FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Greetings! Our 26th annual conference, SUNYLA on the Lake, was a big
success. I was very impressed with the programming that Dave Trithart and
his committee put together and very proud of my colleagues at SUNY Oswego
who provided attendees with meals, accommodation and classroom facilities.
I would also like to thank the presenters; they truly made the conference a
vital part of our professional development.

One of my contributions to the conference this year symbolizes what I have
always liked about SUNYLA and what I hope to continue to foster as your
President. For the conference, I arranged to have Dan Duggan and Cathy
Barbano as our after-dinner entertainment on Thursday evening. For those of
you who were not at the dinner, Dan and Cathy engaged attendees in
storytelling, song, and a lively dance called The Buzz Saw. Why is this
significant? Its significant to me because I had a great time seeing Dan
and Cathy engage SUNY librarians in activities. My experience has been that
we have a lot in common and that we enjoy working together toward common
goals. I am expecting that this year will be no exception; already there
are many of you engaged in Association work. If you are not yet involved,
please consider joining a committee or taking part in a special project.
Any contribution you make will be valued and appreciated no matter how big
or how small. I have always enjoyed the people I've worked with in SUNYLA,
and I'm sure you will find the Association to be a great place to make new
contacts and/or friendships in the profession.

I am looking forward to working with our Executive Board and Council this
year. I have great respect for our existing and newly elected officers, our
committee chairs and our delegates. Please contact any of the chairs listed
below if you wish to work on their committee.

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          Christopher Hebblethwaite - Oswego
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          Maureen Zajkowski - Binghamton
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     Automation and Information Technologies
          Karen Volkman - Plattsburgh
     Government Relations
          TBA
     Library Instruction
          Jackie Coughlan - Utlan - Utica
     Membership Development
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          Judy Adams - University at Buffalo
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          Rebecca Thompson - Potsdam
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     Barbara Shupe - Nassau
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          Dave Kreh - Cortland
     SUNY/OCLC
          Nancy Steele - SUNY Library Support Center
     LAIP (Library Automation Implementation Program)
          Carey Hatch - SUNY Library Support Center
     LASG (Library Automation Steering Group)
       Chris Root - Hudson Valley
     LACUNY (Library Association of the City  University of New York
     TBA
     FACT (Faculty Access to Computing Technology)
          Andrea Weas - Geneseo (From FACT: Ronald Kupin - Dutchess CC)
     COA (SUNY Computing Officers Assoc.)
          Eleanor Gossen - Albany
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Meeting dates and locations for this year's Executive Board and Council
will be as follows:

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August 22, 1994 - Albany - Executive Board only
September 23, 1994 - Syracuse - Executive Board and Council
December 2, 1994 - Albany - Executive Board and Council
March 3, 1994 - Syracuse - Executive Board and Council
June 7-9, 1994 - Plattsburgh - 27th Annual Conference
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                Chris Hebblethwaite
                President, SUNYLA
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SO LONG, AND THANKS FOR ALL...

Wow! I am just back from attending this year's SUNYLA Conference...and,
this year's Conference was exceptional. Kudos to Second Vice-President,
David Trithart (SUNY Potsdam), to Local Arrangements Co-Chairs, Lee Ann
Johst and Sara Davenport (both of SUNY Oswego), as well as to all the
speakers, session moderators, and all at SUNY Oswego who lent a hand in
making the Conference a huge success. And, speaking of success, 1993/94
proved to be a very successful and a very busy year for SUNYLA -- a year
that forged new alliances, strengthened old ones, and acknowledged valued
colleagues.

SUNYLA created two new liaison positions this year: one position linked
SUNYLA and FACT (Faculty Access to Computing Technology), with the
appointment of Andrea Weas (SUNY Geneseo) as SUNYLA-FACT Liaison, and a
second position linked SUNYLA with COA (SUNY Computing Officers Assoc.),
with the appointment of Eleanor Gossen (University at Albany) as SUNYLA-COA
Liaison. In addition, SUNYLA continues to investigate the possibility of
cooperative legislative efforts with the various ACRL Chapters in New York
and with NYLA. Chris Root (Hudson Valley Community College) was renewed as
LASG (Library Automation Steering Group) Liaison. SUNYLA continued to
strengthen its alliance with the SUNY Council of Library Directors with
SUNYLA President, Lyn Martin (SUNY Cobleskill) as Liaison. It proved to be
especially important that SUNYLA had the opportunity to participate in the
discussions regarding the Joint Database Grant, the OCLC FirstSearch
Project, and the response to the Presidents' Commission Report.

SUNYLA also sought to strengthen its alliances with its own members by
forming a Special Interest Group for its members in UUP professional
positions. Contacts for the new SIG are Pamela Ray (University at Albany)
and Donald Keenan (University at Albany).

SUNYLA specifically acknowledged two colleagues this past year. John

Philippo was named Friend of SUNYLA, and it goes without saying that John's efforts have been very much appreciated. SUNYLA also passed a resolution honoring the work of long-standing member, Janet Steins (SUNY Stony Brook), who has served as Delegate, President, Program Chair, and Membership Development Chair, and who left SUNY service this past year.

SUNYLA undertook an initiative to revise its constitution and bylaws, as well as to document and update the handbook describing officer and committee chair duties. That initiative has proven to be a much larger project than anticipated and will continue into the next year. Past President, Barbara Via (University at Albany) chaired an ad hoc committee to review the constitution and bylaws. First Vice-President, Chris Hebblethwaite (SUNY Oswego) chaired an ad hoc committee to revise the Annual Conference procedures and to create a handbook for Second Vice-President/Program Chair. Members of both adhoc committees painstakingly researched past practices and began the writing of draft documents.

In anticipation of negotiations for a new UUP contract, SUNYLA formed an ad hoc committee, chaired by UUP Liaison, David Kreh (SUNY Cortland), charged with surveying the membership regarding specific contract issues. Issues for consideration include: workload, academic year, and pay equity. The survey will be conducted this fall.

SUNYLA's Standing Committees were also busy this past year, and their excellent work will be self-evident in the reports of each of the committee chairs distributed at the Oswego Conference. I was very gratified at the increased level of membership this year, as well as at the substantially increased level of interest in serving as officers and committee chairs. Those two items were among my goals for the year.

On a personal note, I have very much enjoyed serving as President, working with the Executive Board and Council, and getting to know more of my SUNY colleagues. I look forward to a much calmer year as Past President, and I am confident that incoming President, Chris Hebblethwaite (SUNY Oswego), will lead SUNYLA to even greater heights! And, I can only say to all who assisted me this past year, "Solong, and thanks for all!

Lyn Martin
Past President

ARE YOU A SUNYLA MEMBER?

Once again its time to renew your membership in SUNYLA, or join for the first time if you've not yet done so. A membership form for September 1994 to August 1995 will be distributed with this issue of the SUNYLA Newsletter.

Dues for 1994/95 remain the same as last year: $15.00 for renewal of regular membership, $7.50 for first time regular membership, and $3.00 for associate membership.

An explanation of "Regular" and "Associate" membership in SUNYLA is now on the form.

Tom Larson, Oswego, is the new chair of the Membership Committee.

SUNYLA GOPHER UPDATE

New Additions:

The SUNYLA Gopher features two new directories: "Current Developments in SUNY Libraries" and "Professional Development." Current Developments includes the text of the Presidents' Commission on the Future of Library and Information Services in the State University of New York. It also includes the draft of an action plan the SUNY Council of Library Directors was asked to create in response to the Presidents' Commission Report by the SUNY Council of Technology. The action plan contains recommendations from the SUNY Council of Library Directors, including comments from the SUNYLA

Executive Board, that are intended to help fulfill the vision of the
Presidents' Commission Report. The SUNYLA Automation and Information
Technologies Committee is working with the SUNY Council of Library
Directors to provide greater access to these documents through the
Internet. The Council will be seeking comments and suggestions from SUNYLA
about their action plan by way of the SUNYLA President this summer. The
Professional Development directory features information on "Funding for
Research & Professional Growth" compiled by Betty Chan, Professional
Development Committee.

Directions to the SUNYLA Gopher:

1)   Campuses with Gopher available
     gopher baryon.hawk.plattsburgh.edu 70
     select 11. SUNY Library Association Gopher/

2)   Campuses without Gopher
     telnet gluon.hawk.plattsburgh.edu
     login: gopher
     password: gopher
     select 11: SUNY Library Association Gopher/

More detailed instructions are included in the October 1993 SUNYLA
Newsletter. Please send suggestions for the SUNYLA Gopher to Karen Volkman
(volkmake@snyplava) or the Automation Committee member at your campus.

          Karen Volkman
          Automation Committee

SUNYLA   E-MAIL   DISCUSSION
GROUP   (LISTSERV)

Hosted on the Binghamton University IBM computer, the SUNYLA-L E-mail
Discussion Group is a mechanism for sharing questions and information with
others who are interested in issues relating to SUNY libraries.

To join the discussion group, send the following command to LISTSERV@BINGVMB:

SUBSCRIBE SUNYLA-L firstname lastname

For further information, please contact Frank Mols, the moderator of the
list, at FMOLS@BINGVMB (607) 777-2368.

     Roger Gifford
     Albany

                    SUNYLA   ON THE LAKE

Starting on Wednesday, June 8 with two preconference workshop, one on
archives records management and one on client/server technology, SUNYLA '94
was the usual animated round of conference sessions, eating, talking,
eating, entertainment, vendors, eating, etc. The weather was everything
that could have been hoped for, although not really expected. Oswego was
sunny and almost warm every day from dawn to dark.

The 171 attendees at the conference chose from among 12 sessions, many of
which discussed new technologies in libraries. The keynote address was by
Langdon Winner, a political scientist at RPI whose field of research is
science and technology studies. His thought-provoking talk raised some
concerns about the adoption of technologies without enough consideration of
potential changes in social processes and relationships. We were reminded
to be vigilant to preserve those traditions which have made libraries so
important to and so valued by our society. Foremost among these is our role
as a source of accumulated knowledge that is free and open to everyone.

The entertainment at Oswego also reminded us of traditions that are very

much alive. "Jazz on Disc" was hosted by Glyn Evans on Wednesday night, and hammered dulcimer/storytelling was provided by Dan Duggan and Cathy Barbano on Thursday. Who would have expected to see a veritable crowd of librarians dancing? But when that crowd got positively rowdy our true colors were revealed. Why DO people have that strange stereotype of librarians as shy and quiet?

Thanks go to all those who helped make it happen, including the program committee, and especially the folks handling local arrangements, upon whom the heaviest burdens fell. Lee Ann Johst and Sara Davenport led the team with great skill and composure.

Next year the conference will take place at Plattsburgh. It may be a smaller lake, but the show should be just as good. I'm sure Terry King (SUNY at New Paltz) will be eager to hear suggestions for topics that you feel should be covered. There never seem to be a shortage of issues and developments that demand our attention. And once again we will make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

David Trithart, Program Chair

CONFERENCE SESSIONS: HIGHLIGHTS

MARC Archives: Preconference

Kathleen Roe, NY State Archives and Records Service was the presenter for this session.

Archival cataloging differs from standard library cataloging in that the "tradition" does not derive from Dewey and other catalogers. Levels of arrangement (group, series, subseries,...unit) are hierarchical and rigid. Cataloging often stops at series or subseries level and very seldom gets down to noting the individual unit.

Building on MARC, archival cataloging has developed several fields of crucial importance to archivists. These include: Description of physical characteristics (245), including quantity (300); History (545); Informational content (520), and Access (555).

In 245 field, catalogers are warned to eschew title/descriptions such as "records," "papers," etc. In general, the more specific the better.

Attendees reviewed the work form, received several very helpful handouts*, and completed a practice work form for five collections. Roe offered to critique any cataoging efforts undertaken by SUNYLA members, to download member libraries' records in the NY Historical Resource Center to local databases, and to upload their archival catalogs to ARLN--but only if they passed muster. Her standards, she says, are high.

Client-Server Technology: Preconference

Five different speakers provided an introduction to the world of client-server technology. Of particular interest was the presentation of Andy Perry, Assistant Director for Systems at Binghamton University who described their use of X-Windows. Kevin Carpenter of NOTIS explained the Z39.50 interface. In response to a question from the audience regarding the searching of an index through a Z39.50 interface compared to searching in a printed index, Carpenter said that it is possible that everything that is in a printed index may not be able to be accessed through Z39.50.

Emerging Technologies for Document Delivery

Andrea Weas, Geneseo, spoke on Geneseo's use of electronic ILL forms. They have a menu choice called LIBLOAN that allows a patron to submit a request for an ILL item through e-mail from either a public terminal or from their personal account. Legible "handwriting" and more complete citations (because of system prompts) have been the main advantages to using the electronic forms. Concerns that this service would flood the library with additional ILLJrequests turned out to be unfounded. One potential problem,

running out of space in the ILL e-mail account, was identified, and it was recommended that the disk quota be checked regularly. A copy of Geneseo's libloan.com file is available from LAIP. Look for libloan.comproc under LAIP Documentation Area, LAIP member contributions. The file may be downloaded to your PC or e-mailed to your account.

Suzanne Irving, Albany, spoke on Albany's use of Ariel, a document delivery service that was originally used by large university libraries and has now begun appearing in smaller libraries. Setting up can be expensive -- a 486 PC, ethernet, a scanner, a laser printer and the Ariel software are needed. However, compared to using fax technology, the images transmitted are far superior and the cost is less because Ariel uses the Internet rather than phone lines.

A few of the survival tips provided were: test the system with a "friendly" library before going live; Pick a few "resource sharing partners" to use Ariel with routinely; Subscribe to the Ariel listserv at ARIE-L@IDBSU.BITNET; put your Ariel address in your NAD; and use Ariel for rush requests.

Jim Gerland from Buffalo spoke on the use of MIME (Multi-purpose Internet Mail Extensions) technology. MIME allows you to send items that go beyond the straight text format such as digitalized sound and video, scanned documents, non-ASCII documents and "wide" documents through e-mail. Search the Internet for information on MIME software, MIME FAQs and MIME mailing lists.

Advice for the BI-Lorn

The three speakers, Carla List (Plattsburgh), Betsy Elkins (Environmental Science and Forestry), and Susan Blandy (Hudson Valley), in this session have 54 years of combined experience in BI. They each presented brief examples of materials and approaches that have worked well in their varied classroom experiences.

Carla provided a copy of a group exercise on evaluating and citing materials in which students are asked to select items from numerous references photocopied from several indexes, abstracting services and library's catalog.

Susan provided some models to work with and stresed the need to interact with other faculty: to suggest alternatives to the standard "research paper" assignment, to collaborate on library research assignments. One suggested approach involves the use of the U.S. Statistical Abstract as a basis for research ideas; another uses the content of a cartoon to suggest ideas; yet another uses "baggies for Boolean," wherein students have to categorize groups of objects the librarian has placed in plastic bags, objects sharing some characteristics but not others.

Betsy focused on establishing a relationship with students in the classroom whereby their library anxiety is reduced so that they can do the necessary research. She provided several examples of humor to help illustrate research concepts, and suggested the use of a "sponge question" that is put on the blackboard so that students can focus on it as they come in, get settled, etc. A question such as, "Do you have library anxiety?" is a possible sponge question. She also used personal research experience as a basis for a group exercise, explaining her assignment to write a biography of a not-so- famous person and then asking students to do a portion of it by working from the information provided in an obituary.

Questions from the audience involved the teaching of electronic sources and outreach to students at risk academically.

Searching the OPAC

Jean Dickson, Buffalo, and Martha Lollis, Cayuga discussed studies they had done of user searching problems in the OPAC. Based on a 1993 transaction log analysis of the NOTIS system, Jean is in the process of comparing data from this study (of author, title, and keyword searching) with the one (of author and title searching) she conducted in 1983 for her master's thesis.

In this time period, NOTIS has gone from a first generation to third
generation system. Even though NOTIS has been in use over ten years, user
"errors or failures" in searching are still common. Some of the "no hits"
can be attributed to misspelled words or "nonsense" terms or phrases. Jean
feels that one of the problems with NOTIS is that it has been designed to
meet librarians needs rather than those of the user. Errors should be
prevented not corrected.

In her study of multiLIS, Martha Lollis used a questionnaire, personal
interviews, and transaction log analysis. Martha found that the most common
search errors were in spelling, field selection, and search term selection.
While online help was often used, printed materials (i.e. brochures) were
not. One of the suggestions Martha made was that librarians stress
searching strategy in their BI classes. She left us with the following
thought about OPAC use: "Be creative. There is more than one way to skin a
cat."

Image Libraries at Cornell

The speaker at this session was Lynne K. Personius from Cornell University.
The project she described is based on a preservation effort, in which
digital image storage is being tested as a way to preserve and recreate
deteriorating books. With some 20% of their collections in a seriously
decaying state, research libraries are searching for the best technologies
to save their heritage. The project at Cornell is a cooperative effort with
Xerox to assess the possibility of scanning old books, storing the text and
illustrations in digital form, and reprinting the work on a high quality
printer.

Most attendees were impressed with the quality of the resulting printed
copy, especially in comparison with the degraded original. Some 2,000
titles have been processed in this way so far. The bibliographic records
for these works are being added to the Cornell catalog, and to ARLN. It was
Lynne's expectation that the electronic version (stored now in optical
form, but soon to be moved to magnetic) would mainly be used as a way to
browse the work remotely. Then the patron could order a printed copy if
desired. Clients are being developed to browse the files, but they may also
move to a system in which widely available search tools such as Mosaic
could be used.

USMARC Format for Holdings Data

Ellen Rappaport, of Albany Law School, described and illustrated the ways
that the variable 8xx data fields in MARC records are used for serials
holdings. Provisions are made for captions and pattern, enumeration and
chronology, as well as for a variety of textual and item information. She
made the point that MARC format can accommodate both regular patterns and
exceptions to represent accurately every possible circumstance. It is up to
software vendors to use the information and develop workable displays for
both staff and public use.

Copyright and Emerging Technologies

We were extremely fortunate to have two eminently qualified people to
present this topic. Paul Doering is a retired Kodak engineer, who has done
seminal work in the areas of electronic printing and publishing, digital
image processing, and technology forecasting – all of which led to his
interest in the protection of intellectual property and advocacy of the
ethical use of technology. Arlene Bielefield is public library director,
adjunct library school professor, practicing attorney, and current author.

The goals of the session were to familiarize us with the underlying
concepts of electronic publishing, to acquaint us with the copyright laws
designed to protect creative "property" and how these pertain (or don't
pertain!) to new technologies.

With regard to copyright – like many other instances in this fast-moving
culture – the law lags behind reality! No government can ensure that its
laws and regulations keep pace with the effects of technology on society.

Every day new questions arise about the impact of revolutionary
technologies on library services, and how copyright laws will be revised to
address these issues, particularly in the area of what will now constitute
"fair use."

Both Paul and Arlene were excellent speakers. Their different perspectives
not only complemented one another but added a richness to the session which
was appreciated by all.

Access in Internet Resources

Gillian McCombs, Albany, opened the session with a discussion of general
topics such as image and retraining. Librarians must be willing to take
risks. She suggested the following steps to learn the Internet: surf the
net, subscribe to appropriate journals, act to promote professional change,
collaborate, lobby, laugh. Some caveats - don't forget the patron, ignore
your power of critical thinking, or forget your staff.

David Tyckoson, Albany, spoke from the perspective of the reference
librarian who uses the Internet to meet patron needs. The user may already
know of specific resources available on the Internet, or, increasingly
common, want to browse to see what's there. In either case, knowing how to
navigate the Internet is now a basic reference skill. He prepared two
interesting handouts. The first listed a number of basic skills related to
Internet use, divided into three levels. This provides a way for one to
gauge one's skills against a "universe" of Internet skills. His second
handout evaluated the Internet for the quality of information by
discipline, and listed useful sources for each discipline.

Diane Hillmann, Cornell Law Library, described issues of concern relating
to the creation of MARC records for remote electronic sources, i.e.
definitions and tagging and coding concerns. MARBI is currently discussing
these issues so record creation protocols are in transition. She displayed
several cataloging records for Internet resources that she has created for
Cornell's catalog, providing both a MARC tagged display and the public mode
display to demonstrate the kind of information a user needs and how best to
display this information. A lively question and answer period followed,
extending well beyond the allotted time. Ideas were shared about providing
access to Internet resources using World Wide Web clients.

Full-Text Document Delivery via the OPAC

A self-service search and document delivery system just put into operation
in a consortium of metropolitan New York libraries was described from the
varying viewpoints of Teresa Edwards at St. John's University and Patricia
Carroll-Mathes at Ulster County Community College. Patrons have access to
full-text of articles from the IBI/Inform database (Business Periodicals
Online) and Periodicals Abstracts (General Periodicals Online). The origin
of the project was described, the management issues, impact on the
libraries' periodicals collections, and fee-collection mechanisms were all
detailed. The most innovative aspect of the project is that there is no
staff intervention in the document delivery process.

Handouts and overheads illustrated the instructions provided the patrons
and the appearance of the search and order process. The different ways the
service has been introduced at these two libraries was also described.
While this service is still quite new (only since Feb. 1994) the results so
far are promising.

Workload: How Is It Defined?

Moderator Blanche Judd opened the session by distributing the results of
her survey of SUNYLA delegates' views about workload. No surprise, the
overwhelming majority felt that workload is an issue in their library and
that technology has increased librarians' work load. Bill Schuerman,
President of UUP discussed the union's strategy for using Taylor Law
prohibition against unilateral changes in terms and conditions of
employment to fight workload creep. He pointed out that all members have to

be vigilant about protecting against unilateral increases in workload by refusing to accept additional work without additional pay. Over time, the increased load becomes the norm and the union cannot claim that a change, as defined in the Taylor Law, has occurred. He expressed support for librarians, stating that librarians have "really been clobbered!" in recent fiscal crunches.

David Kreh, Cortland, urged librarians to assert their prerogatives as academic employees who play an integral part in the academic mission of the university. He stated that one responsibility of academics is to shape the direction of the curriculum; our curriculum is information. As academics we should take control of our profession through wide participation in defining our work.

Trudi Jacobson's, Albany, presentation focused on requirements that librarians publish and contribute at the national level to the library profession in order to receive continuing appointment or be considered for promotions. Because of increasing work load, it is getting harder and harder to accomplish the requirements. Trudi stated that release time for research and fulfilling the criteria is "absolutely essential."

Natalie Sturr began her talk by pointing out to her assenting audience that we know that planning for, installing, configuring, learning, using, applying, and teaching technology takes time--lots of time! Her presentation outlined the ways technology has added to our work duties, further exacerbating the problems librarians experience getting time to fulfill the Board of Trustees criteria for scholarship and continuing growth. Low librarian salaries add to the feeling that "we are facing much more work with fewer staff, and we are being asked to do it for a pittance."

The lively discussion that followed the panel's presentation was a clear indication that the issue of workload is, indeed, a high priority for SUNY librarians.

Implementing Technology in the Classroom

Dr. James Anderson, Associate Director for Media Resources, University of Buffalo, provided an overview of how he and his "team" assist and support faculty in their quest to enhance the learning and teaching process. In his work, James encourages faculty innovation by giving seminars and workshops that demonstrate the effective use of technology.

On the Buffalo campus, he has been instrumental in the development of Educational Technology Equipped Classrooms which offer faculty the opportunity to take advantage of the latest in classroom presentation technology. James defines an Educational Technology Equipped Classroom "as a teaching space with permanently installed media and classroom support technology, fully integrated, easily accessible, and designed to enhance the quality of teaching when properly utilized." A custom designed integrated teaching station houses various pieces of equipment including: a Wolf visualizer; a slide to video projector; an IBM Value Point/Macintosh Computer; ethernet/LAN connections; a VHS video player. In the event of an equipment failure or other problem, an auto-dial telephone provides immediate contact with Academic Services support staff.

Although the integrated teaching stations are costly (to say the least!), faculty fully support their implementation. Many librarians at the session agreed that an Educational Technology Equipped Classroom and support on campus from personnel like James would help us immensely in creating dynamic classroom presentations.

Government Information Within and Without

Tim Hartnett, Reference/Government Documents Librarian, SUNY Plattsburgh, and Cassandra Hartnett, Regional Depository Librarian, Detroit, Michigan, covered the issues, problems, and challenges facing the Federal Depository Library Program. This valuable program, which was established to provide timely, equitable, free access to government information to everyone in the

U.S., is threatened in several ways. Tim explained the budget problems facing the Government Printing Office and the scramble for control of government information. It is ironic that the current administration is committed to supporting a National Information Infrastructure but has cut appropriations for the Depository Program.

Documents librarians met in Chicago in October, 1993, to examine the future of government information, and have started a forum for discussion called the Dupont Circle Group. Cassandra was able to give us an insider's view of the negative effects the proposal to disband the GPO and the resultant unstructured dissemination of information would have on the public. Further, the use of the newer electronic formats and network technology requires both equipment and training which is unavailable to many libraries. A revitalized Federal Information Dissemination and Access Program could expand the framework while maintaining the mission of the Depository Program for the common good of all.

While the session participants didn't entirely solve the mystery of how two children from the same family could have independently become documents librarians, we were grateful that they were willing to share their expertise.

Highlights were contributed by Chris Buslon, Andrea Gerberg, Sally Goodwin, Kathy Franco, Sonja Landes, Carla List, Janet Potter, David Trithart, and Margaret Weitzmann.

SYLVIA CHU
1994 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Professional Development Committee is pleased to announce that Robin Fogel of SUNY College of Optometry and Clara Bruns of Adirondack Community College were chosen to receive this year's Sylvia Chu Memorial Scholarship, a program which offers financial support to new association members attending their first SUNYLA annual conference. From their letters of application, it was evident that both candidates were enthustically involved in a variety of important assignments at their respective libraries and would benefit them professionally. Congratulations to Robin and Clara!

Richie Feinberg, Chair
Professional Development Committee

PDQWL LIBRARIAN STUDY LEAVES

The application deadline for Round IV NYS/UUP Professional Development and Quality of Working Life Librarian Study Leaves is September 1, 1994. Study leaves are awarded for activities involving research, preparation of publications, writing grants, workshop and conference attendance, etc. Maximum awards are for $5000. Round IV activities are to take place during the period July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995. Applicants who have not been awarded in previous rounds will receive priority considerations in Round IV. Guidelines and application forms are available locally and also from Martha Mills, NYS/UUP PDQWL Committee, Suite 305, 855 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 (518) 457-1198.

A working list of state, federal and privately funded grant opportunities for librarians will be posted very shortly on the SUNYLA gopher (accessed by calling up the SUNY Plattsburgh Gopher menu and then pointing to the SUNY Librarians Association Gopher). This listing will be augmented and updated on a regular basis. We hope the list will prove useful, and we invite your comments and any information you might have to help us build and maintain it.

Betty Chan
Professional Development Committee

LIBLYNX ANNOUNCEMENT

The library is pleased to announce "LibLynx", the WWW site for the SUNY
Morrisville College Library Information System. Currently we are using a
VMS gopher server to provide access to our home page (since we don't have a
httpd server yet). Below is the gopher link tuple and the URL. Just point
your WWW client at the URL and it will display the first page.

Type=h
Name=LibLynx
Path=hgopher_root1:[library-docs.html]library.html
Host=SNYMORVA.CS.SNYMOR.EDU
Port=70
URL:gopher://SNYMORVA.CS.SNYMOR.ED
U:70/hhgopher_root1:[library-docs.html]library.html

The purpose of LibLynx is to provide the users at Morrisville with an easy
interface to library resources on campus and to internet resources. The
name LibLynx comes from Library and Lynx (which is the WWW client our
service uses). Every page has been set up with the mailto URL to allow
comments to be sent via e-mail. This service may be the first one on the
Internet set up entirely by librarians and is one of the few at a two year
college. Please try us out and let me know what you think. Also, please
tell me of any new resources that should be added.

                    Wilfred "Bill" Drew
                    Morrisville

SUNY COUNCIL OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS
1994 CONFERENCE

The SUNY Council of Library Directors 1994 annual conference was held May
4-6 at The Sagamore on Lake George. It was my pleasure to attend the
conference as your 1st Vice-President. While there, I met Library Directors
from throughout SUNY, all of whom had great respect for our Association. On
Wednesday evening, there was a SUNY Library Grants Update and a ProPac
demonstration.

Barbara von Wahlde, Associate Vice-President for University Libraries,
University at Buffalo, spoke about the Council's Joint Database Access
Pilot Project funded by a grant from the SUNY Central Office of Educational
Technology (see the January 1994 SUNYLA Newsletter for a brief
description). The pilot project entitled "Toward a Collaborative
Information Environment" was designed to give eight SUNY colleges joint
access to the ERIC database and several Wilson databases mounted at the
University at Buffalo. These libraries will also have access to the four
University Center library catalogs. Access to the databases will be through
either a terminal based system (TermPAC) or a PC based software package
(ProPAC). The project is intended to run for 18 months. Carey Hatch from
the SUNY Library Support Center gave a technical update about the project,
and Kevin Carpenter from NOTIS gave a demonstration of the ProPAC software
that will be used by six of the participating institutions. Current plans
for implementing the project include training personnel from participating
institutions during the early fall and making access available in January
1995.

Dr. Barbara Farah, Library Director at SUNY Geneseo, discussed the ARIEL
project. This project was also funded by a grant from the Office of
Educational Technology. It was designed to compare the cost of traditional
ILL document delivery with that of scanning documents and delivering them
via the Internet. Cost was evaluated in terms of both time and money.
Institutions participating in the project include Monroe CC, New Paltz,
Plattsburgh, and Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome.

Meredith Butler, Dean and Director of Albany's University Libraries,
reported on a project funded by a grant from the Council on Library
Resources. This study is coordinated by the University Libraries at the
University at Albany and will be executed in cooperation with the
University Center libraries at Binghamton, Buffalo, and Stony Brook. It
will compare the cost of owning expensive research journals to the cost of

accessing these titles via a consortium of SUNY University Center libraries
or via commercial document delivery services (see the April SUNYLA
Newsletter for a description of the project).

Cerise Oberman, Library Director at Plattsburgh, spoke about a project that
will give twenty-six SUNY libraries free trial access to OCLC's
FirstSearch. This project is intended to give librarians, faculty and
students an opportunity to explore and evaluate FirstSearch as a supplement
to their library's current online information resources. The project is
scheduled to take place during the fall 1994 semester.

Glyn Evans, Assistant Provost for Library Services, reported on a proposal
(entitled New York Bibliographic Compact) his office submitted for a
federal competitive grant intended to fund a state-wide library network to
serve each county and/or municipality in the state.

On Thursday morning attendees broke into groups and brain-stormed about
five major policy issues identified in the President's Commission Report on
the future of SUNY Libraries. The Commission considers these policy areas
fundamental to fulfilling their vision for SUNY libraries. These policy
issues are as follows: 1) Wider access to information, 2) Faculty and
student development, 3) Library staff, 4) Library and other campus
facilities, and 5) Resources ($).

Comments from these brain-storming sessions included the following:
1. There is a need for an academic partnership between librarians,
non-library faculty, and computing professionals to develop and implement
programs of information literacy and information management.
2. The role of the librarian as educator and teacher needs to be recognized
and affirmed.
3. Our present collections are the foundation on which our access to
information rests as we need to recognize that the preservation of these
collections is essential.
4. There is a need for cooperation and coordination of the various groups
that plan information access and delivery systems. It will be important for
campus presidents to help initiate this cooperation.
5. There is a need to develop a plan for recommendations for implementation
of the President's report.
6. Fiscal support for integrated systems, human resources, professional
development, facilities maintenance, environmental controls (HVAC) and
adequate storage facilities is essential.
7. The development and support of distance learning programs will be
important in providing equitable access to educational resources.
8. Implementation of an information access fee, modeled after SCAP funds,
could be implemented to subsidize additive costs during this time of
transition. It was recognized that there will be serious resistance to
implementing a fee for services that are widely believed to be basic
resources for a student's education.

In the afternoon, Christine Haile, Associate Vice Chancellor for
Educational Technology, spoke to the Council. She announced that a
SUNY/California State "study group" is being created to look at issues
centering around library systems and technology. She also announced that
the University Senate has appointed a Distance Learning Committee to look
at academic policies. Plans for the allocation of 1994/95 funds include
upgrading the SUNYNET and creating additional sites to provide distance
learning and video conferencing.

We then moved to a session in which Chris Haile and two members of the
President's Commission (Alice Chandler from New Paltz and Ken Wing from
Cobleskill) spoke about the Commission's report. Chris Haile asked the
Council of Library Directors Executive Board to present an action plan for
implementation of the Presidents Commission Report. The Executive Board, is
expected to submit this action to Chris Haile soon.

The Annual Busines Meeting was held Friday morning. Section reports
included a resolution from the Arts and Sciences campuses which articulated
how critical the SUNYNET is to SUNY Library systems and the immediate need
for extra staff that can keep the SUNYNET available evenings and weekends.

Throughout the conference, there was a sincere desire expressed by Chris
Haile and the Council of Library Directors to hold a joint conference of

the SUNY Council of Library Directors, SUNYLA, COA/TOA, EdTOA, and FACT.
Lyn and I responded to this request by agreeing to bring the issue before
the SUNYLA Executive Board.

The SUNY Council of Library Directors 1994/95 Executive Board is composed
of the following people:
Chair: Eleanor Carter - Cobleskill
Chair Elect: Mary-Alice Lynch - Adirondack CC
Past Chair: Cerise Oberman - Plattsburgh
Secretary: Michael McLane - Oswego
Treasurer: Suzanne Murray - Syracuse HSC
SUNY Central Representative: Glyn Evans
Section Reppentatives:
     Doctoral Institutions: Eleanor Heishman - Binghamton
     Arts and Sciences Colleges: Barbara Farah - Geneseo
     Colleges of Technology: Gail Wood - Alfred
     Community Colleges: Wanda Johnston - Broome
SUNYLA Representative: Christopher Hebblethwaite - Oswego

                Chris Hebblethwaite
                Oswego

CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS 1994

Twelve SUNY librarians were honored by receiving the Chancellor's Awards
for Excellence in Librarianship, 1994. Our congratulations to each:

Judith Adams, Buffalo
Richard Arsenty, Purchase
Lourdes Collantes, Old Westbury
Samuel Demas, Cornell
Susan Dow, Buffalo
Deborah Emerson, Monroe
Mildred Galentine-Steis, Rockland
Godlind Johnson, Stony Brook
Carol Richards, Buffalo
Joseph Swinyer, Plattsburgh
Sarah Williams Vasse, Orange
Margaret Wingate, Broome

NOT JUST COWS!

The World Wide Web Version of my guide to Internet Resources in Agriculture
is now available via our gopher and from me via e-mail requests. The file
is in HTML format without any graphics. Here is the URL. Please note that
because of its length the URL wraps to the next line.

URL:gopher://snymorva.cs.snymor.edu/hhGOPHER_ROOT1:[LIBRARY-DOCS.HTML]not_just_
cows.html

Even though it is a gopher URL, a gopher can serve up HTML documents. It
has been thoroughly tested, and it works very well. The file is quite large
so it takes a while to load. It does not contain any graphics. Please send
me any ideas or suggestions for the guide. There is a mailto URL in the
guide so it is possible to send me messages from it.

Citation:
NOT JUST COWS - A Guide to Internet/Bitnet Resources in Agriculture and
Related Sciences; World Wide Web Version; Written and Compiled by Wilfred
Drew, 5/11/94; SUNY at Morrisville College of Agriculture and Technology.

The purpose of this Guide is to make available in one place the majority of
Agricultural and Related Sciences information resources available through
the Internet. Agricultural information resources listed include; an index
of over 70 libraries with extensive collections in agriculture; over 10
Internet electronic bulletin boards (BBS) such as Advanced Technology
Information Network and CENET; WAIS databases; World Wide Web servers; a
collection of mail based services such as Almanac Servers and over 60

Listserve Discussion Groups; Gophers such as those run by the USDA
Extension Service.

This version is dedicated to my grandfather, Otis Drew. He passed away on
May 7 at the ripe old age of 95 years. He worked as a farmer and a
carpenter and always served as a source of inspiration to me. He also saw a
great many changes in his life, and I hope to be able to cope as well as he
did.

Feel free to use this guide in any way you want as long as YOU DO NOT
CHARGE ANY ONE FOR A COPY. Please keep the guide as a whole work if
possible. It took a lot of digging to assemble. If you must break it into
smaller files, please credit me as the source.

Wilfred "Bill" Drew
Morrisville

NEWS FROM THE CAMPUSES

ALFRED

Appointment
Joel Zucker joined the staff in June as Electronic Information Resources
Coordinator.

Grant
The librarry is participating in a grant with SUNY Council of Library
Directors and OCLC to offer FirstSearch to students and faculty via the
campus network.

BINGHAMTON

Appointments
Mark Colvson joined our staff on June 6, 1994, as Instruction/Reference
Librarian. Rui Wang has been appointed to the position of Government
Documents Librarian.

Sabbatical
Diane Geraci is on sabbatical until August 15, 1994.

Resignation
Jill T. Perkins resigned her position as Afro-American and African Studies
Bibliographer.

Publications
Fedunok, Suzanne, and Sharon Bonk. "Cooperative Acquisition and New
Technologies For Resource Management and Resource Sharing: An American
Model." Resource Sharing: New Technologies as a Must For Universal
Availability of Information. Ed. Ahmed H. Helal. Essen:
Universitatsbibliotek, 1994. 35-50.

Professional Activities
Prue Stelling, Reference Librarian Bibliographer for the School of
Education and Human Development spoke about "Evaluation of Materials for
Teaching Internet" and participated as a panel member at the ACRL New York
City sponsored meeting "Six Degrees of Connectedness: Different Views of
Who, What, Where and When of Internet Training in Academia" on May 25,
1994.

Suzanne Fedunok has been appointed to chair the ALA RASD Codes Collection
Development Policies Committee.

BROOME

Publications
Johnston, Wanda K. "A Look at Community College Learninnn Resources
Programs: The Way I See It." C&RL News   June 1994:366-367.
- - -, with AECT/ACRL Joint Standards Committee. "Standards for Community,
Junior, and Technical College Learning Resources Programs." C&RL News May

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1994: 274-287.
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Professional Activities
Wanda Johnston has been appointed to a three-year term on the ACRL
Monographs in Librarianship Editorial Board.
Wanda Johnston was elected secretary of the Community and Junior College
Section of ACRL.

BUFFALO (COLLEGE)

Appointment
Maryruth Glogowski, Librarian, was appointed Interim Director.

Reassignments
Mary Karen Delmont, Librarian, to Associate Archivist.
Randy Gadikian, Librarian, to Access Services Librarian.
Donna Davidoff, Associate Librarian, to Information Services.
Dr. G. Charles Newman, Associate Librarian, to Information Services.

Grant
Levirn Hill received a NYS/UUP Professional Development and Quality of
Working Life Grant for $4,180 to complete Black American Colleges and
Universities.

Publication
Hill, Levirn, ed. Black American Colleges and Universities: Profiles of
Two-year, Four-year and Professional Schools. Detroit, Michigan: Gale
Research, Inc., 1994.

Other
Hilary Sternberg and Marilyn Kihl are the Tile Team Managers heading the
asbestos abatement project at E.H. Butler Library. More than 80,000 square
feet of vinyl asbestos tile will be replaced in Phase I of the project.
Naturally, almost all of that square footage is covered with stacks that
need to be emptied of books! The library will remain open throughout this
project, and all the materials will be relocated within the library and
available to the public.

BUFFALO HEALTH SCIENCES

Tenure/Promotion
Neville Prendergast has been awarded tenure and promotion to Associate
Librarian.

Professional Activities
Sharon Gray has been appointed to the SUNY Buffalo Branch of UUP's
Affirmative Action Committee.

Award
Nancy Start was awarded the 1994 Frank Bradway Rogers Information
Advancement Award by the Medical Library Association for implementation and
maintenance of Medlib-L.

Other
Sharon Murphy is the mother of a bouncing nine pound baby boy, David!

BUFFALO (UNIVERSITY)

Continuing Appointment/Promotion
Glendora Johnson-Cooper, Oscar A. Silverman Undergraduate Library, has been
granted tenure and promoted to Associate Librarian.

Appointments
David Booze has been appointed Senior Staff Assistant in the Director's Office.
Christine Ritecz has been appointed as the third library conservation
technician in the Center for Book Preservation.
Lara Bushallow-Wilbur is the new Reference Instruction Coordinator at the
Oscar A. Silverman Undergraduate Library.

Professional Activities
Rick McRae, Music Library, read a paper derived from his thesis about the
Buffalo Black Musicians' Union Local at the annual meeting of the Music
Library Association in Kansas City in March.
On May 16, a program on "Government Information: What's in It for Me?" held
at the North Campus at SUNY/Buffalo included sessions by Susan Dow (Law
Library), Will Hepfer, Ed Herman, Mike Lavin (Lockwood Library), and Fritz
Whitcomb (Science and Engineering Library). The Western New York-Ontario
Chapter of ACRL held its spring 1994 conference on April 29 which focused
on the Internet. Loss Glazier, Judith Hopkins (Central Technical Services),
and Fritz Whitcomb (Science and Engineering Library) concentrated on
Internet training, and applications in reference and technical services.

CORTLAND

Grant
David Ritchie was awarded a U.S. Library Technologies and Cooperation grant
which will enable SUNY Cortland, SUNY HSC at Syracuse, Herkimer County
Community College, and Tompkins-Cortland County Community College to share
CD-ROM databases over SUNYNET.

Leave
Janet Selby is on a professional development leave from February
1994-August 1994 to complete the M.L.S. at SUNY Albany.

Reassignments
In a recent library reorganization the following were appointed
coordinators: Boodie McGinnis, Instructional and Public Services: Johanna
Bowen, Technical Services; Mary Beilby, Collection Development & Reference
Services; David Ritchie, Library Systems.

Professional Activities
During his recent sabbatical Selby Gration, Director of Libraries, traveled
to England and Saudi Arabia where he conducted seminars on new trends in
library automation at the University of Birmingham and King Fahd
University.

Boodie McGinnis attended meetings of the International Association for
Sports Information (IASI) held recently in Canberra, Australia. From May
5-6, she attended a seminar on Sports Information in the Oceania and Asian
Region, and from May 9-11, she attended the annual Executive Committee and
Forum meetings of ISAI. In her capacity as IASI Vice-President, Ms.
McGinnis gave a presentation on recent developments in sport information in
North America, and she served as recording secretary for the IASI Forum
Meeting. She was also elected to the Program Committee for the 10th IASI
Scientific Congress, which will be held in Paris, France in June 1997.

In May, Mary Beilby attended a 3-day training session on the multiLIS
Report Generator at Sobeco's headquarters in Montreal, funded by PDQWL.

Johanna Bowen chaired the Budget and Pricing Committee of SONAC where she
is serving as the SUNY representative 1992-1995.
Terrence J. McGovern, Johanna Bowen, and Maureen Puffer attended a workshop
on Client/Server Technology at the Onondaga County Library on April 22.
David Ritchie and Mary Beilby were presenters for part of the program on
using MARCIVE for government documents cataloging at the spring meeting of
the New York State multiLIS Users Group.
Dave Ritchie made a presentation of "Permission Granted: Shared Database
Access, from Idea to Project" at the Access and Ownership Issues Discussion
Forum held at the Liverpool Public Library on April 29.
Michael Tillman attended a workshop "Teaching in the Information Age:
Linking K-12 and Teacher Education" May 25-26 at SUNY Oswego.

FARMINGDALE

Retirement
Irene Keogh, Head of Reference retired.

Award
Michael Knauth, Library Director, was the recipient of the Chancellor's

Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

FINGER LAKES

Promotions
Sue Ann Butwell, Extension Center Librarian, was promoted to Assistant
Professor. Charlotte Cooper, Reference Librarian, was promoted to
Professor.

Awards
Sue Ann Butwell was given the Distinguished Service Award.
Susan Clayton, Media Librarian/Interlibrary Loan was given a merit award.

GENESEO

Publication
Landes, Sonja. "Interlibrary Loan Issues in Academic Libraries." Journal of
Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Information Supply 4:2
(1993):29-38.

NASSAU

Award
Florence Scarinci received the Presidential Award.

Other
The library will be installing multiLIS during June.

NIAGARA

Promotions
Nancy Verstreate, Technical Services Librarian, and Karen Ferington,
Catalog/Archives Librarian, have both been promoted to Assistant Professor.

ONEONTA

Leave
While Diane Clark is on leave, Sally Goodwin is Acting Head of Cataloging.

Grant
Kay Benjamin received a PDQWL grant to explore the Internet, update an
Internet manual, and provide training workshops for librarians.

Professional Activities
Sally Goodwin is Cluster Coordinator and Helen Stayman is Authority Control
Coordinator for multiLIS.

ONONDAGA

Promotion
Gretchen Roberts, Periodicals Librarian, was promoted to the rank of
Associate Professor.

ORANGE

Award
Sarah Vasse, Collection Development Librarian, has become OCCC's first
recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

OSWEGO

Promotions
Natalie Sturr has bee promoted to Librarian.
Jun Wang has been promoted to Senior Assistant Librarian.

Grants
Lee Ann Johst was awarded a PDQWL grant for $3508 and will use the leave
time to complete the Reading Practicum course toward a master's in
Education - Reading. Lee Ann is expected to complete her second masters in
1995.
Lee Ann Johst was awarded a North Country 3R's Professional Development
Program grant for $310 to attend the Perspectives in Children's Literature"
conference in Amherst, MA on April 30th.

Jun Wang was awarded a PDQWL grant for $2973 and is going to use the leave
time to do independent research in preparation for her Doctoral Program
Comprehensive Exam at Northern Illinois University.
Tom Larson, Coordinator of Reference & Database Services, received a
professional development grant from the North Country 3R's Council. He
attended "Making Connections," the 23rd Annual Workshop on Instruction in
Library Use, held in Ottawa, May 18-20. A summary of Tom's impressions will
appear in a future issue of Points North, the NC3R's newsletter.

PLATTSBURGH

Awards
Cerise Oberman received the Miriam Dudley Library Instruction Award at the
June ALA meeting in Miami, Florida.
Joe Swinyer has received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Professional Activities
Nancy Hoshlyk has been re-elected Chairperson of NYSMug.

Publication
Miranda, Michael. "Role Playing and Teams: A Research Project for Business
School Students." Research Strategies: A Journal of Library Concepts and
Instruction 12 (1994)

STONY BROOK

Appointment
Scott Koziol, Sr. Asst. Librarian, was appointed to Serials/Acquisitions
Services, March 1, 1994.

Awards
Godlind Johnson, Engineering Librarian, is Stony Brook's recipient of this
year's Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.
Donna Sammis, Instructional Support Specialist, Inter-Library Loan, has
received a 1994 PresidentUs Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

Professional Activities
John B. Smith, Director of Libraries, has recently been appointed to
membership on the following committees: ALA Standing Committee on Library
Education; ARL Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee; Long Island
University Palmer School of Library and Information Science Curriculum
Committee.
Evert Volkersz, Special Collections Librarian, has recently delivered two
papers: one to the Mid-Atlantic Archives Conference Spring Meeting, New
York City, May 13, 1994 entitled, "Of Sumps and Emergency Core Cooling
Systems: Conservation and Environmental Records at the University of Stony
Brook" and the other, "A Bibliographical Commentary on Dutch and
Flemish-Belgian American and Dutch and Flemish-Belgian Canadian Immigrant
Accounts" to the Seventh Interdisciplinary Conference on Netherlandic
Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, June 3, 1994.

STONY BROOK HEALTH SCIENCES

Appointment
Ugen Gombo was appointed as an Instructional Support Associate in Acquisitions.

Resignations
Ruth Marcolina has resigned her position as Director.
Esther Wei has resigned her position as Head of Reference.

Other
Jeanne Galbraith has returned after a leave to serve as secretary of United
University Professions in Albany.

SUFFOLK

Professional Activities
Lisa Melendez was part of a panel discussion at a conference at the
University of California at Santa Barbara, March 24-25, 1994. A panel
presented "Diversity & Diversifying in a Downsized Library" as part of a
conference on "The Upside of Downsizing: Using BI to Cope." Papers
presented at this conference will be published next year.

ULSTER

Other
This year we have introduced a new three-credit course entitled "Electronic
Access to Information." We are preparing to teach a newly approved
one-credit course, "Information Literacy," next spring. One of the
innovative features of LIB 111 (Information Literacy) is that we have
invited faculty from across the campus to teach this course, which will be
offered on a discipline-specific basis. We are currently planning to offer
a training program for interested faculty with the assistance of the
Teaching/Learning Center on campus. Please contact Patricia Carroll-Mathes
or Larry Berk if you have an interest in the instructional initiative.

UTICA

Grant
Eileen Allen received a PDQWL Grant to attend ALA-Midwinter as Eastern New
York Chaper of ACRL representative to CLS' National Advisory Committee.

Publication
Eileen Allen has written an index for: Sapon-Shevin, Mara. Playing
Favorites: Gifted Education and the Disruption of Community. Albany, NY:
SUNY Press, 1994.

Other
Nancy Kaiser has started a group called CATS (Central Area Technical
Services). At this time, there are 25 members from all types of central New
York libraries. In August, CATS will co-sponsor a session on SISAC - a
system to identify serials by barcode. If interested, contact Nancy at
snak@sunyit.edu.

WESTCHESTER

Appointment
Joseph Fucci was hired in Jan. 1994 as Assistant Coordinator of
Bibliographic Instruction.

Publication
Loomba, Mary, Louis Chicatelli, and Don Gregory, eds. Voices From This
Small Planet: International Student Essays. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt
Publishing Co., 1994. (In production)

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