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President's Message

—Submitted By Joe Miller

It's hard to believe that this is my final president's message and that my term is already drawing to a close. While the last year has been very busy and also gone by incredibly quickly, it has, nonetheless, been a very rewarding experience for me. For myself, I've reconfirmed that old adage about what you get out of an organization being related to what you're willing to put in. I firmly believe that SLA has contributed much to my professional development and that service to such associations is an important part of what we are about as librarians. Once again, members who are willing to accept that commitment to service have stepped forward to accept new leadership roles in our chapter. I am delighted to hear from our nominating committee that a terrific slate of new officers will be presented to the membership at our spring meeting (*see story, page 3*), and that the chapter will be in such capable hands to lead us into the new millennium.

I would like to report my view of the "State of the Chapter" and conclude with some challenges for us to consider:

- < The chapter is in excellent financial condition and, thanks to Alice, we have a projected budget for the upcoming year to assist the board in long range planning;
- < Our bylaws were reviewed, revised, and submitted to SLA Headquarters;
- < Our chapter continues to support student activities in a way that enhances our visibility and promotes student involvement with SLA;
- < We had an excellent fall program and have a great spring meeting planned thanks mostly to the efforts of our president elect;
- < We've had several other excellent professional development opportunities in partnership with the University of Kentucky library system;
- < We've formalized a commitment to support the president elect's travel to the DACOLT conference; and
- < We've updated and revised our web presence.

I see several challenges for us to consider:

- < **Professional Development/Continuing Education:** How can we best provide professional development opportunities for our membership in the rapidly-changing technological environment we find ourselves in? Can SLA (or other) videoconferences alone fill these needs or do we need more in the way of small scale, hands on workshops? Should we seek other group partnerships if the one we've had with C/EKOUG will no longer be active?
- < **Long range planning:** Is the chapter heading in the direction that best serves the needs of our membership? Do we want to formulate goals that go beyond one year planning?

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**The Nominating Committee of the Special Libraries Association, Kentucky Chapter
presents the following slate of officers for 1999-2000:**

President Elect:

Alice Marksberry, Center for Applied Energy Research Library

Alice grew up on her family's dairy and tobacco farm in Owen County, Kentucky. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture as an Animal Science Major from the University of Kentucky, where she also earned her MLS in 1993. She has been employed at the Center for Applied Energy Research Library at UK since 1991, where she is the Web Work Coordinator for several CAER web sites as well as provider of library services for the CAER research staff. In 1997, she completed a grant through which an agriculture instructional web site called Agripedia was designed. Alice has been a member of SLA since 1992. She is currently serving a fourth year as treasurer for the chapter.

Secretary:

Nancy Hanaford, Kentucky Opera, The Plumb Boyer Library

Nancy is the librarian at Kentucky Opera's Plumb Boyer Library. She is also Head of Wardrobe there, which involves designing, manufacturing, and supervising hundreds of costumes each year. She earned her Masters in Library Science from the University of Kentucky, a Bachelor of Arts in Theater Arts and Speech from the University of Louisville, and a Certificate in Costume Design from Boston's Modern School of Fashion and Design.

Treasurer:

Veronica Walker, University of Kentucky Libraries (Two year term)

Veronica received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Clemson University in 1990. She received her Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Kentucky in 1994. Veronica worked as a reference assistant at the Lexington Public Library before accepting a position as an original cataloger at the University of Kentucky in 1995. She joined SLA in 1996. She chaired the Awards Committee in 1997/1998 and is currently the Affirmative Action/Public Relations Committee chair.

Director at Large:

Cindi Trainor, University of Kentucky Libraries (Two year term)

Cindi received a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Masters Degree in Library Science from the University of Kentucky, where she worked in various library departments. Cindi's first job was as the Reference/Technical Services Librarian at Rend Lake College in Ina, IL, where she also maintained their web page and provided campus-wide email and web training. Currently Cindi is an Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of Kentucky. She has been a member of SLA since 1996 and currently manages the chapter web site, serves as a newsletter editor, and is a member of the Professional Development Committee.

Additional names may be placed in nomination if filed with the Nominating Committee at least 10 days before the annual business meeting. Additional nominations must be accompanied by a letter from the nominee indicating willingness to serve. The final report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented for a vote at the annual business meeting (April 21-23, 1999).

Thank you,

The Nominating Committee:

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Spotlight On...

SLIS Center for Applied Information Technology

—Submitted By Joe Miller

The School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) has had an information center that has traditionally included both print and other media resources. Early on, the School recognized the importance of emerging computer-based information technologies and made a commitment to providing access to these systems as soon as they were available. Beginning with various dumb terminals used to access early online systems, the College of Library Science Media Center began to add personal computers for word processing during the mid-1980s. The College was at that time located in the Patterson Office Tower on the UK campus. With our move to King South in 1987, the College had additional space for the expanding commitment to computer technology. A Novell local area network was added to the growing group of PCs that were used to support our curriculum and provide access to online and CDROM databases as well as PC-based applications. This combined computer lab and media center also included a cataloging lab, reserve reading area, and a number of traditional print resources. In the early 1990s, the College made a number of important decisions.

The College Media Center had always been supported by a library technician, but Dean Waldhart believed that with the critical role computers were playing in our curriculum and profession, an upgraded position was warranted. A full-time Coordinator of Computing Services position was created by the College within the UK library system; the Coordinator is employed by the College and also holds faculty rank in the library system.

Another major change for the College was its merger with the College of Communications. In response to a University-wide initiative, the College of Library and Information Science became the School of Library and Information Science within the renamed College of Communications and Information Studies. This change left the School with much of its academic autonomy but positioned within a much larger unit with a focus that offered our program new strengths.

The 1990s have seen significant growth in the School's commitment to information technology. The stand-alone



LAN was upgraded and connected to the campus Ethernet. The lab has grown to include 24 PCs as well as other supporting technologies: laser printers, scanners, video capture devices, and other digitizing technologies.

The SLIS computer lab is operated by the School and is not part of the general microcomputer lab system on campus. To emphasize its unique nature and pivotal role in the School, this facility has recently been recommissioned as the SLIS Center for Applied Information Technology (CAIT). While still supporting many traditional information resources, the main focus of this facility has been and continues to be supporting the School's needs in the area of current and emerging computer-based information technologies.

More change is coming our way as a result of the changes in the library system related to the planned new uses of the King Library North and South buildings. With the opening of the William T. Young library, the technical services area was moved from the 3rd floor of King North; this area is the designated new home for the School. The School will need to vacate the 5th floor of King South to make way



for the move of Special Collections and Archives to that building. As we look ahead to these new facilities, the CAIT continues to grow and play a critical role in our program. If you haven't been by to visit the School recently, next time you're on the UK campus, stop in and see us! □

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- < **Reaching out to new members:** Many of our members are in the central Kentucky area. Can (or should) we focus much energy on expanding that base?
- < **Communicating with our**

membership: How can our electronic discussion list be better utilized by the chapter? A quick review of the listserv membership shows 59 subscribers; however, when cross checked against our membership directory, about 19 of these listserv members are guests or former members who have remained on the list for informational purposes.

According to the recently released figures from headquarters, we have 90 members in the Kentucky chapter. That means that only about 44% of the chapter are on the listserv (40 out of 90). In this day of free e-mail from a variety of web sources and our organization's focus on a 'virtual association', this low participation strikes me as rather strange. What is keeping so many members from using this valuable resource? (See page 1 for subscription information)

I'd like to conclude by thanking the chapter for the opportunity to serve you this year as president and to congratulate our new officers. I am looking forward to continuing to serve you on the board as past president in the next year. □

And Down the Stretch They Come...

—Submitted By Kenneth Randles, Student Group President

The school year is nearing its end and the Student Group still has some attractive activities in the gate. Before I can report on these, I want to express the Student Group's great thanks to Veronica Walker for speaking at our March 10 meeting and sharing with us the meaning and issues surrounding diversity in libraries. Veronica's talk on diversity was sponsored by the Student Group as part of the UK ALA Student Chapter's Hot Topic Lunch Series--another example of the fruitful cooperation between our student organizations.

Just before spring racing season, the Student Group will tour Keeneland's library, enjoying a pleasant spring's midday at the track. Our last meeting, on April 7, will include the presentation of the Outstanding Member Award, our change of officers, and a discussion of what we can expect conference-going to be like. Speaking will be Anne Abate, Lillian Mesner, Alice Marksberry, and Valerie Perry.

This will be my last column as Student Group president, and I would like to thank the Kentucky Chapter for giving the Student Group president the opportunity to contribute to this bulletin. Dustin Larmore will become president in April, and Kimball Winters will be the incoming secretary/treasurer. I have had a very educational year as president and have come to know many of you well. I hope to work and recreate with you again in SLA as my career leads me back near to you all. Thank you for your support and friendship. □



“A First for UK, A First for Library Professions”

—Submitted by *Veronica Walker*

A three-paneled display in the lobby of the William T. Young Library, this exhibit is part of the 50th year commemoration of the desegregation of the University of Kentucky.

Panel #1 shows Lyman T. Johnson in the 1949 *Herald-Leader* article about the legal victory requiring the desegregation of UK's Graduate School.

The second panel depicts Thomas Fountain Blue (Lyman's brother-in-law) on the steps of the Louisville Free Public Library's Western Branch with his assistants (circa 1905). Thomas F. Blue was the first African-American to head a public library in the United States

(1905) and the first to offer a certificate-granting program to train African American librarians. The display also notes that the first library of any kind in the nation to offer any type of library services to African Americans was in Henderson, Kentucky. The Louisville Free Western Branch was the first free-standing, full-service library for African Americans.

Panel #3 contains a picture of the first free-standing library for African Americans in the Lexington Public Library system, named the Laura Carroll Branch, located on the corner of Georgetown and Ash streets. It opened three

months after Lyman T. Johnson won the right to attend the University of Kentucky.

The display also offers handouts containing more information about the pictures and history of the topic as well as resources for more information. □





From the Hinterlands, Or a Kentucky Wildcat in General Palmer's Town

—Submitted by James Manasco, Natural Sciences Librarian at Colorado College, and Kentucky Chapter Member

Author's Note: Cindi Trainor asked if I would be willing to do a brief article on being a "displaced Kentuckian." This is my attempt to fulfill that request, however any offenses I may perpetrate are mine alone and should not be blamed on Cindi...not totally, anyway.

I have been out here in Colorado Springs for about two year's now. It hasn't always been a smooth transition for me. When I arrived back in November of 1996, I was struck with how funny the people out here talked. I became something of a celebrity on campus here at Colorado College simply because of what people on campus termed "my accent." Sheesh! These guys sound like they are talking through dryer vent tubing.

People out here are fans of Denver Broncos Football, which I can't fault them for (though, I do try), however they have not discovered the one, true church that is University of Kentucky Basketball. I have become a voice crying in this wilderness, trying my best to bring the good news that is Wildcats Basketball to these bunch of, well, heathens. It's not their fault; no one has brought the message to them before and many have never set foot in the Promised Land that is the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Not to mention the evil television stations out here rarely pick up

the games. Thank goodness for ESPN!

I will have to say that I have become a fan of the local popular sport, hockey, in the last few months. CC has a very good Division I team and I know a few of the players since I taught them in the library's two-week course on research methods. They humored my Kentucky stories and insisted that I give hockey a try. I did, and I must say I enjoy it. I don't understand a bit of it, but the fighting is fun to watch. Though, I can't for the life of me understand why they throw their helmets and gloves off during a knock-down-drag-out. Keep those things on, I say!

One of the hardest things to get use to out here, besides the altitude, is the lack of seasons. Of course, Colorado has the usual four, but spring and fall both occur over the space of a weekend. There's not a lot of color to be seen in either season, though locals make a big deal about the Aspens "turning." Now, they are pretty, but a uniform gold in color. Obviously these people have not seen a good fall back east. Many times I find myself longing for the lush greens of Kentucky; out here the standard coloration of nature is brown and shades of brown.

There are many wondrous

things to see and experience out here. The Peak, the Air Force Academy, the Garden of the Gods, the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, etc. But the biggest tourist attraction and the most critical must see has to be the headquarters of Focus on the Family. That's right. It's here in good old Colorado Springs. Which makes this town one of the most conservative in the nation. This is nothing new, though. When General William Jackson Palmer founded the town, he decreed that there would be no saloons in his fair city. They all ended up (with the assorted gambling dens and brothels) in neighboring Colorado City. The Springs has been wet for years, thank the norns, but you still play heck finding Maker's Mark at any of the bars.

Then again, when I drive to work each morning, I look directly at Pike's Peak. And now, with its snow-capped summit glistening in the morning sun, I remember one of the reasons I came out here to this place. Colorado is a beautiful state, with mountains that can take your breath away. It may never be the Promised Land, but it isn't all that bad. I think I'll stay awhile. □

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TREASURER'S REPORT 3/03/99

GRANDTOTAL (available for expenditures)	\$1968.33
Operating Budget (as of 11/05/98)	\$ 1383.38
Savings Account Balance (9/30/98)	\$ 452.95
Student Subaccount Balance	\$ 132.00
Checking Account Balance (9/30/98)	\$ 1515.98

Deposits and Expenses made since last Treasurer's Report on 11/06/98:

Deposits

\$ 885.00	Fall Conference Registrations at UK Faculty Club (11/98)
\$ 261.20	Deposit from Ciny Chapter for ° Fall Conference Expenses
\$ 9.40	KY Laws Sale (2/99)
\$1155.60	TOTAL

Expenses

\$ 50.00	Expenses of Fall 98 Conference (reimburse L. Minch)
\$100.00	Fred Cate for travel expenses-Fall Conference
\$300.00	Fred Cate for speaker honorium-Fall Conference
\$ 7.40	Expenses of Fall 98 Conference (reimburse J Miller)
\$156.77	Kinko's - newsletters
\$575.00	Hilary Boone Faculty Center-Fall Conference
\$ 10.00	Reimbursement-(G Hale)
\$1099.17	TOTAL

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Chapter Member Wins Diversity Award

—Submitted by Cindi Trainor

Congratulations to Veronica Walker, a winner of this year's Diversity Leadership Development Program Award. The award consists of a \$1,000 stipend to help defray Annual Conference Expenses. It is awarded annually to 5 individuals who must submit an application and essay. The awards are given during the SLA annual conference, and the awardees are assigned mentors to help further their involvement at the association level and to promote diversity within SLA. Congratulations, Veronica! □

Membership News

—Submitted by Ebba Jo Sexton

The Kentucky Chapter of SLA has fifteen new members who have joined since July 1998. A warm welcome to you all. We hope to see you this month at Kenlake Camp, the joint Spring Conference with KLA Academic and Special Sections at Kenlake State Resort Park.

Our new Associate member is Helen M. Elardo, West Online Solutions, Westlaw, Cleveland, OH.

New regular members are:

Steven J. Fitch, Customer service, Information Access Co., Beachwood, OH
Carol S. Furnish, Chase College of Law Library, NKU, Highland Heights, KY
Pierce D. Hellams, Southeast CC Library, Cumberland, KY
Debbie Meadors, Wm. M. Mercer, Inc. Louisville, KY
Ann Rich, LaGrange, KY
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