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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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COA (SUNY Computing Officers Assoc.)

Eleanor Gossen - Albany

Meeting dates and locations for this year's Executive Board and Council will be as follows:

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

Chris Hebblethwaite
President, SUNYLA

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 ad hoc 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 (volkmak@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 conferece 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 cataloging 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 ILL requests 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 stressed 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 enthusiastically 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.

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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/hgopher_root1:[library-docs.html]library.html
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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 Business 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 Representatives:
 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

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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 Arseny, 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://snyomorva.cs.snyomor.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 library 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: Universitatsbibliothek, 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 Learning 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

1994: 274-287.

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 Gratton, 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.

GENESEEO

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 Verstrete, 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 been 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 Chapter 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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