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## President's Message

—Submitted by *Larry Besant*

One of the most visible perks of being president of an SLA chapter is that for your year you are placed on the mailing lists of all 56 regional chapters to receive their newsletters. Naturally the first thing all the presidents read are the letters or columns from all the other presidents. There is no standard format or length, but Hallmark would recognize them as “organizational social messages.” As you would expect there are some recurring themes and a few singular ones:

“...perhaps we should be discussing electronic delivery of our Bulletin. So what do you think?... [Fairfield County Chapter president]

“If anyone is interested in helping with the Webpage, please contact...” [Philadelphia Chapter president (and many others)]

“The more people who help, the less work, and more fun and excitement for the whole chapter! [St. Louis Metropolitan Area Chapter president]

“We often speak of the value of networking as one of the benefits of SLA participation, and I myself am frequently surprised by the serendipitous nature of ‘networking moments’ and how they’ve proved useful in times of need.” [Washington, D.C. Chapter president]

“The energy and cooperative spirit of this organization never cease to amaze me.” [San Francisco Bay Region Chapter president]

“As with all other volunteer organizations, we are always looking for new faces, new ideas, etc. And, as with all acts of giving, returns are tenfold.” [Rio Grande Chapter president]

“You never know who may be influenced by observing you in action. Be proud of what you do. Show it. Talk to people about it. Be a mentor.” [Boston Chapter president]

“As information professionals we are constantly being advised that we must remain informed of new ideas and paradigms which our work and professional status.” [Illinois Chapter president]

“SLA members form an international network of professionals who have a common interest in meeting information needs and putting information to work.” [Southern Appalachian Chapter president]

One president used the space to write a thoughtful editorial (so titled) taking strong issue with SLA’s acceptance of money from a company [TelTech] which has, “...advocated wholesale replacement of special libraries with its own ‘services’.” [Michigan Chapter president]

“It should make us proud to see how valuable a service is being provided by our profession, and the tremendous contribution each information specialist has made through their efforts to provide the best in information service to their clients.” [Cleveland Chapter president]

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## **Publication Deadlines**

Deadline for submitting articles is one month prior to publication of the issue. Please submit articles for the Spring issue of the Bulletin by *March 15, 1997*.

Electronic format is preferred. Send e-mail to Gracie Hale:  
 ghale@ukcc.uky.edu

Newletters are mailed one month after article submission date.

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“one of the more important comments I heard was that at this point there are few companies making significant return from their investment in presence on the web. We can expect to see continued change and upheaval in the topsy turvy world of the Internet.” [Sierra Nevada Chapter president]

From another context: “I would like to say a BIG thank you for such a memorable visit to Kentucky. It was obvious that a great deal of care and planning went into the visit and I appreciate it greatly. I enjoyed every minute of it. I hope I was able to make a contribution to the Chapter meeting. ... It was nice getting to know some Chapter members and I am looking forward to seeing some of you at Winter and Summer meetings. If I don’t have Board activities I am definitely counting on joining you for your Chapter dinner - I’ll even bring my husband!” [Sylvia Piggott, SLA President after her visit to the Kentucky Chapter in November]

Sylvia’s visit was memorable and great fun, but she also left us with some things to think about and, I believe, we returned the favor. The executive summary of the SLA report, “Competencies for Special Librarians of the 21st Century,” was delivered to each of us during her visit. The document is available through the SLA Web site: [www.sla.org](http://www.sla.org). I urge you to reflect on it and share your thoughts. As President Piggott notes, “Our future depends upon this.”

## Member News

—Submitted By Joe Miller

Since James Manasco has gone on to his new position as science librarian in Colorado (congratulations James!), your Editors are looking for someone who is interested in gathering and reporting member news for the newsletter. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Gracie Hale or Joe Miller.

Speaking of Gracie, she was recently named chair-elect of the Special Section of KLA.

### Student Member News -

James Lutz, a recent SLIS graduate, has gone on to become the computer services librarian for Texas Christian University. Kathleenn Koontz, another recent grad, has become the technical systems coordinator at United Samaritans Medical Center in Danville, IL. Steven Schwengel (see Student Chapter story) was elected Student Chapter President, replacing the graduating David Birkhead. Congratulations Steven! I know the KY Chapter will continue their great support of the SLIS student chapter of SLA and that Steven will continue the high level of activity that the students enjoyed last year.



## Fall Meeting and Open Board Meeting

—Submitted By Ann Woosley

Attendance: Christie Robinson, Pat Wilson, Ann Woosley, Cathy Schenck, Phyllis Rohlf, Joe Miller, Julie Lewis, Jane Bottoms, Miguel Menendez, Joanne Goode, Sharon Bidwell, Linda Minch, Mary Vass, Sylvia Piggott, Maggie Johnson, Sheri Lyle, Herb Cihak, Dee Wood, Mciaela Ayers, Judy Wulff, Debbie Hatfield, Larry Besant, Steven Schwengel, Sue Burch, Toni Powell, Alice Marksberry, Theresa Wiley, Mary Bone, Cindi Trainor, James Manasco, Lillian Mesner, Susan Byars Meeting was called to order by Larry Besant.

### Minutes:

Minutes of the August 21, 1996 meeting were approved.

### Treasurer’s Report:

We have not received our portion of money from KLA from the spring meeting. The amount is about \$400.00. Alice will check on our money. The \$3,000.00 loan from SLA is due 12/31/96. We are short about \$500 in savings to repay the loan. We could use our money from checking and savings to repay the loan then we would have no savings and about \$800.00 in checking. Alice will see if we can get an extension on the loan.

### Membership:

Herb reminded everyone to check their entry in the directory to see if it is correct. Please send your corrections to Herb.

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**Program:**

Judy thanked everyone for their help for today's meeting. The spring meeting with KLA will be at Natural Bridge, April 24-25, 1997. AHEC will sponsor a continuing education meeting on April 25. C/EKOUG will be the middle of May (May 12-May 21).

**Affirmative Action/Public Relations:**

We have a speaking engagement at Madison High School coming up. The committee is trying to schedule the Display in other areas of the state. More funding may be needed in the future to update the display.

**Newsletter:**

Joe and Gracie will continue with the newsletter now that James is off to Colorado. Newsletter submissions need to be in by December 15. Send contributions to Gracie Hale. The Student Chapter will elect a new President in the Spring. Cindi Trainor will work with Joe to get the Web page up and going.

**Government Relations:**

A summary report is included in today's handouts. Please note the SLA homepage.

**International Relations:**

Toni reported that there was nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

Sylvia Piggott recommended getting the criteria from SLA and resubmitting the proposal immediately. Debbie Hatfield and group will continue with this project.

**Library Laws Publications:**

The price is reduced to \$10.00. Information about the publication will be put on the public library listserv as well as an article in Kentucky Libraries.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

After the board meeting, Sylvia Piggott, current President of the Special Libraries Association, spoke on "After the Polls Close: Achieving Effective Information Policy".

**Sylvia Piggott Visits SLIS**

*—Submitted By Joe Miller*

Sylvia Piggott, current President of the Special Libraries Association, visited the SLIS while she was in Lexington for the fall Kentucky Chapter meeting at Spindletop Hall. Sylvia visited us on Thursday, November 21 and spoke in the Peal Gallery from 10:00-11:30 am. Her talk to the school was titled "Putting Information on the Agenda as a Key Resource" and was well attended by SLIS faculty and students as well as other librarians on campus. Sylvia's talk stimulated an interesting discussion and provided a wonderful opportunity for academic faculty and librarians to benefit from her private sector experience and perspective. After her talk, the discussion continued over a pleasant lunch at the UK faculty club, where Sylvia was joined by KY Chapter President Larry Besant, Program Chair Judy Wulf,

SLIS director Donald Case, your Newsletter Editor Joe Miller, and students David Birkhead and Michaela Ayers.



**1997 Spring Conference**

*—Submitted By Judy Wulff and Ebba Jo Sexton*

A joint spring conference for April 1997 is being planned by the Kentucky Chapter of SLA, Kentucky Library Association Special Section, and Kentucky AHEC (Area Health Education Centers) Librarians.

"Traveling the Information Highway: Views from the Bridge" is the conference theme. Co-chairs of the Planning Committee for the conference are Ebba Jo Sexton and Judy Wulff. Charlene McGrath is in charge of local arrangements. Other committee members are: Sharon Bidwell, Laura Davison, Pam Jarboe and Emily Saderholm. The planners' intentions are to provide programs that will address problems common to special libraries across Kentucky.

The site for the conference will be Natural Bridge State Resort Park near Slade, KY, about 55 miles southeast of Lexington. The conference dates are April 23-25. A block of rooms and cabins has been reserved for the conference with special rates for Tuesday through Thursday nights. Activities on Wednesday, April 23, will be comprised of two half-day workshops sponsored by the AHEC librarians for continuing education

credit. All conference attendees are invited to enroll in these workshops. AHEC membership is not a prerequisite for enrollment.

Abigail Hubbard, Ph.D., College of Business Administration, University of Houston, will be keynote speaker at the conference. Dr. Hubbard, whose career began as a librarian, teaches MBA level courses in organizational behavior, power, politics, and culture. At Natural Bridge she will lead a half-day workshop to help participants understand power and influence in their organizations and develop the knowledge and skills necessary for survival in the face of competition for organizational resources.

Hubbard's presentation will be complemented with sessions relating to extending old skills to new opportunities; criteria for evaluating Internet sites as both designer and consumer; selecting among and managing serial format and delivery options (print/electronic, CD-ROM/Internet, etc.); nuts, bolts, and vocabulary of connecting to the Internet.

As in the past, time for conversation, entertainment, and enjoyment of the setting will be included. Planning is still very much in progress--input would be greatly appreciated. Planning committee members may be reached as follows: Judy Wulff (502-852-8533), Sharon Bidwell (502-582-4184) or Ebba Jo Sexton (606-257-8351).

Mark your calendars for a pleasant and fruitful meeting in one of Kentucky's loveliest state parks.

## Joint Meeting with C/EKOUG set for May

—Submitted By Judy Wulff and Lillian Mesner

The Kentucky Chapter of SLA holds a joint meeting with C/EKOUG (Central/Eastern Kentucky On-line Users Group) in the spring of each year. This year's meeting will be held on May 12 at the Harley Hotel in Lexington. The topic of the meeting will be Internet security, including privacy issues, the legal aspects of Internet privacy, the aspects of the Internet's structure that make it insecure, and encryption. The tentative schedule for the program includes a start time of 9:30 a.m., with the program extending into mid-afternoon and including lunch.

Featured speaker for the program is Jerry Lawson, web designer, attorney, trainer and author. Lawson is currently on staff at the Department of the Treasury and the National Archives. He has twenty years of computer experience.

cards only), by phone at 1-800-MECKLER or 203-226-6967 (credit cards only) or by snail mail at: Spring IW97 Registration, Mecklermedia, 20 Ketchum Street, Westport, CT 06880.

Computers in Libraries '97 - the 12th Annual Conference of this title, and held in cooperation with the Special Libraries Association. Conference dates are March 10-12, 1997. Venue for the conference is the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia. For further information or registration contact: Computers in Libraries '97, Information Today, Inc., 143 Old Marlton Pike, Medford, NJ 08055-8750; Phone: 800-300-9868, 609-654-6266; Fax: 609-654-4309; E-mail: [custserv@infotoday.com](mailto:custserv@infotoday.com); Web: [www.infotoday.com](http://www.infotoday.com).

Dancing with ... Change - Electronic Library Resources: Issues and Opportunities. A two-part teleconference for library professionals and decision-makers. Funded in part by Information Access Co. Scheduled for February 28, and April 4, 1997. Title for February 28 session: A Reality Check: Electronic Resources and Services. Title for April 4 session: A Survivor's Guide to Using Electronic Resources and Services Intelligently. Featured teleconference speaker is Michael Gorman, fellow of the British Library Association. For further information on this teleconference call 1-800-3-LINKUP (1-800-354-6587).

The Future for Librarians: Positioning Yourself for Success. A satellite video conference sponsored by the American Association of Law Librarians, Medical Library Association, Special Libraries Association, and Lexis-Nexis. The video confer-

## Upcoming Conferences

—Submitted By Gracie Hale

Spring Internet World '97 - scheduled for March 10-14, 1997, Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, California. Registrations may be made at the conference's web site <http://events.iworld.com>, by fax at 203-226-6976 (credit cards only), by e-mail to [iw97@mecklermedia.com](mailto:iw97@mecklermedia.com) (credit

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ence will focus on the immediate future of libraries and information services - what the services will look like in five years and how the information professional will function in them. The video conference is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 1997 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. EST. To become a video conference site, please contact the Professional Development Department at the Special Libraries Association at 202-234-4700, ext. 649, or GIANNA@SLA.ORG for details.

Soaring to Excellence: A Teleconference for Library Assistants. This teleconference includes three different sessions with one session being broadcast in February, March and April respectively. February 14, 1997 is the date for the session entitled "You and the Internet". "You and Technical Services" will be broadcast on March 14, 1997 and "You and Your Job: Body, Mind and Spirit on April 11, 1997. Each of the sessions will be broadcast from noon to 3:00 p.m. EST. Site registration fees include the broadcast of the conference, the right to make a tape of the conference, materials to accompany the conference, and other rights. For information contact: Soaring to Excellence, Office of Educational Telecommunications, College of DuPage, 425 22nd Street, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-6599. Phone: 1-800-3-LINKUP or 630-942-4053 FAX: 630-942-3836, or check out the web site at <http://www.dupage.edu/ordering.html> for ordering information.



### Student Chapter Tours Herald-Leader

—Submitted By David Y. Birkhead

The Special Libraries Association Student Group at the University of Kentucky went on a tour of the Lexington Herald-Leader's facilities. The Lexington-Herald Leader is owned by Knight-Ridder along with many other of the nation's major newspapers. Their library department consisted of, at least, three full-time librarians. SLA member Linda Minch led us on the tour that ended at the library. We saw the process from the text that the reporters process at their computer terminals to the finished product coming off the presses. The library facilities rely mostly on electronic materials. They have no need for cataloging print materials and the librarian's know individual titles by simply pointing them out to employees. A major portion of their job is archiving materials printed in the newspaper. This requires taking individual articles from the paper, saving them in text format, marking them with tags, and saving them in the database. The library is also where employees can access the Internet for the WWW. Seven students and Joe Miller, the SLA Student Group liaison, attended the outing. Also present were: David Y. Birkhead President of the SLA Student Group Micaela Ayers Secretary-Treasurer, and Stephen Schwengel Nominee for Student Chapter President



### New Student Chapter President Elected

—Submitted By Joe Miller

One change for the SLA chapter this semester is that the new president is Steven Schwengel. He is from Evansville, Indiana and joined the SLIS program last fall.

Steven would like to announce that the group is currently considering visiting other special libraries in the area. If you are working in a special library relatively close to UK, and would be willing to give a tour for the group, please contact Steven Schwengel at 606-323-9767 the group may have an interest in visiting your library in the near future.



### Annual Conference Web Page Available

It's not too early to start thinking about the SLA 88' Annual Conference to be held in Seattle, Washington, June 7-12, 1997. To help you in planning your trip, check out the Pacific Northwest Chapter's conference web page at <http://sla.microsoft.com>. Although the page is still under construction, already there-is a lot of material on the conference, including useful information on registration, travel arrangements, transportation, local events, restaurants, sightseeing, and other regional resources.



## Seattle Conference Swap & Shop

The Seattle Conference is right around the corner! This year we encourage you to submit your library's web pages, printed materials, special materials, and videos. Swap & Shop attendees will view your materials and vote for their favorites.

For more information please contact:

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Fax: (212) 309-783S

or

Jill Konieczko  
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and information professionals, now has its own button on the main menu. The IRC serves SLA staff and members with a collection of materials on the operation and management of special libraries and information centers.

The site furthers SLA Executive Director David R. Bender's goal of a "virtual association."

"I want most association functions to be available to members twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week via the Internet," Bender said.

Information about all association programs, including nonserial publications, research, government relations, and public relations, is available, as well as comprehensive news on conferences, advertising and exhibits, professional development programs, and employment services. The publications section features author guidelines and advertising details for Information Outlook, SLA's glossy, 4-color magazine for professionals which debuted this month.

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## SCI-TECH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Sci-Tech Achievement Award is the highest award presented by the Sci-Tech Division and is reserved for those recipients whose professional work is marked by distinction and dedication to scientific and technical librarianship. The purpose of the award is to recognize those Division members who have made outstanding contributions to the Division, and/or to the literature of science and technology librarianship. The \$750 award will be presented annually, with an appropriate scroll describing the reason for the award. The Sci-Tech Division Awards Committee reserves the right to withhold the award if a sufficient number of appropriate candidates are not nominated.

**Qualifications:** Be a member of the Special Libraries Association; Be a member of the Sci-Tech Division for at least three years; Be working currently in a library, information center, library school or other information related capacity.

### Nominations:

Send a typed, signed statement to the Awards Committee Chair, including information on the candidate's professional career, committee activities or offices held within the Division, special Division projects or services, publications, and any other related functions that

## SLA Web Page Reflects New Logo

Special Libraries Association revealed its new look to the cyberworld on January 17, 1997 with a redesigned World Wide Web page. Still located at [www.sla.org](http://www.sla.org), the page now thoroughly incorporates the three-dimensional shaded purple sphere with white arcs that SLA adopted as its logo January 1.

The Web site features improved navigation with a search button on every page allowing users to find the information they are looking for without returning to the main page. SLA's Information Resources Center, a library devoted to special librarians

## Announcing 1997 Sci-Tech Awards

The Science & Technology Division of the Special Libraries Association has announced the availability of four awards which will be presented at the June 1997 SLA annual conference in Seattle. Nominations should be sent to:

Monica Ertel  
Chair, Sci-Tech Award Committee  
Apple Computer, Inc.

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qualify the person for the award. Please include the name, position, business address, and telephone number of the nominee. Documentation, although not mandatory, may include a current curriculum vitae for the candidate, significant publications, supporting letters, etc. Deadline for Nominations: March 1, 1997

#### INTERNATIONAL SCI-TECH LIBRARIAN AWARD

The International Sci-Tech Librarian Award is an award presented by the Sci-Tech Division of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) to a librarian outside of the United States and Canada. The purpose of the award is to provide an opportunity for a librarian outside of the United States or Canada to attend the annual SLA conference. The \$750 award will be awarded in late February allowing the recipient time to arrange for attendance at the conference. An acknowledgement of the award will be presented at the annual SLA meeting. The SLA Sci-Tech Division Awards Committee reserves the right to withhold the award if a sufficient number of appropriate candidates are not nominated. Qualifications: Reside and work outside of the United States or Canada; Be working currently in a library, information center, library school or other information related capacity, preferably in the science and technology area. Nominations: Self nominations are encouraged. Send a typed, signed statement to the SLA Sci-Tech Awards Committee Chair, including information on the candidate's professional career, professional activities or offices held, special projects or services, publica-

tions, why this person should attend the annual conference and any -other related functions that qualify the person for the award. Please include the name, position, business address, and telephone number of the nominee. Documentation, although not mandatory, may include a current curriculum vitae for the candidate, significant publications, supporting letters, etc. Deadline for Nomination/ Application: February 1, 1997

#### S. KIRK CABEEN TRAVEL STIPEND AWARD

The S. Kirk Cabeen Travel Stipend Award is an award offered to a library school student or first time conference attendee. It is a \$750 award to be used towards the expense of attending the Special Libraries Association Conference in Seattle, June 7 - 12, 1997. Qualifications: Be a library school student or first time attendee; Be an individual member of SLA (not necessarily of the Sci-Tech Division); Must be attending his or her first annual SLA conference. Nominations: The applicant must submit a short essay (500 words or less) on the subject of this year's SLA Annual Conference (Information Professionals at the Crossroads: Change as Opportunity). The essay should be double-spaced. Neatness, spelling, and grammar will count in the judging. The applicant must include a cover sheet with name, address, phone number, and a statement saying the applicant has met the above criteria. Applicants should also mention if they are currently applying for other SLA division awards. Deadline: March 1, 1997.

#### SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STIPEND

The Sci-Tech Special Professional Development Stipend is an award presented by the Sci-Tech Division and is reserved for those recipients who are currently unemployed and who wish to attend the annual conference. The purpose of the award is to support a Sci-Tech member who might otherwise be unable to attend the annual meeting. This award is to be used towards the expenses of attending the conference. The \$750 award will be presented annually to the winner of an essay contest based on the value of attending the annual conference. The Sci-Tech Division Awards Committee reserves the right to withhold the award if a sufficient number of appropriate candidates are not nominated. Qualifications: Be a member of the Special Libraries Association; Be a member of the Sci-Tech Division for at least three years; Be unemployed at the time of submitting the application. Nominations: Self nominations are encouraged. Send a typed, signed statement to the Awards Committee Chair, including information on -the applicant's name, address, and telephone number along with a statement of qualifications. Attach an essay on the topic of the annual Special Libraries Association Conference - its value to you or members in general. Applicants are asked to contact the Awards Chair, if they should accept a job after submitting their application. Deadline for Nominations: March 1, 1997



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## KY/SLA Chapter Award Nominations

*-Submitted By Lil Mesner*

Just a reminder that Lil Mesner is accepting nominations for the Professional Award and the Outstanding Member Award. Nominations are due by March 1, 1997 and the awards will be made at the Annual Spring Meeting with KLA. If you would like to make a nomination or have questions about the process, please contact Lil Mesner, 1017 Claiborne Way, Lexington, KY 40517. Phone 606-2572758 or email [lmесner@pop.uky.edu](mailto:lmесner@pop.uky.edu).

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## SEATTLE '97 LISTSERV UP!

Do you have questions about the Seattle area and the Pacific Northwest that you would like to ask before the conference? If so, join the conference listserv! Pacific Northwest Chapter members will do their best to give you answers. To join the listserv, follow these simple steps:

1. Send a message to:  
[LISTSERV@sla.microsoft.com](mailto:LISTSERV@sla.microsoft.com)
2. Leave the subject line blank
3. Put the following line in the body of the message: join Seattle97

You can also join through the website, <http://sla.microsoft.com>. After joining, you will receive an auto-reply from the listserv detailing how to get general help, leave the list, etc. Please save this message! To use the list, email [Seattle97@sla.microsoft.com](mailto:Seattle97@sla.microsoft.com). If you have problems, please contact Cindy Jones: email: [indyjo@microsoft.com](mailto:indyjo@microsoft.com), phone: 206-703-5740.

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