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A DVD of Ms. Vargha's presentation is available upon request. Please contact [Mangala Krishnamurthy](#) for a copy.

President's Letter

Greetings SLA Alabama Chapter members. We have had a very busy year so far! In January, Mangala Krishnamurthy and I attended the Leadership Summit in Houston. We gained valuable information about the workings of SLA, and were energized for the New Year.

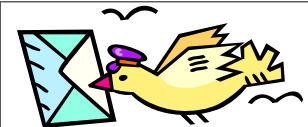
In February, I spoke with the newly-revived student chapter at the University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Studies about the benefits of SLA membership. Welcome to our new student members! You will find membership in SLA to be valuable to your professional development.

March 8th-10th, the chapter hosted Rebecca Var-

gha, SLA's president-elect, at UA SLIS. Members enjoyed Rebecca's insightful comments on librarians of the future and a beautiful reception, catered by Joyce Kelly. Thanks to everyone who made this event happen, and to everyone who attended.

At UA Honors Day, we presented the Florine Oltman Award to Beth Riggs, student chapter Vice President who has been integral in planning chapter activities.

Recently, we conducted a survey to assess members' needs. Responses will be used to shape the direction of future chapter activities. Information on participating in the [survey](#) can be found in this newsletter. I encourage you to



make your voice heard!

Look for more information coming soon on summer and fall programming, including our annual professional development conference.

Again, thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to make our chapter strong and our events successful. If you have ideas, concerns, or comments, I'd love to hear from you.

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Rebecca Vargha visits the University of Alabama

On Thursday, March 9, 2006, the newly re-activated University of Alabama Study Chapter of SLA was honored by and enthusiastically participated in a day long visit from Ms. Rebecca B. Vargha, Librarian for the School of Information and Library Science at the Univer-

sity of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and President-Elect of the Special Library Association. The event was co-sponsored by the Alabama Chapter of SLA and the University of *continued on page 3*



From Left: Rebecca Vargha, Sybil Bullock, and Mangala Krishnamurthy



Catering was provided by Joyce Kelly

Rebecca Vargha

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Alabama School of Library and Information Studies. During her day at the University of Alabama, Ms. Vargha spent much of her time interacting with current students, answering their questions about careers in special libraries and offering encouragement and advice, first during a session of Professor Sybil Bullock's Special Libraries class and then during a meeting of the SLA Student Chapter. Ms. Vargha also met with various faculty of

the School and toured several of the on campus libraries. A reception open to all librarians, faculty, and students was held that evening, followed by a lecture presentation by Ms. Vargha entitled "Library Staff of the Future: Gazing into the Crystal Ball." The success of Ms. Vargha's visit was due to the efforts of many, especially Professor Sybil Bullock and Dr. Elizabeth Aversa at the University of Alabama, Alabama SLA Chapter President

Tatum Preston, and Alabama SLA Chapter President-Elect Mangala Krishnamurthy.
-Martha Ralls
President of Student Chapter of Alabama SLA

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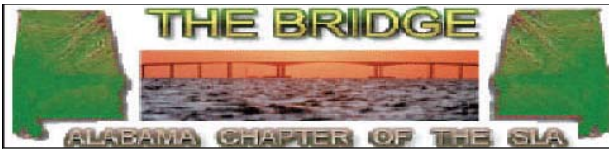
Mangala wins SLA Diversity Leadership Development Award



Our very own, Mangala Krishnamurthy, has been awarded the [SLA Diversity Leadership Development Award](#). The Diversity Leadership Development Award is given to an active member that represents a group that is under represented in the Association. Mangala will be required to

attend this years SLA Annual Conference. Through this award, she will be given \$1,000 for travel to the conference, complimentary registration, and she will be assigned a mentor to help her understand better how the Association works and the roles of the Association's leaders. Mangala

is a native of India. She is currently working as a reference librarian at Rodgers Library for Science and Engineering at the University of Alabama. She is also the president-elect for our chapter. Congratulations Mangala! Our chapter is proud of your accomplishment!



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<http://www.sla.org/chapter/cal/>



SLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SLA will hold its Annual Conference in **Baltimore, MD, USA, June 11-14, 2006** at the Baltimore Convention Center. The conference will create an environment for networking, communication, learning and other developmental opportunities for information professionals.

[Register to attend
now on the web!](#)



Welcome New Members!



Martha Ralls, Student Chapter President on right and Beth Riggs, Student Chapter Vice President on left

Virginia Allison
Piper Cumbo
Katherine Kohler
Agnes Muriuki
Martha Ralls
Beth Riggs
Bernadette Roche
Madeline Sims
Erin Thrift
John Sandy

And a huge THANK
YOU to our renewing
members!