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President's Message

—Submitted by *Debbie Hatfield*

The gray cold days of winter are enough to make us all sluggish -- maybe even want to curl up and snooze until Spring. But wait! There is too much going on in the Kentucky Chapter to doze off now. Just look at what's coming up:

- Board members Larry Besant, Lil Mesner, Pat Wilson, and myself will be representing the Chapter at the Mid-Winter Business Meeting.

- Plans are in the works for a fabulous open board meeting and luncheon at the Headley-Whitney Museum in February. Keep your eyes open for the announcement.

- The joint Spring Meeting with KLA is shaping up nicely. Preliminary program information should be out in February.

- It won't be long before the 87th annual conference is held in Boston. Preliminary Conference Programs will arrive in your mailbox in March.

It's time to be thinking ahead to nominations for officers for the coming year and for member awards. New members who have never held an office, done be reticent about expressing your interest to a current board member. Serving as an officer in your organization is a great way to serve your profession and get to know some fun and interesting people at the same time. Also, recognizing a peer for contribution to the profession is an important way to say thank you to those who have served. Think about whom you might want to nominate for this year's awards.

Do you have an idea for a program? Let us know. Great meeting places with good food are always well received.

There. Your calendar is book through Spring '96. That should be enough to shake you out of the winter doldrums.



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New Members

—Submitted by Meg Shaw

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Geographic Information Systems: What and Why?

—Submitted by Debbie Hatfield and Larry Besant

A picture really is worth a thousand words. Drs. Ronald Mitchelson, Yu Luo and Doug Robinson demonstrated that exceptionally well with their polished presentation to the fifty attendees at the Kentucky Chapter Fall Meeting held in Brandenburg, Kentucky at the historic Doe Run Inn (built 1821, operated as a country inn since 1927).

“Smart Maps” have an impact that charts and graphs or text simply cannot equal; and Geographic Information Systems have become a hot topic in all types of libraries as a new way to organize, create, and present information in ways that can be compelling and straight forward, sometimes even exciting.

GIS has been the subject of special issues of many journals, including INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND LIBRARIES (Vol. 14, no. 2, June 1995) and JOURNAL OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIANSHIP (Vol.

21, no. 4, July 1995). Copies of the latter issue were provided to meeting attendees in part by a generous subsidy from Dr. Mitchelson, who is also co-chair of Morehead State University’s Center for Community and Economic Development. The presents also furnished copies of demonstration GIS software, videos, and brochures from ESRI (the major GIS system vendor). In fact, the meeting was something of a bonus/bargain for those attending. A similar session offered in November by SOLINET cost up to \$225 per person.

The presentations at the KY/SLA meeting were as entertaining as they were informative. The attendees were also treated to a preview of the Atlas of Kentucky on CD-ROM. This virtual reality multimedia tour of the Commonwealth is spectacular and is sure to be a hit. It is being published by the University Press of Kentucky with a target release date sometime in the fall of 1997.

Doug Robinson, who serves as Kentucky’s GIS guru, took the meeting on a quick side trip of the plans for the Kentucky Information Superhighway. For the non-map librarians in the audience (i.e. those whose eyes glazed over when the phrase “digital orthophotos” was mentioned), Doug made an understandable and thoughtful pitch for the abiding importance to Kentucky for completing the ongoing work on the state-wide “digital base map.”

All-in-all, as the meeting evaluations indicated, it was a worthwhile and interesting opportunity to “put knowledge to work.”



February KY/SLA Board Meeting

—Submitted by Sandy Challman

The next KY/SLA Chapter's board meeting will be held Monday, February 19, 1996, 12:00 noon at the Headley-Whitney Museum, on Old Frankfort Pike in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Headley-Whitney Museum was established by George W. Headley III and his wife Barbara Whitney Peck. George W. Headley III (1908-1985) was born to Louise Adams Headley and George William Headley, Jr. in Lynchburg, Virginia. He studied art at the Art Student's League in New York and L'Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris. In 1960, Headley married Barbara Whitney Peck, sister of Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney. Together they founded the Headley-Whitney Museum in 1968 and established a place for the public to view unique jeweled creations, collections of unusual art and artifacts, and the scholarly collection of volumes in the Decorative Arts Library.

The address for the Headley-Whitney Museum is:

4435 Old Frankfort Pike
Lexington, Kentucky

Directions for reaching the Museum are: take New Circle Road to Old Frankfort Pike Exit (Exit #6). Go west (out of town) on Old Frankfort Pike for approximately 4.5 miles. The Headley-Whitney Museum will be on the right.

Particulars for the meeting follow.
WHEN: Monday, February 19, 1995.
TIME: 12:00 (noon).

Participants will eat lunch at noon, followed by a short meeting, and concluding with a guided tour of the Museum.

COST: \$18.00 members ; \$15.00 students.

Please send RSVP's for the meeting by February 12, 1995 to:

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201-B King Library North
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Lexington, KY 40506-0039
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Update on Library Laws

—Submitted By Christie Robinson

Our chapter's most recent publication Library Laws of Kentucky has been a big hit. The only publication of its kind in Kentucky, everyone who has seen it is complimentary of the work and the idea. The publication, an abridged version of the various laws, statutes and regulations governing libraries in Kentucky, is priced at \$15.00 per copy.

As a concise collection of these laws, the piece has become a handy reference tool for librarians, lawmakers, researchers, historians, as well as library supporters and users. As a chapter member, you, too, would benefit by having a copy for your desk. We encourage each of the chapter members to purchase their copy of "Library Laws" by contacting any of the committee members:

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In addition to being available from the committee members, Library Laws of Kentucky will be available for sale at these three Spring Conferences:

C&YAS Section Conference -
March 28-30 - Cumberland Falls
State Park;

Academic/Special Section/SLA -
April 4-5 - Jenny Wiley State Park;

Public Library Section Conference
- May 8-10 - Radisson Hotel, Lexington.



Affirmative Action and Public Relations Committees Report

—Submitted by Sandy Challman

The Affirmative Action and Public Relations Committees continue to work on development of presentation materials for use by the membership when working with schools and persons interested in careers in special libraries. The committees presented the results of work to date on this project during the recent Fall conference and gained many suggestions on ways to refine and complete the plans. Since that time, revisions have been made to the display and

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transparency materials and a cross section of schools have been contacted to solicit interest in our career day presentation. anyone desiring additional information on the project may contact Sandy Challman or Susan Byars.

Additionally, the committees are designing a poster to be used during the 1996 International Special Libraries Day. It is hoped that the design will be approved at the upcoming February meeting and made available to anyone who wishes to make a color copy of the poster.



KLA/SLA Joint Spring Conference

—Submitted by *Ebba Jo Sexton*

The Spring Conference of the KLA Academic and Special Sections and the Kentucky Chapter of SLA will be held at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, near Prestonsburg, Ky., on April 4-5, 1996. The theme of the meeting is "Information Literacy: Transforming Education and the Workplace." General Session Speakers are: Dr. Jose-Marie Griffiths, Director of the School of Information Science and Acting Vice-Chancellor for Information Infrastructure, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Mary Treacy, Director of METRONET, St. Paul, Minn.; and Terrence F. Mech, Vice-President for King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. There will also be two

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Treasurer's Report: 12/31/95

—Submitted by *Alice Marksberry*

Savings Account Balance (12/31/95)	\$1378.65
Checking Account Balance (12/31/95)	\$2340.10
Deposits	
Registration for August Board Meeting	\$ 576.00
Reimbursements (student lunch, Lib Laws cash)	\$ 220.00
Sponsorship for Fall Conference	\$ 500.00
Registrations for Fall Conference	\$ 624.00
Total for deposits	\$1920.00
Expenses	
SilverSpoon for August meeting	\$ 710.62
Audio Visuals/LV for August meeting	\$ 25.90
Postage for KY/SLA directories	\$ 48.86
KY/SLA part of Joint Nat'l Reception	\$ 158.80
Speaker's gift for August meeting	\$ 10.60
Postmaster for stamps	\$ 38.40
Kinko's for stationary & directories	\$ 31.23
Papa John's for student pizza lunch	\$ 105.00
JAI Press for issues at Fall Conference	\$ 350.00
Kinko's for SLA newsletter	\$ 233.80
*Expenses for Library Laws Project	\$ 47.02
*Legislative Research Comm/KAR's	\$ 1.70
*Cash for sale of Library Laws at KLA	\$ 150.00
Susan Dwyer (reimburse for meeting)	\$ 15.00
Doe Run Inn (Fall Conference)	\$ 495.40
Fall Conference expenses	\$ 315.81
Total for expenses	\$2738.14
Balance for Checking Account (11/17/95)	\$1521.96
Student Chapter subaccount	\$ 132.00
Grand Total (checking & savings account)	\$3032.61
SLA LOAN FOR DIRECTORIES	\$3000.00
Payment to Banks Baldwin	\$2925.00 (\$75.00 balance)
Deposit of KY Laws sales	\$ 512.70 (33 sales total as of 12/95)
Balance for SLA Loan	\$ 587.70
GRAND TOTAL IN ALL SLA BANK ACCOUNTS	\$3620.31
*(Expenses related to Kentucky Library Laws Project)	

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programs planned by the KLA Library Instruction and the KLA Administration and Management Round tables. The call for mini-session proposals was due January 17, 1996. Reservations for the Resort conference rate accommodations must be made very early: deadline is March 3, 1996. A near-by Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg will accept reservations until March 27. The planning Committee is making every effort to get the Conference mailing out in early February. We are asking all those who plan to attend to make a special effort to get your reservations in the mail, ASAP. Jenny Wiley should be a beautiful location in April. We are well pleased with the program's potential and hope to see you there. □

Student Chapter to Host Reception for SLIS Director and SLA Members

—Submitted by Joe Miller

I am pleased to announce the election of Ms Deidra Payne (see next story), as the new president of the student chapter, taking over from Pam Cobbs, who has graduated from the program. Deidra has many exciting activities planned for the students this semester, including a "Meet the Director" reception for Dr. Donald Case, Director of the School of Library and Information Science, and the Kentucky SLA Chapter. I would like to invite all members to

join us for this opportunity to meet Donald in an informal setting and hear his remarks on some of the issues confronting the school and our profession.

When: Tuesday, March 19 at 5:30 PM.

Where: Fifth Quarter Restaurant, 2305 Nicholasville Rd, Lexington, KY

How: Communicate your intention to attend by contacting Joe Miller at the SLIS (jbmill00@ukcc.uky.edu or 606-257-8854) by March 11, 1996.

We will have a private room at the restaurant and order from a banquet menu with five choices; price is \$12.99 plus taxes and a 15% gratuity. We need to have a minimum of 25 people for our private room reservation to be honored. There is no registration fee, but since we must know how many are attending, please make your reservation soon. Hope to see you there! □

Fall Student Chapter Report

—Submitted by Pam Cobbs

On Wednesday, October 11, 1995, the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science Student Chapter of the SLA held a pizza party as part of its membership drive. We had a fantastic turnout, with over fifty people attending.

Students who attended the party had an opportunity to talk with the

members about work in special libraries and the benefits of membership in SLA. As a result, we picked up several new members. Thanks to all of the local chapter members who joined us, including Kentucky Chapter president Debbie Hatfield. Many thanks to our advisor Joe Miller for all of his help. The event was generously funded by the local chapter of SLA and the School of Library and Information Science.

I will be graduating in December and going on to the Communications program to work on my Ph.D. As a result, I'll be resigning from the office of president of the student chapter at the end of the semester (Fall '95). An election was held to select a president for the Spring semester. Deidra Payne, a new student in the program (who joined SLA during the membership drive in October!) was elected and will be taking over the office of president in January, 1996. Deidra's e-mail address is dapayn0@ukcc.uky.edu if you'd like to get in touch with her to offer any suggestions or to welcome her to SLA.

The student chapter is looking forward to an exciting Spring semester. We're planning some great activities and hope to be able to get together with local members for chapter events. □

Student Chapter News

—Submitted by Deidra Payne

The University of Kentucky student chapter have many interesting excursions planned during the Spring of 1996. Pam Cobbs, the chapter's previous President, graduated from the School in December. I was elected into the position and I am looking forward to the responsibility and increased involvement. Joe Miller has remained the chapter's faculty advisor and Micaela Ayers has also retained her position as Secretary/Treasurer.

We have scheduled at least one activity/trip per month. Some of the places include Keeneland, Lexmark, High Bridge, KDLA/KY Historical Society, and Shakertown. We are also planning an activity to introduce Dr. Donald Case, the Library School's new Director, to the entire Kentucky Chapter. (See "Reception" story).

SLA Job Hotline

—From the National Office

SpeciaLine, the SLA telephone job hotline, has a new number -- (202) 234-4700 ext. 1. SpeciaLine carries announcements of job openings for special librarians and other information professionals and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Listings are updated every other Friday.

Employers wishing to list openings may fax them to SpeciaLine at (202)265-9317 or mail them to Job Hotline, SLA, 1700 18th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009-2508. The fee

for a two-week listing is \$50. Contact Tacy Lofty at (202) 234-4700, ext. 649 for additional information.

Calendar of Upcoming SLA Events

—From the National Office

March 21-22: Middle Management Institute, San Francisco, CA.

April: Distance Learning Program, dates and sites to be determined.

June 8-9: Middle Management Institute, Boston, MA.

June 8-9: Executive Management Program, Boston, MA.

June 8-13: Annual Conference CE Program, Boston, MA

August 8-9: Middle Management Institute, Toronto, ON.

September: Distance Learning Program, dates and sites to be determined.

October 29-30: Middle Management Institute, Albuquerque, NM.

November 7-8: State-of-the-Art Institute, Washington, DC.

For more information, contact Tracy Lofty, Manager of Professional Development, SLA, 1700 Eighteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009. (202)234-4700 or tracy@sla.org.

David Brin to Speak at SLA Annual Conference in Boston

—From the National Office

Dr. David Brin, world-famous science fiction writer and scientist, will be speaking at the Annual Conference in Boston, June 8-13, 1996. His speech is entitled "Libraries and the Flow of Information - Fundamental Changes in the 20 to 100 Years Ahead", and is scheduled for June 10, 1996 at 1:30 PM.

SLA and FID/ET Adopt a Library School Project

—From the National Office

SLA and the International Federation for Information and Documentation Education and Training Committee (FID/ET) have launched a joint project that needs your help. Special librarians who have duplicate copies of professional journals or who regularly read and then discard them are requested to save these issues for donation to one of the approximately 50 library schools in Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa that have expressed interest in receiving journals. Contact Dr. Irene Wormell, Royal School of Librarianship, Birketinget 6, DK-2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark. Phone +45-3158 6066, fax +45 3284 0201, e-mail iw@db.dk.

Winter Conference Report

—Submitted by Lil Mesner

People who have never been to Winter Meeting often visualize it as something as large as the June

Annual Conference. However, in size, it's quite small. This year we had just over 200 people attend, which is about the norm.

Anyone can come to Winter Meeting, but some people are obliged to come. Since the purpose of the meeting is the business of the Association, all Association officers, Association office staff, Chapter and Division officers, and especially program planners should be there.

The format of meeting is different from the Conference. In order to explain what all went on, I'm going to proceed according to the schedule and try to describe the things that other Kentucky people and I went to.

Wednesday

This was the day most people arrived. Nothing official happened until 7 pm when the SLA Awards Committee had an executive session and there was a "networking opportunity" at the bar in the hotel.

Most of us got there in the afternoon, so we (Larry Besant, Deb Hatfield, Joanne Goode, Pat Wilson, a gentleman from Virginia Tech, and I) all went out and had a good Chinese dinner. After dinner we migrated over to the bar and communed with some SLA notables (a couple of ex-presidents, and president elect or two and others) for awhile. A good time was had by all.

Thursday

As usual with SLA, you start the day early. Thursday was a busy day; the morning started with the Board of Directors meeting. The Board starts their agenda and then just keeps meeting until it is done. The board meeting is open to anyone unless there is a scheduled executive session. They did have an executive session from 9 am until 9:30 am, but after that it was open to observers. At the same time the SLA Nominating Committee (for the major offices) had an executive session. What Thursday morning is most noted for, however, is the DACOLT (Division And Chapter Officer Leadership Training) session.

This involves all of the Division and Chapter officers and anyone else who cares to attend.

The DACOLT sessions (held at both Winter and June Conference) are the responsibility of the Chair-elects of both the Division Cabinet (a board position) and Chapter Cabinet (also a board position). The sessions are different each time, which helps make them fun, and are always a good experience. This winter's agenda began in the usual way with the officers of the Association and the people from headquarters introducing themselves. This is where you begin to put faces to the names of people whom you've dealt with at headquarters. One of the things stressed during these introductions was that SLA is already planning into the 1997 year. The Divisions and Chapters were asked to try and start their planning as

well.

The agenda for this DACOLT Session included a lot of break-out sessions on different topics; they were leadership skills, marketing and public relations, strategic planning, membership recruitment, and parliamentary procedure. Most of the sessions are open discussion sessions and ideas flow all over the place. This is where we've gotten an awful lot of the ideas that we've used in the Kentucky Chapter.

SLA has a good tradition of providing leadership training.

DACOLT Luncheon follows the morning session and this is meant to be a networking session. It was interesting for me to be at my table because I was party to a discussion on how to resolve a very difficult issue that was going to come up in the Division Cabinet Meeting the next day. This luncheon is good for getting to know people and is also promotes a free exchange of ideas. We've picked up a lot of good ideas here too.

After lunch some DACOLT members (if not involved in conference planning) were treated to three presentations on "Coloring Outside the Lines" by Jeff Tobe, the "Internet as an SLA tool" by Hope Tillman, and "Listening Between the Lines" by Jeff Tobe. We attended two of the these, but most people went to the Conference Planning Programs.

Other activities were going on, such as the Consultation Service Committee meeting, but the real work of the afternoon was confer-

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ence planning. Both the '96 (Boston) planners were at work as well as the '97 (Seattle) planners. Jim Mears, who's head of the SLA Conference Planning Office plays a heavy role in this as well as the Conference Chairs. For the Seattle planners, it was kind of fun because they were in the stage of throwing ideas around for that conference and making connections with other units for collaborative meetings. The Boston planners, however, were hard at work because that conference is just around the corner. They were in the process of going over the fine points of scheduling and planning every little sign and room assignment. Winter meeting is usually when reality hits for the planners of that year's conference.

After the activity of the afternoon, we were all ready to go out for dinner. We all drifted together by happenstance in the bar off the lobby where several people were sitting and having a glass of some libation or other. Larry and Debbie were off by themselves totally involved in planning the application for research funds that the Chapter is going to make for the Goldspiel Research Award. After awhile hunger pangs set in and we broke them up and decided what we were going to do for dinner. Larry wanted to go to the Cleveland Reception, so we agreed to meet him there. We never did find him, so the rest of us Kentuckians went out for a superb steak dinner that we couldn't finish (they served side of beef for portions). We spent the rest of the evening just talking.

Friday

Things started even earlier on Friday. We all hauled ourselves out of bed and got downstairs for a 7:30 am Candidate's Forum. Each one of the candidates had five minutes to speak to whatever they wished and then people just generally talked together. After that was over, we headed for breakfast, since we didn't think that the Continental breakfast was going to hold us through the whole morning. Several things were going on Friday morning. The Board got back to work on its agenda, and the Nominating Committee was meeting as well as the Southwest Regional Conference Conference Planners and the Seattle June Conference Planners. Ordinarily we would have gone to the board meeting because it's so interesting to see the board process. Larry and Debbie, however, had progressed on the grant application to the point where they wanted input, so Pat, Larry, Debbie and I all went back to the hotel restaurant and sat around working on the application. At 11 am Pat and I left to go to the Information Technology Board meeting which ran until 1 pm. Three large divisions had board meetings at Winter meeting. When we were done there, we went off to the Division Cabinet Meeting.

Again, other committee meetings were going on during the afternoon, but the big meetings Friday afternoon are the two cabinet meetings for Chapters and Divisions. Generally, the Cabinet Chairs who run the meetings have an agenda, but any

special problems or issues that come up are discussed there too, with recommendations for action that go to the board. A lot of times there are no issues and these meetings can be quite short. This year however, the Division Cabinet did have a sensitive issue and that meeting had a lot of people attending. Some of you may remember that last year a petition was circulated for the start-up of a Medical Librarians Division. The petition was circulated at a Kentucky Board Meeting and a lot of us signed it. On the face of it, most of us thought that it would be good for the organization to have another division. However, what was never communicated was the fact that the medical librarians have always belonged to the Biological Sciences Division and well as Pharmaceutical and other divisions. There was a great deal of discussion about it on the Biological Sciences listserv all spring.

To make a long story short, the petition to the board for the start of the Medical Librarians Division was considered at the Division Cabinet Meeting. Two things were discussed; the petition itself and the need for the bylaws to be revised. The request for a bylaws change was made by the Biological Sciences Division last spring and is now in process with the Bylaws Committee. As far as the petition itself was concerned, what came out over and over again in the discussion was the fact that there had been no communication when this petition was started. Through some very skilled parlia-

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mentary procedure (Judy Field acting as parliamentarian) the motion for the petition was replaced by a motion that the petition be delayed until the June board meeting. In the meantime, all divisions having a stake in the process, or overlapping the subject area of medicine, are to have meetings and come to a resolution as to whether the new division be formed or not. This brought an almost unanimous ye a vote and all parties seemed very

satisfied, including the woman who had originated the petition. After the resolution is found, the committee is to report back to the Division Cabinet and a recommendation on the original petition will be sent to the board.

Needless to say, this all took quite awhile, so we were late to the next big segment of the afternoon, which was the Joint Cabinet Meeting. Fortunately, though, the agenda for the Joint Cabinets was minor and the Division question was resolved, so we got finished on time which was 5 pm. There are times, however, when issues do come out of either a Chapter Cabinet meeting or a Division Cabinet meeting that do require joint action and recommendations to the board. The last one I remember was the flap that we had a few years ago on the raising of the dues. That was one long Joint Cabinet meeting.

The official activities for Friday evening were the Leadership Reception and Banquet followed by

“dessert” with the Executive Director, David Bender. We had had it, however, so we ran upstairs and got into our grubbies and gathered a small group and went out to dinner at a divine northern Italian restaurant. It was a wonderful meal and we got to visit with a non-Kentuckian.

Saturday

Saturday is reserved for board meetings of Divisions, the SLA board meeting to finish its agenda, and any left-over Joint Cabinet business. The SLA board was still going and getting finished with its agenda, but none of this impacted us, so we flew the coop.

The whole group of us variously went shopping, went to pick up his son-in-law's 486 computer in Columbus, Ohio (that was Larry on his way home), went to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, slept late, etc. However, five of us met at 2 pm at the State Theater and saw Miss Saigon. Our party, again, included a non-Kentuckian which was fun. After Miss Saigon we went back to the hotel and, just on a whim, Debbie asked the Sans Souci Restaurant if they had had any cancellations of reservations. They had. We had tried to get there for two days and couldn't get a reservation. So we trooped in and had one of the best meals of our lives in what must be one of Cleveland's finest restaurants.

If there is no left-over business on Saturdays, it often becomes a

free day for those of us who are staying over to take advantage of the airline rates. This is one of the most fun parts of Winter meeting. For those of you who are interested, next year's Winter Meeting will be at the beach in Florida. Sunday is a day off for everyone, and then the Winter Education Conference starts on Monday and runs for three days. We all got on the plane Sunday morning and came home.

If you really want to get involved with SLA, Winter Meeting is really a great place to go. Not only do you get to network with all the other people who are involved, but get to find out a lot of good stuff. For instance, we found out these things, among others.

Many Chapters and Divisions have leadership training at that level before anyone gets to DACOLT. At least most of them have a manual. Starting in January 1997, Special Librarian and The Specialist will exist no more. In their place will be a new 8 1/2 x 11" journal type publication. They told us the new name, but it was so bland we've all forgotten it. SLA is now finishing up the Internet Gateway configuration that will allow them to support all Internet functions as well as listservs for chapters and divisions who do not have home sites to operate from. SLA now has a manager of Internet Services.

There will also be a Web site built and they are looking for input from members on what to put on the site.

So much goes on at Winter Meeting that it's hard to cover much.

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I hope, though, that this overview gives some flavor of the meeting as well as some coverage of what went on. Getting together with people and talking are really the big things.



Imesner@ukcc.uky.edu) and you will receive a form by mail or fax. Deadline for nominations is March 22, 1996. Presentation of the plaques is planned for the Spring meeting at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on April 5, 1996.



SLA Kentucky Chapter Annual Awards

—submitted by Lil Mesner

This is the time of year for nominations for the Chapter's Annual Awards. The chapter gives two awards: the Professional Award and Outstanding Chapter Member Award. Plaques are presented to the recipients of each award.

Criteria for the awards are as follows: the Professional Award is presented to an individual or group in recognition of a specific achievement in the field of librarianship or a specific contribution to the field or the subject area in which they serve.

The Outstanding Chapter Member Award is given to a chapter member for notable or important contribution to the Kentucky Chapter of SLA. This award shall be given to someone who has consistently served the chapter or by whose actions the Kentucky Chapter's goals and objectives have been enhanced.

Please think about nominees for these awards. If you would like a nomination form, call, or email Lillian Mesner (606-257-2758

Employment Opportunity

—submitted by Gracie Hale

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