appointments are for two years, with interns serving for one year. Task Force appointments vary depending on the group's charge. To serve, you'll need to be a current member of ALA and ACRL/CLS.

Yes, yes, I know how very busy you are, but hey, isn't everybody? I assure you CLS service will reap rich professional and career rewards. For example, you might get a hot tip from a colleague about wireless web applications and vendors - saving your institution a bundle when you avoid nomad port installations all over the place. Even better, a CLS friend may offer to nominate you for the perfect new job two states over (or help you learn to tolerate the less than ideal one you already have). In most cases, at the very least, you'll go home after conferences secure in the knowledge that your library's problems pale in comparison to those of your sister libraries around the country.

Although attendance at ALA Annual and Midwinter conferences is required for committee members and interns, CLS is piloting virtual membership options, so don't let the prospect of having to travel to New

Orleans in January 2002 or Toronto in June 2003 (perish the thought!) put you off. If you volunteer, we'll find a place for you to serve.

You'll find the CLS volunteer form and information about the various committees on the CLS web site at: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/cls/index.html>.

Perhaps you'd like to nominate a colleague for a CLS leadership position. If so, contact Nominating Committee chair Ray English at ray.english@oberlin.edu.

Even if you decide not to volunteer for committee service at this time, let me know your concerns and ideas about college libraries and how CLS might be able to serve you. You can reach me at cochrane@denison.edu, or by snail mail at Doane Library, Denison University, Granville, OH 43023, phone 740-587-6215, fax 740-587-6285.

I look forward to hearing from you. Cheers!

Scottie Cochrane
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Report from ACRL 10th National Conference

Members of CLS know the benefits of working in a college library. At the ACRL National Conference a panel of college library directors sought to entice their research library colleagues into considering the college library directorship as a new career path. The program, "The Grass IS Greener at College Libraries: Making the Move from Mid-Level Research Library Manager to College Library Director," was sponsored by the CLS Leadership Committee. Steven Bell, Library Director at Philadelphia University, moderated the session. The panelists were Susan Richards, University Librarian at Lawrence University, and Susan Swords Steffen, Library Director at Elmhurst College. Barbara Brown, University Librarian at Washington and Lee University, helped to plan the session but was unable to participate as a panelist.

Using an interview style forum, the moderator asked the panelists to respond to a series of questions designed to help the attendees gain insight into the rewards of directing a college library. After each panelist discussed how and why they migrated from their mid-level managerial positions in large university research libraries, the panelists advised attendees on such topics as adapting to the college culture, reporting to academic officers, developing a broad skill set, and good questions to ask at job interviews. A core theme of all the discussion was that the college library was a less bureaucratic setting where directors could establish warm relationships with faculty and students.

The panelists then engaged in a 45 minute question and answer session during which they were queried about their educational backgrounds, how they make decisions, staff management issues, how they assessed the financial health of the institution before taking the directorship, special activities that get them involved with students, and whether to go with a public or private college. Larry Hardesty and Damon Hickey, two veteran directors, were on hand to provide additional advice to attendees, and Hardesty described the College Library Directors Mentor Program. Based on the interest and enthusiasm shown by the attendees, it appears that university libraries will continue in the role of incubator for future college library directors.

A handout offering readings and a "top twelve list" of advice for mid-level managers was distributed at the program. Interested parties can request a copy from Steven Bell at bells@philau.edu.

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Philadelphia University
Philadelphia, PA

Catch This CLS-Sponsored Program at ALA in San Francisco
Virtual Space Virtuous Place: College Libraries in the 21st Century
Sunday, June 16, 9:00-12:30

The College Libraries Section program will begin with a short business meeting conducted by CLS Chair, Mickey Zemon, followed by a panel that includes influential leaders in the future of college libraries. LaVerna Saunders, Acting VP for Academic Affairs at Salem State College, and Sam Demas, College Librarian at Carleton College, will present two trends in undergraduate libraries: the extension of library services across the campus and to larger communities through remote access, and the vital ongoing tradition of college libraries as a center for campus intellectual and cultural life.

Responders, representing institutions that help shape our agendas, will tell us what accrediting agencies, foundations and government agencies hope to see emerging in college libraries in the next decade. The program committee anticipates a spirited debate about how libraries will unite and harmonize the digital and traditional worlds we now straddle. We look forward to questions and responses from the audience.

Presentations:

LaVerna Saunders, VP for Academic Affairs, Salem State College, MA
Sam Demas, College Librarian, Carleton College, MN

Responses:

Stephanie Bangert, Western States Association of Schools and Colleges
Joyce Ray, Institute of Museum and Library Services

Conclusions:

Deanna Markum, Council on Library and Information Resources

3rd Annual CLS Friday Night Feast

Join college librarians from all over the country on June 15, 2001 for the Friday Night Feast. Last year 63 of us gathered at The Berghoff in Chicago. This year we will have Chinese food (what else?) in San Francisco. Here are the particulars:

Canton Seafood & Dim Sum Restaurant
655 Folsom Street

- A **short** walk from the Moscone Center

- **6:30 p.m. Social** (cash bar/complimentary light hors d'oeuvres)
- **7:00 p.m. Dinner** (chinese banquet served family style to tables of ten).

Menu includes:

Cold Meat Platter · Prawns with Honey & Walnuts · Fried Scallops with Squid · Canton Style Seafood Supreme Soup · Fried Chicken with House Special Sauce · Chinese Black Mushrooms with Tender Greens
 · Peking Duck · Steamed Fresh Fish · Yang Chow Fried Rice · Tea

\$38 per person (includes tax, gratuity, ACRL/ALA charges)

Deadline for receipt of reservations and checks is: **May 7, 2001**

At Last--the Price of the CLS Friday Night Feast Explained!

The price of the Friday Night Feast keeps rising-but that's not news. What is news is one of the factors contributing to the rise in the dinner price. Last year, ACRL began handling all of the deposits, contracts, checks, and payments to restaurants. ACRL charges 10% of the event total and ALA tacks on a \$1 handling charge per check in order to provide this service. Another factor that adds to the price of dinner is the fact that some of our host cities are more expensive than others (for example, San Francisco has an 8.5% tax on food). Then there's the 15% gratuity. CLS has been fortunate so far to keep the annual Feast cost below \$40.

Mail registration and payment made out to ACRL/CLS to:

Susan Richards, Director
 Seeley G. Mudd Library
 Lawrence University
 P.O. Box 599
 Appleton, WI 54912-0599

RESERVATION FORM 3RD ANNUAL CLS FRIDAY NIGHT FEAST

YOUR NAME _____

GUESTS' NAMES _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS @ \$38.00 EACH _____

Research for College Librarianship Committee Helps ACRL Advance Into The E-Publication Arena

In 1997, inspired by an idea from Michael McLane to produce a directory of publications for college librarians and to include information such as whether editors would invite discussion about potential article ideas, the College Libraries Section's Research for College Librarianship Committee produced the ACRL print publication, *InPrint: Publication Opportunities for College Librarians*. It was edited by Lynn W. Livingston and compiled by Alice Harrison Bahr and Michael J. McLane.

The print publication sold out almost immediately. When the time came to revise it, the Committee decided to explore creating a continuously updated Web version. The end result is that the College Libraries Section will have contributed the first title to ACRL's new e-publications effort. ACRL launched the Web version of *InPrint* in early January 2001.

It took almost a year to develop and refine the databases that comprise the project, the Web interfaces linked to the databases that allow hassle-free data entry, and to obtain, verify, and enter information gathered from editors. Then, it took ACRL several months to create a Web interface for the publication's users. It will take another six months or so to develop procedures for transferring the working database used for continuous updates to an ACRL server.

One benefit of *InPrint* is that it allows great flexibility in reviewing and selecting journals in which to publish. Not only do the descriptions of titles include e-mail links to editors, but a searcher can specify that s/he wants only titles that are refereed, that have an acceptance rate of better than 50 percent, that require fewer than 20 pages, and that have editors who will respond to writers in less than two months.

InPrint: Publishing Opportunities for College Librarians is available at <http://acrl.telusys.net/epubs/> for \$35 (\$25 for ACRL members). The cost includes access to the data for two years which will be updated by RCLC members every six months. Under the leadership of editor Alice Harrison Bahr, contributors to the first Web version include Anne C. Ciliberti, Eric A. Kidwell, Michael J. McLane, Christopher Millson-Martula, and Bill Nelson.

InPrint is but one of a number of activities that the RCLC sponsors to promote research and publication in college librarianship. The Committee co-sponsored with the CLS Clip Notes Committee, *1-800-Publish: Helplines for Advancing Yourself and the Profession*, a discussion highlighting three research and publishing mentoring programs within ACRL. At ACRL national conferences, the Committee typically hosts a roundtable discussion where participants share their experiences and knowledge. The topic for the Denver conference was *In the Pits and Over the Peaks: On the Road to Publication*. If you would like more information about the Committee and its work, contact Christopher Millson-Martula at millsonmar_c@mail.lynchburg.edu.

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Mobile, AL

Christopher Millson-Martula
Lynchburg College
Lynchburg, VA

CLS Committee Updates

Clip Notes Committee met on January 13th, 2001.

Jody Caldwell reported on the progress of the Appropriate Use CLIP. The compilers plan to have materials to ACRL by the ALA Annual Conference. Jamie Hastreiter reported that the Travel Policies CLIP has been seriously delayed. Lewis Miller reported that he received three CLIP inquiries over the summer: one on assessment tools for information literacy, one on plagiarism, and one on another information literacy topic. Jody suggested that making contacts through the state ACRL chapters might be an

effective way to reach working librarians. ACRL is proceeding with the electronic publications program. There was a discussion, but no final decision, as to whether this is appropriate for CLIP Notes.

Communications Committee met on January 13th, 2001.

The group examined a report filed by John West about the web site. He posed the question of how long various types of requested information should be kept at the site. It was decided that we would hold a decision on that question until summer, giving Melinda a chance to talk to John in detail about the matter. Terry Ballard reported the results of checking the newsletters web site for errors. As some sites maintained newsletters whose most current issues were in 1998, the group decided that one year should be the standard for currency. If a link with no content is still lacking content before the next conference, the link will be removed. No links will be provided for newsletters that must be downloaded to file. Only web-based newsletters will be linked. Link checking for the summer meeting will be performed by Wayne Bivens-Tatum. Catherine Lee volunteered to continue hosting an imaged version of the *CLS Newsletter*, and sending an HTML version to John. John suggested that we consider having only one version of the newsletter. For now, the Committee agreed to continue with both an html and image version of the Newsletter. Catherine will provide both formats to John.

Leadership Committee met on Monday, January 15th, 2001.

Rick AmRhein will coordinate, and Chris Millson-Martula and Tara Fulton will assist, in developing an article for a non-library academic audience on successful searches for library directors. The target audience will be college administrators, not librarians. The topic is timely since there seems to be a shortage of candidates, especially for management positions.

Mentoring Program. 130 new directors and about 80 mentors in almost every state have participated in the College Library Directors Mentor Program since Larry Hardesty began the program 9 years ago.

ACRL Strategic Plan. The Committee reviewed the ACRL Strategic Plan and agreed that its work is most closely related to goals 1.1, 1.3, 2.3, and 4.1.

Research for College Librarianship Committee met on January 14th, 2001.

Chair Chris Millson-Martula submitted a proposal for a roundtable discussion at the ACRL Conference entitled *In the Pits and Over the Peaks: On The Road To Publication*. Alice Bahr brought the Committee up to date on the progress to produce the new, improved, revised and electronic second edition of ***InPrint: Publishing Opportunities for College Librarians***. Currently, there are 116 entries for the updated edition: 34 are new while 7 from the first edition have been dropped. Coverage has been expanded to include related journals of interest to college librarians. A process for updating the database was reviewed. It was agreed that virtual committee members who could help with the work of updating the database would be beneficial even if they could not attend meetings. Alice will remain Editor-in-Chief. Committee members who work on updating and maintaining the database information will be listed as Assistant Editors of ***InPrint***. Alice reported on a prospective ALA Research Database which would list research projects and people interested in participating. The project will be reviewed further by the Committee. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 and was followed by an excellent program sponsored by the Committee: ***1-800-PUBLISH: Helplines for Advancing Yourself and the Profession***.

Membership Committee met on January 15th, 2001.

The Committee will ask ACRL to provide data about CLS members from the recent ACRL member survey. **Recruiting Members.** Susan Richards will get a list of those subscribed to COLLIB-L and the New

Directors' listserv. Catherine Lee will get the list of CLS members from the ACRL office. Melinda Dermody will get a list of those attending the three CLS discussion groups. Albie Johnson will then cross-check these lists and produce a final list of individuals who have shown interest in CLS in some way, but do not belong to the section. Our goal is to have this completed by June. Melinda will send a message to the COLLIB-L listserv over the next few weeks outlining the benefits of CLS membership and pointing out that section membership is free with ACRL membership. Susan will investigate purchasing stickers for our conference badges that say "CLS." We hope to have these for the annual conference.

Standards Committee met on January 13th, 2001.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Committee charge. Rebecca Bostian suggested changes to the charge. Bill Nelson will present the revision to the Executive Committee. The revised charge is as follows:

To promote the implementation of the *Standards for College Libraries*, 2000 edition; identify and track new concerns that arise regarding standards; investigate mechanisms for evaluating the standards for continuous improvement; and serve as the group primarily responsible for determining the need for additional standards and for revising the standards once the time for such revision has arrived.

The Committee discussed the ACRL Strategic Plan. Mickey Zemon indicated that the committees need to report on how their work is aligned with the ACRL goals. The Committee reviewed the ACRL goals and agreed that its work is most closely related to goals 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3. Bill will write a draft report of what the Committee has done or plans to do related to these goals.

Proposed Changes to Bylaws Modifications are underlined. Deletions are in brackets.

Article IV. Officers

Sec. 1. *Officers.* The officers of the Section shall be the immediate past-chair, the immediate past secretary, chair, vice-chair/chair-elect, and a secretary.

Sec. 2. *Terms.* The immediate past-chair, the immediate past secretary, chair, vice-chair/chair-elect and secretary shall serve for one year. {The chair-elect shall serve for one year as vice-chair.} At the expiration of the vice-chair/chair-elect's term, {that term} or upon the occurrence of an earlier vacancy, the vice-chair/chair-elect shall succeed to the office of chair. All officers and members of the Executive Committee begin their terms with the adjournment of the annual conference.

Article VI. Committees

Sec. 1. *Authorization.* Committees of the Section shall be established by action of the chair after consultation with the Executive Committee. Committees may propose policy, but those recommendations must go to the Executive Committee for approval (except for the policy regarding money, which must go to ACRL). All policies must be in agreement with ALA and ACRL policies.

Discussion Group Updates

Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group met on January 14th, 2001.

The topic of discussion was Assessment Tools. Approximately 65 attended and a lively discussion ensued. Discussion covered all aspects of assessment including benchmarking as well as qualitative and quantitative aspects of assessment. Attendees shared their experience and opinions. The name of the group was discussed and the synergy of having viewpoints and experiences from both medium sized colleges and universities was pointed out. It was proposed that 'academic' be added to the name of the group to become the Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group. Topics suggested for discussion at Annual in order of preference were:

- 1) Linking ACRL Standards for College Libraries to Assessment and Accreditation;
- 2) Fundraising;
- 3) The Strategic Context of Assessment;
- 4) Assessment of Academic Library Webpages;
- 5) Course Management Software: the Library's Role;
- 6) Management of Electronic Resources from an Administrative Perspective.

The tentative meeting time in San Francisco is Monday, June 18th from 2 to 4 p.m. Check the official meeting program for the final time and location. For the meeting time and place of all the CLS Discussion Groups, check the conference program.

Call for Volunteers

At the recent record-setting 10th ACRL National Conference held in Denver, March 15-18, participants enjoyed "western hospitality" at its finest. Conference chairman Lee Hisle and the numerous volunteers and paid ACRL staff involved with the conference established a high standard for the next ACRL National Conference--to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina. Nevertheless, as chair of the Charlotte conference, I am confident that everyone involved will rise to the challenge and attendees will enjoy the finest in "southern hospitality."

Already I have appointed several co-chairs of the various subcommittees (including many ACRL members active in the College Libraries Section--Mignon Adams, Tom Kirk, Damon Hickey, etc.). Numerous opportunities remain for volunteers for the subcommittees (keynote speakers, invited papers, contributed papers, panels, roundtables, preconferences, posters, and exhibits). Please e-mail me your interest in volunteering (lhardesty@austinc.edu).

I encourage you to think ahead not only by planning to attend but also by participating through contributed papers, panels, poster sessions, and roundtables. The co-chairs of the subcommittees, the committee members, the ACRL staff, and all the volunteers associated with this conference plan to put new meaning in the familiar verse "nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina. . . ." at the 11th ACRL National Conference, April 10-13, 2003.

Mark your calendars and see you in Charlotte.

Larry Hardesty
Austin College
Sherman, TX

KUDOS

Elizabeth Fuseler Avery, Terry Dahlin, and Deb Carver, eds. Staff Development: A Practical Guide, 3rd ed. Chicago: ALA Editions, 2001. Avery is the Director of Library Services at Western State College, Gunnison, CO.

Alice Harrison Bahr and Mickey Zemon. "Collaborative Authorship in the Journal Literature: Perspectives for Academic Librarians Who Wish To Publish," *College & Research Libraries*, v.61 n.5, 2000: 410-419.

Steven Bell, Director of Gutman Library at Philadelphia University, was a presenter at a Pennsylvania statewide video conference held by the Association for Continuing Higher Education (ACHE) Region IV on March 9, 2001. The program theme was "Taming Technology: What the Future Holds for Continuing Education." Steven discussed current technology barriers and future solutions for the delivery of library services to continuing education and distance learning students. Steven Bell authored the article, "Choosing Wisely From an Expanding Spectrum of Options: Business Information and the Internet," *Journal of Library Administration*, v.30 n.1/2, 2000: 75-104.

Mark Cain has published his first novel. *DEMON IN THE FLAMES* (Writer's Showcase Press; ISBN: 0-595-09541-0) is a fantasy set on a world entering an ice age. The book is available through Ingram, amazon.com and bn.com.

Paul Frisch, Director of the Library and Instructional Technology at SUNY College at Old Westbury, wrote biographical entries on Don Drysdale, Hall of Fame baseball player, and Lewis B. Puller, Jr., Pulitzer Prize winner, for volumes 3 and 4 of Scribner's Encyclopedia of American Lives.

Susan Herzog. "Gale Literature Resource Center," *The Charleston Advisor*, v.2 n.3, 2001: 33-40. Herzog is Information Specialist Manager & Coordinator of Undergraduate Information Literacy at California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA.

Susan Herzog. "The Hardest Choices: Money & Space," *Against the Grain*, v.12 n.4, 2000: 30-36.

Eric A. Kidwell, Director of the Library at Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL, has been appointed director of the College's Liberal Arts Symposia, a two-year interdisciplinary course which serves as the anchor of the College's core curriculum.

Carolyn A. Sheehy, Director of Library Services at North Central College, Naperville, IL, was selected as the academic library representative from the DuPage Library System to a three day Library Services and Construction Act Summit in Grafton, Illinois. Sheehy was also invited to attend a Leadership Retreat at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign sponsored by the Illinois State Library in conjunction with the Illinois Library Association's Leadership Task Force.

Ru Story-Huffman, Public Services Librarian at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, KY, is the new "Virtual Wisdom" technology columnist for the *Big6 eNewsletter*. Big6 is an information literacy model used primarily in k-12. URL: <http://www.big6.com>.

Mickey Zemon, Library Director at Emerson College, Boston, MA, was one of four Featured Track Speakers at the Fall 2000 Boston Area Syllabus Conference. Her presentation was on the role of the librarian in portal development.

Congratulations to the Earlham College Libraries, Richmond, IN, winner in the college category of the 2001 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award.

Larry Hardesty, college librarian at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, has been named the 2001 ACRL

Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. The award, sponsored by YBP Library Services, recognizes an outstanding member of the library profession who has made a significant national or international contribution to academic research librarianship and library development. A life member of ALA, Hardesty has served as president of the Florida Chapter of ACRL (1986-87), a member of the ACRL Board of Directors (1987-91, 1999-01), as ACRL President (1999-00), and, of course, as chair of CLS (1995-96). In 1991, Hardesty created and remains active in the College Library Directors Mentor program. To date, more than 200 librarians have participated in the program as either first-year directors or mentors. In 1999, he conceived and established the ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award, the first ACRL award to celebrate institutional excellence. Hardesty will receive a cash award of \$3,000 and a citation at a ceremony and reception to be held on Monday, June 18th, during ALA Annual in San Francisco.

SCHEDULE OF CLS MEETINGS AT 2001 ANNUAL

(ALL SCHEDULED DATES AND TIMES ARE TENTATIVE UNTIL CONFIRMED BY ACRL OFFICE)

SATURDAY June 16

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Executive Committee
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Communications Committee
	CLIP Notes Committee
	Program Committee 2001
	Program Committee 2002
	Standards Committee

SUNDAY June 17

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Program 2001: Virtual Space/Virtuous Place
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	College Library Directors Discussion Group
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	College Librarians & Staff Discussion Group

MONDAY June 18

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Membership Committee
9:30 a.m. - noon	Program Committee 2002
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Continuing Education Committee
	Leadership Committee
	Research for College Librarianship Committee
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group

TUESDAY June 19

8:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Executive Committee
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