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## President's Letter

Recently a friend of mine died. He was young – 31 – way too young to die. I watched him suffer in silence and struggle to maintain hope and I watched his young wife care for him, nurse him, love him and hope with him. Together they tried to maintain a “normal” lifestyle by working, going to school, and studying. But most importantly during his illness, they continued to be good, kind, giving people, available to provide encouraging words, a meal, a smile or a listening ear. I know this is all very sad. Maybe I have a need to tell you because, although the death of someone I care deeply about is not new to me (I am middle aged, after all,) this particular death hit me hard and got me thinking about the myriad of opportunities available to us to give back to those who have helped us through this short journey called life -- our friends, our family, our community and our profession.

Being a part of SLA and volunteering on the local chapter level is one of those very fulfilling acts of “giving back” professionally. It allows those coming after us to have a better future, it helps shape the direction of the profession, it helps us grow as people and gain new skills and meet some wonderful people. And after listening to Janice Lachance's remarks regarding the internet summit in Tunisia, (<http://www.blueskybroadcast.com/client/sla0306/>) I am convinced that by being a participant in SLA today we will have a major impact on the future of information use for generations to come. Therefore, I encourage each of you to volunteer to help our profession by helping Central Ohio SLA. If we call upon you, please say “YES”. If no one calls you, call us or e-mail us and let us know of your availability and willingness to help. Please, write an article and send it in for publication in the CO-SLA Bulletin or for posting on

the website. If networking is your forte then encourage others in the profession to join SLA. The opportunities in our fast changing careers are terrific and exciting but those opportunities need you to make them make a difference. Please visit [www.sla.org/chapter/ccno/](http://www.sla.org/chapter/ccno/) for more information about our meetings and our chapter and visit [www.sla.org](http://www.sla.org) for information about the SLA 2006 Annual Conference in Baltimore

Sincerely,

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## Perkins Observatory



Tom Burns

In December, the SLA Mid-Ohio Chapter took a trip to Perkins Observatory. The evening was marked by a delightful presentation given by its director, Tom Burns. Tom, you might know from his astronomy columns published in the Columbus Dispatch. Not only was his

presentation lively and interesting, it also included a non-scary, yet, slightly inspirational ghost story (sorry, you had to be there.) Mr. Burns, while impish and sometimes downright silly, conveyed a truly genuine passion for astronomy. In addition, our tour included a view of the

humongous (69 inch mirror) Perkins telescope along with a tour of the Perkins Library. While the library was quite small, at one time it was considered one of the finest Astronomy collections in the country with visits from scholars and astronomers from throughout the world.

## Kent State Panel Forum by Meri Meredith

According to Meri Meredith, the CO-SLA February meeting at Kent State was a smashing success. There were 15 in attendance who got to enjoy a rousing debate along with free pizza and soda. Larry Olszewski from OCLC was the moderator. Panel members were Larry, Karen Jensen from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and

Meri Meredith from the Business Library at the Ohio State University. Each described their career path and the working environment in their libraries. There were lots of questions; many about what skills were needed, climbing the ladder, the working environment, and which courses should be taken in order to get a job. Justification for the library and how to achieve visibility were

also discussed. The bottom line message was to get your foot in the door and work your way up. Membership in SLA was discussed as well as the benefits of membership, networking, and the annual conference which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland in June. Five students signed up to shadow a librarian.

## Shadowing Day

Three SLA members, John Holtzclaw, Jim Hunter, and Joyce Klayman volunteered to host this year's Shadowing Day. The three Kent State students who participated were Lowell Lybarger, Susan McGowan, and Emily Glenn

All participants agreed that it was a positive experience for the students who spent their day learning the ins and outs of running a Special Library. According to Meri Meredith, Student Outreach Co-coordinator, "Everyone

had such a great time; I look forward to doing it again next year."

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## Interview with Emily Glenn by Terry Fogle

On April 18<sup>th</sup> Ashland Inc. participated in Shadowing Day sponsored by the Central Ohio Chapter of the Special Library Association. Much to my good fortune, this gave me the opportunity to interview Emily Glenn, who happened to be our student.

**Terry: What prompted you to become a librarian?**

**Emily:** *I was working at WCBE (90.5) a public radio station funded by the Columbus Public Schools. Like most publicly funded institutions they experienced budget cuts and my job was eliminated. That's when I decided to go back to school and get my degree in*

*Library Science.*

**Terry: Have you worked elsewhere before completing your degree?**

**Emily:** *As I mentioned I worked 2 years at WCBE as a public relations assistant. I did additional PR work for fund raising events sponsored by the Dublin Arts Council and Canine Companions. I did my internship at the Columbus Dispatch. And presently, I am working part-time for Janet Bix at the Ohio Department of Transportation.*

**Terry: What schools have you attended?**

**Emily:** *In 2000, I received*

*my undergraduate degree in Journalism from Ohio University and will I obtain my MLS degree from Kent State University in May.*

**Terry:** To what professional organizations do you belong and what leadership positions have you had in any of these organizations?

**Emily:** *I joined SLA in the spring of 2005, and the American Library Association last fall. Soon I will be replacing Terry Fogle as the new editor of the **Co-SLA Bulletin**.*

**Terry: Do you have any librarian role models and why do you look up to them?**

**Emily:** *Janet Bix, my boss at ODOT and Jim Hunter at the Columbus Dispatch. Both of them are innovative and are passionate about their libraries. I really appreciate Janet Bix who keeps her library safe from budget cuts.*

**Terry: Do you have any comments regarding your Shadowing Day experience here at Ashland.**

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## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Bal.	\$5,791.39
Interest	\$68.70
Deposits	\$0.00
Withdrawals	\$0.00
Current Yield	3.40 %
Ending Bal.	\$5,860.00

\* Combined Checking and Savings



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## Calendar

### 2006 Great Lakes Regional Conference

**When:** September 6-8, 2006  
**Where:** Indianapolis, Indiana

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## Awards

### Mary T. Kim Scholarship

The first recipient of the Mary T. Kim Scholarship is Emily Glenn. It was officially announced at the end of year business meeting held on May 25, 2006 at the Der Dutchman restaurant. Meri Meredith, student outreach co-ordinator presented Emily her award. The Scholarship was created in memory of Dr. Mary Kim who touched the lives of many SLIS students while serving as Director of the KSU-SLIS Columbus Campus for more than 20 years until

her death in 2004. The scholarship is awarded to students pursuing their Masters in Library and Information Science at Kent State University preference going to students attending the Columbus Campus

### Vormelker-Thomas Student Ward

We are proud to announce the winner of the Vormelker-Thomas Student Award goes to Emily Glenn. Each year the News Division of the Special Libraries Association invites graduate students and December graduates interested in a career in

news librarianship to apply for the Vormelker-Thomas Student Ward. The award, co-sponsored by the News Division and Proquest, is a \$1500.00 stipend to assist students attending their first Special Libraries Association Annual Conference. The 2006 Annual Conference will be June 11-14, 2006 in Baltimore Maryland. Emily is a MLS student at Kent State University. Read more about Emily in the librarian interview section.



Emily Glenn  
Vormelker-Thomas Award

## Business Meeting at Der Dutchman by Joyce Klayman

The CO-SLA annual business meeting was held on May 25, 2006 at the Der Dutchman restaurant in Plain City, Ohio. Twenty-five people attended the meeting which featured the famed Der Dutchman food and lots of discussion. The slate of new officers for 2007 was approved as were the changes to the Advisory Council. New to the executive board in Central Ohio is Amy Disch of the *Columbus Dispatch* who will serve as President-Elect. Additionally Karen Jensen changed Advisory Council positions to become the new Membership Chair, leaving Public Relations

Chair vacant Advisory Council members had the opportunity to report on events over the past year. Priscilla Ratliff, Consultation Chair, reported on several inquiries that she fielded regarding setting up a library or working with a new collection. Mary Lou Baker Jones, the CO-SLA Webmaster requested input regarding the website and Kemberly Lang, Discussion List chair reported that there are over 200 members on the CO-SLA list serv. And Karen Jensen, in her new position as Membership Chair asked for persons interested in participating in a membership committee

to contact her. The final event of the evening was the presentation of the Mary T. Kim Memorial Scholarship. Emily Glenn, the first recipient of the award and an MLS student at Kent State University, Columbus, was presented with a certificate and a check from Central Ohio SLA by Meri Meredith, Student Liaison.

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## Editor's Corner by Terry Fogle

Well, it's time for me to bid adieu. I want to thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to edit and publish your Bulletin. When I began, my vision was to provide a more intimate accounting of what goes on in our organization and our careers as librarians. Moreover, I realized that

chapter members who are scattered throughout Central Ohio and who often cannot attend meetings, should - at the least - be included in a recap of a recent tour to a special library or other fun and interesting events going on with SLA. Hopefully, I have succeeded. Currently, we

have over 200 members; yet, how many of us know who they are, or what they do, or where they work? That's why I relish the librarian interviews. I truly enjoyed the candor and the responses I got from both Amy Disch and Emily Glenn whom I had the privilege to interview. Hopefully, they will continue. In closing, I want you all to welcome Emily Glenn, my successor. I know she will be an asset.

### Emily Glenn (continued from p. 3)

**Emily:** *I find it to be very different from the other libraries I've worked in. I was particularly impressed by your large and friendly staff, and the cost accounting system you use to charge*

*back for your services*

**Terry: What other information would you like to share about yourself?**

**Emily:** *I am married to an*

*IT guy, We call ourselves geeks— but on opposite ends of the “geek spectrum.” I lift weights and run 8 mile marathons. We have a terrier named Fritz, and oh yes—I just won the Vormelker-Thomas Award which is awarded by the News Division of SLA.*

### New Members

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