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President's Messag *by Gerald Patout*

The new calendar year means different things to different people. For some, it's a season of personal change or a time to renew commitments; for others, they seek new challenges, while some maintain the status quo. In our professional careers and situations, a new year might ignite a spark to clean off a shelf of books and materials that have accumulated dust and piled high with talk of intentions; in some cases, the start of a new year might actually begin the last quarter of the 2000 budget year which ushers in the hectic budget planning process for the upcoming fiscal year! Whatever the case, these occasions provide us with a moment of pause and an opportunity to contemplate the future. In that intermission, I have been considering the LaSoMi Chapter, our strengths and the challenges we face. Membership remains high on my list of thoughts, however, my most vivid and energetic musings are focused on our professional capabilities to readily share and communicate meaningful information, important concerns and ideas. LaSoMi is fortunate to have so many excellent and talented special librarians and collections wealthy with rich resources of information, but do we really know a lot about the various collections throughout Louisiana and Southern Mississippi as well as their gatekeepers?

I suggest we begin a new feature in the chapter newsletter in which the membership voluntarily submits brief and concise tidbits of information about their collections, interesting information about a new library project or even a notice about a staff member or colleague. Call it what you may, but I do contend that one of our greatest strengths as the gatekeepers of special information resources resides in our expertise and talents for easily and willingly communicating with one another.

So, here we go! I'll be the guinea pig for this new feature, *LaSoMi Lagniappe*!

Did you know The Historic New Orleans Collection [THNOC] has a special collection of information resources called the Vieux Carré Survey? Perhaps one of the most consulted of the library collections, the Vieux Carré Survey is an archive of some 130 ring-binder books containing information about the individual pieces of property in the Vieux Carré of New Orleans.

Simple as that . . . now let's try submitting something about technology and a collaboration with another library. It just so happens that the New Orleans Public Library and The Historic New Orleans Collection are now engaged in a joint effort to computerize the NOPL New Orleans newspaper card file index of nearly a half million cards. This obituary card file index was begun by the Works Progress Administration in the City of New Orleans Archives in the 1930's. These cards usually include the date of death, age and an exact reference by page and column to the original death notice and/or newspaper articles. Ultimately, this database to obituaries from some of Louisiana's oldest newspaper will be available from the web pages of both THNOC and NOPL.

Keeping this suggestion and model in mind, I am confident LaSoMi membership will consider sharing that extra kernel of knowledge from their own collections, a seed we can all nurture as well as advance.

February 2001 Meeting to Feature Tulane Investment Guru

LaSoMi's **February 3, 2001** meeting is definitely going to be interesting and very informative !

Fellow LaSoMi chapter member Bill Strickland has landed finance professor and Assistant Tulane Dean Peter Ricchiuti as the featured speaker for the upcoming winter meeting. A popular speaker at meetings and conferences throughout the United States and Europe, Ricchiuti's insightful, humorous and unique presentation style puts him in front of a wide variety of audiences including his selection by the NFL to teach investment workshops to the New Orleans Saints.



After a successful career on Wall Street, Professor Ricchiuti has served as the assistant state treasurer and chief investment officer for the State of Louisiana. His most recent claim to fame and perhaps one of the main reasons special librarians and information providers might enjoy hearing him speak is his now famous Burkenroad Reports and investment research program started in 1993. It is here that Peter directs a team of more than 130 of Tulane's business students in search of the investment "skinny," (. . . *another word for "information" in special librarian patois. . .*) on undervalued stocks in four southern states. His work and this noteworthy program have been featured in the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, CNN-fn and CNBC

Scheduled for 10:00 AM, Saturday, February 3, 2001 at Tulane's A.B. Freeman School of Business, Librarian Bill Strickland will conduct a tour of the Turchin Business Library after the Ricchiuti

presentation. Certain to be an excellent talk and library tour featuring top notch business information resources, LaSoMi chapter members are being encouraged to invite other library associates or colleagues interested in joining our membership. Arrangements have been made for coffee and donuts.

To provide us with some indication as to the number of participants planning on attending, please do register on or before **Thursday, February 1, 2001** by contacting LaSoMi Chapter Secretary

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Special Librarianship Featured at New Orleans Career Da

by Gerald Patout

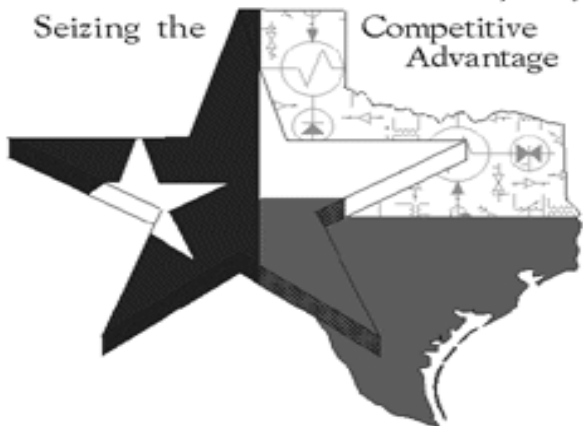
The New Orleans Center for Science and Mathematics hosted its first Career Day on Wednesday, November 15, 2000 with LaSoMi Chapter President Gerald Patout representing the special librarians and this field of study.

The purpose of this event was to give students insight into the special libraries field as well as answer questions and provide specific information about this career option. From a prepared list of questions, interested students inquired about career advantages and disadvantages, necessary coursework, the various schools of study, as well as the duration of coursework and required academic preparation. In discussing and explaining some of the wonderful "library" opportunities in the fields of mathematics and science, the students seemed to really come alive at the thought of professional openings at jet propulsion labs, medical and pharmaceutical research facilities banking and investment firms as well as the myriad of computer and software companies.

In addition to a number of SLA career brochures disseminated to the students and "potential" pool of special librarians, the most recent SLA promotional video, "Bringing Knowledge to the World," was utilized with students to demonstrate the exciting and interesting technological aspects of special librarianship. Hopefully, the LaSoMi Chapter of Special Libraries Association will become an on-going partner in this annual event.

2001 - An Information Odyssey

Seizing the Competitive Advantage



92ND SLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO, TX, USA, JUNE 9-14, 2001

Library Voices

It was a damp, gray overcast day in December with the temperature struggling to stay above freezing. The campus was empty during the semester break so the typical Cartographic Information Center user at this time was the local business patron taking the opportunity of easy campus parking to use the collection. The couple that came into the Center this day didn't look like the usual business patron. In fact, they looked like they had been out in the nasty weather for quite sometime, possibly homeless, and looking for a warm, dry place to spend a few hours.

During the reference interview it was discovered that they were in fact homeless - temporarily and by choice. The intrepid couple were paddling a canoe



down the Mississippi River en route to Florida through the Intracoastal Waterway. They started in Madison, WI two months before and traversed small streams and portages to the Mississippi River. After negotiating the Baton Rouge port traffic, they grounded their canoe on

the river bank near the LSU Vet School and walked to Middleton Library in search of maps for the Intracoastal Waterway. The Cartographic Information Center staff paged the requested nautical charts and directed the canoers to a photocopy machine. Pictures and stories from their trip can be found at: <http://www.paddlers.com/nilespage.htm>

-Contributed by John Anderson.

John Anderson is Map Librarian and Director of the Cartographic Information Center Department of Geography & Anthropology LSU.

Summary of LaSoMi Fall Meeting

by Kelly Blessinger

On Friday October 6th, the LaSoMi Chapter of SLA held a netLibrary presentation at Xavier University in New Orleans. The meeting was a success with close to 40 participants. The participants included a mix of members and nonmembers, so the presentation served as an introduction for some to the chapter, and to SLA.

NetLibrary representative Bryant Hinson was kind enough to lead the presentation after the representative for our area took ill. We learned a lot about netLibrary through his PowerPoint presentation, but unfortunately the Internet connection was not functioning properly in the room, so we didn't get to see a demonstration of netLibrary in action. Xavier Library and LSU have both recently acquired netLibrary, so this presentation was especially helpful to participants from these schools. For the others, it served as an introduction to "the next big thing" in the electronic age.

NetLibrary is a pay service that provides access to electronic books, including monographs, reference, edited volumes and multi volume sets. NetLibrary started as a small endeavor, with 8 employees, and now employs over 700 staff members. The books in netLibrary are searchable, and provide access to materials around the clock and calendar. The materials in netLibrary can be entered into the library's online catalog, so patrons will know if they have access to the materials even if the library doesn't have the book in house. If the library's catalog is web based, it could also provide links so that the patron could access the materials. Behind the scenes, the circulation departments would also be able to keep real time statistics regarding checkouts.

Currently netLibrary has over 280 publishing partners and 27,000 e-book titles. NetLibrary is rapidly adding new materials, at the rate of around 100 new books per day. NetLibrary contains over 23,000 copyrighted materials, and 4,000 that are currently in the public domain. NetLibrary protects the copyright of the materials by only allowing one page to be printed at a time, which discourages the printing of entire books. Currently there are around 1,150 libraries involved with over 168,000 e-books sold. The individual libraries can select the materials that they would like in their collection, so the netLibrary holdings cater to the specific research needs of the different institutions.

Searches for books in netLibrary can be done by many of the same parameters as in most databases, such as author, title and keyword searching. There is also an advanced search, which provides a box for free text searching, and the inclusion of Boolean operators. Once you get the book results, you may choose to preview the book, or check it out. The preview function only allows viewing for 15 minutes, after which it times out, and no longer allows viewing. The check out function allows the user to check the book out much like the patron would a paper copy. The individual libraries determine the check out time, and when the book is due, it will return itself. NetLibrary allows online reading, but they also provide software for offline reading, a book can be downloaded and stored in a temporary file that returns itself when the book is due. Currently there is no renewal option, but the patron may check out the book again immediately after it has been returned. NetLibrary also allows several search mechanisms within each book, including different kinds of keyword searching. This service provides for the searching of the entire book, just the table of contents, or a combination of the two, which displays the table of contents, and the paragraphs in which a certain word was displayed in the chapter.

Once a library patron registers with netLibrary from a computer that is IP authenticated, the user should be able to access materials from any computer. NetLibrary is accessible through many types of hardware, such as palm pilots, laptops, rocket books, and of course computers.

Electronic books are another step further for libraries in the "electronic age." It is the next big thing, and libraries should go with the tides, unless they want to be left behind. Understandably these new electronic inventions worry some librarians for the sake of their job security, (if there are no patrons, there are no need for librarians right?). While NetLibrary may worry some for various reasons, it also provides answers to some of the problems that have been plaguing libraries for years. Issues such as lack of space, destruction of property, and outreach to distant learners are no longer of concern. Only time will tell whether products like these will be the future of books, or just a current trend.



The Vorhoff Library and Newcomb Archive

by Susan Tucker

An ideal education should look to both “the practical side of life as well as ... literary excellence,” Josephine Louise Newcomb wrote in 1886, outlining her plans for a women’s college that would become the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College of Tulane University. Her philosophy, so very in tune with the progressive politics of the late nineteenth century, remains a guiding principle of the Vorhoff Library and Newcomb Archives, two special libraries today a part of the Newcomb Center for Research on Women. Here we maintain the records of the women’s college; manuscripts of alumnae; some 10,000 books centered around women’s education; some 2,000 culinary history books and cookbooks; and special collections such as early twentieth century physical education books, Mrs. Newcomb’s library, and novels written about the collegiate experience for women in the period, 1880-1930.

The Library and Archives are located in a 1957 red brick building that contrasts with the more domestic style of the Art Building next door and the dormitories across the street on a campus designed in 1918. The Seltzer-Gerard Reading Room, home to users of both the Library and Archives, is on the ground floor of the building and occupies some 4,000 square feet that was once used as a dining hall. The Archives have two stack areas of some 3,000 square feet. All work here is accomplished by one professional, one paraprofessional, and nine student workers.

The Library was established in 1975 when few resources on women existed. This was a period when most history books, for example, contained at best, one chapter devoted to the lives of women. Through donations, the Library began with a strong commitment to the history of southern women, and to resources on the work of women -- scholarly as well as practical books about finding work.

During the period 1975 to 1989, since publishing in women’s studies increased fourfold, the Library also changed and began to focus increasingly on materials documenting women’s education. Labor studies drawing from diverse disciplines continue to be a focus, but books on finding work, professional and vocational opportunities, and careers in general have moved to the Tulane Office of Career Services, which

once only directed women students to secretarial jobs.

Other types of prescriptive advice to Newcomb students of the past is found in the Newcomb Archives. The Archives was founded in 1989 through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, and in 2000, has begun another NHPRC grant to process and to microfilm the early student records (1886-1921). Until 1989, many of these records were stored in a vault in Newcomb Hall. These records are a rich source of collective data about reading (each student had to prepare lists of book read as part of their application), religion (the early student body was roughly split between Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant daughters of Louisiana and elsewhere), parental worries (the letters from parents were retained within the student records), and paths women took after college (transcripts and letters tell of both work force and domestic activities).

Other records in the Archives deal with the shipmen of Newcomb made pottery (one of the practical endeavors of the College) to exhibitions in places throughout Europe and the US, the literary efforts of students torn between progressive politics and debutante balls, and sixty years of surveys in which alumnae write of the details of the own lives. The College also maintained an early affiliation with a nursery school, the first of its kind in the Deep South, an institution whose records are also housed here. A photographic collection of some three thousand images illustrates the various moves of the campus and the lives of the students.

More recent collections include the records of the Women in the Mainstream Pavilion of the 1984 World’s Fair; the Jacqueline Michot Ceballos papers that deal with the early years of the National Organization of Women; the papers of local historian Mary Gehman; the papers of the local Planned Parenthood Association; and the papers of Emily Card. Card, a 1963 graduate of Newcomb, was the author of the 1974 Equal Credit Opportunity Act. Her papers date from the early 1970s and show the evolving nature of women’s access to financial institutions.

Since 1989, the Archives has published a guide to the records of the College, a guide to scrapbooks in the Archives, a guide to records and manuscripts in New Orleans, and other bibliographies and finding aids, as a part of its ongoing *Archival and Bibliographic*

series. The latest of these is *Catholic Women's Colleges in the United States: An Archival, Bibliographic and Historical Survey* by Rutgers Archivist Fernanda Perrone. Many smaller bibliographies on women's lives are maintained on-line at: <http://www.tuane.edu/~wc>

Through the Newcomb Center for Research on Women, scholars can apply for travel-to-collections grants to use the Library and Archives. One of these recent scholars was Deborah Martinson of Occidental College, who looked at Newcomb records from the 1880s through the 1910s to research the early life of Lillian Hellman and her mother in New Orleans. Another recent user of the Archives was Gillian North of the University of Keele, who looked at the early library of the College.

From 1990 onward, the Library and Archives have received a University budget for acquisitions; this budget comes from the dean of Newcomb rather than the centralized library budget. Donations of materials and funds both remain essential to developing collections, and donations play a crucial role in all our policies and plans. We have endowed funds that allow us to purchase shelving and materials, as well as special funds devoted to the works of Newcomb educated authors and artists, books and periodicals on the education of women, and art books by women. We subscribe to over 100 journals in women's studies.

In 2000, we have completed an LEH sponsored program on the lives of Rosalie Cohen and Ruth Dreyfous, hosted a Scrapbook Day that invited the public to see our scrapbooks and to show us their own, started an on-line reading and discussion group, and began collecting the papers of Louisiana women active in politics in the period 1965-1985. As part of the Center's 25th birthday, the latter collection area revolves around documenting the work of feminists in a state that is often considered politically conservative, but one in which women have played important roles in social change. As we reflect on our growth, we refer back to Mrs. Newcomb's goal -- of the practical and the literary -- and work to provide researchers with materials, and the space to work with these materials, in a way that is both orderly and scholarly.

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Summary of the UCITA Conference by Cindy Ammons

The UCITA (Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act) Satellite Teleconference was a big success! It took place on December 13, 2000 at various sites across the nation, but I attended at the LSU Recreation Center on the LSU campus. The teleconference was sponsored by AALL, ALA, ARL, MLA, and SLA. Our local satellite connection was sponsored by LSU Law Library, LSU Libraries, and the LOUIS Group; our local hostess was Charlene Cain (those were some great rownies!). The teleconference speakers consisted of a panel of four UCITA "experts" who have all been involved in the UCITA legislation battle. The participant packet that corresponds with the teleconference presentation can be found at <http://www.arl.org/handbook.pdf>. I would highly recommend that everyone look over this material, for too many topics were discussed in the teleconference than I can cover here; in addition, the packet includes an extensive Web bibliography, UCITA Myths and Facts and a glossary. I would, however, like to detail some of the things that I learned about UCITA during the presentation. Also, I would like to discuss how we can all become involved in preventing this legislation from becoming law in your state.

First, what are the major concerns about UCITA legislation?

- UCITA validates "shrink-wrap" and click-on licenses making them legally binding
- UCITA overrides the privileges provided under federal Copyright law such as fair use and first sale doctrine;
- UCITA prevents reverse engineering (de-bugging or even examining the source code in software products)
- UCITA protects vendors from liability for damages caused to consumers by known defects.

Second, how will UCITA impact libraries? There are many very important ways in which libraries will be affected by UCITA, but before I list some of them let me stress that ALL libraries have the potential to feel the impact of UCITA, even those of us in the for-profit/private sector.

1. Fair use and the first sale doctrine privileges may be restricted by contract or licensing terms

- Example: A patron may not be allowed to use a quote from an electronic encyclopedia or journal to finish a term paper.

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- Example: A book is purchased by the library and contains a CD-ROM. Borrowing privileges for the CD-ROM are restricted by the contract terms which were agreed to at the time of purchase; the CD-ROM cannot be circulated with the book. Under UCITA, the vendor could have gone a step further and extended the contract terms to the book also, so that it could not be circulated either; the library staff may not realize this fact until after they buy the set and read the contract terms.
- Example: if a library only owns an electronic version of a journal, the staff may not be allowed to ILL an article from that journal.

2. “Self-help” provisions will allow vendors the potential to “prevent the use of, disable or repossess software” if they feel the terms of a contract have been violated (this has been repealed only for “mass-market” software sold to consumers).

3. Reverse engineering will not be allowed.

- Example: A library is required to purchase filtering software; under the terms of the software contract, they are not allowed to change the list of blocked sites to meet the unique needs of their patron population.

4. Software vendors can knowingly sell defective software without the risk of liability. Secondly, our right of free speech will be limited, for we may no longer be allowed to publish articles or write emails detailing our criticisms of or concerns with software products. As a result, we will have limited access to evaluation or “non-vendor” information on a product; this can limit the “free” market and put an added strain on library budgets when software products cannot be returned after opening.

5. Our ability to negotiate with software vendors to obtain the best deal for our library and our patrons will be significantly decreased, especially with “mass-market” or shrink-wrapped software products which may come with a canned, “take-it-or-leave-it” type of contract. This increases the amount of time spent on contract arrangements and monitoring, which in turn also increases the library’s costs.

- Software vendors can change the terms of a license without contacting the licensee; therefore, library staff will need to check with the vendor on a regular basis to determine if the terms of their licenses have changed.
- Updates to non-“mass market”, negotiated software may still be of the “click-on” variety, meaning that all IT staff who install updates will need to read these

contracts carefully and notify appropriate persons of any changes. The IT staff could also be held partially responsible for any infringements which may occur with the use of those updates (or any software they install, for that matter).

It is also very important to remember that just because Maryland and Virginia are the only two states that have passed UCITA into law does not mean that the rest of us will not be affected. Any software vendor can include a blanket statement in their contract which states that their product will fall under Maryland/Virginia (or, in the future, any other state) UCITA law. Another very important point to remember is that our institutions can be held responsible/liable for any infringements incurred by our users with respect to the click-on licenses they have agreed to (many of which the library or IT departments may be unaware of). Therefore, all libraries will need to develop and maintain a method of determining and tracking which licenses our patrons have accepted.

So, what can be done? First, learn all you can about UCITA legislation. Please see the participant’s packet material at the link above for a comprehensive list of UCITA resources. Also, try to learn about UCITA supporters and why they support this legislation. Often legislators believe this bill will increase e-commerce in a state and provide a uniform legal framework for digital transactions (this last point is a myth, for each state passes its own version of UCITA making them all slightly different). Therefore, we need to identify who our legislators are and begin to educate them. Write them letters that detail your concerns - they really listen! (the panelists did not recommend emailing legislators, for they really have no way of determining if you really live in their district by looking at an email address).

Also, monitor UCITA activity in your state. Louisiana is currently examining UCITA for possible introduction in the next legislative session. The Mississippi legislature currently has not taken any action on the UCITA issue. To keep track of current state-by-state UCITA activities, see the map and corresponding links at <http://www.ala.org/washoff/ucita/news.html>.

I will keep everyone informed on UCITA issues in future newsletters, but until then you can send questions or comments to me at cammons@joneswalker.com.

LaSoMi and NOALL Held Joint Meeting on Preservation

by Amy Baptist

On October 11, 2000 LaSoMi and NOALL (New Orleans Association of Law Libraries) held a joint meeting at The Historic New Orleans Collection. The highnote of the meeting was a presentation given by Patricia Turpening entitled, "Practical Preservation: Steps to Help You Take Responsibility for Your Collections." Patricia Turpening is Head of Preservation and Archives at the University of Cincinnati Law Library. She was completing a week stay in New Orleans where she had been conducting a preservation assessment for the collections in the Law Library of Louisiana. The staff at the Law Library of Louisiana successfully applied for and received an NEH "Preservation Assistance Grant" through the Regional Alliance for Preservation. Through this grant they were able to fund the consultation and preservation assessment by Patricia Turpening. Turpening provided the Law Library with an evaluation of their current preservation needs and recommendations for a future course of action.

In her talk, Turpening spoke on the importance of preservation issues for libraries. The use of the term "preservation" includes all activities undertaken in a library to prolong the useful lives of materials. Preserving the condition of our library materials to the best of our ability, so that future users will also have the opportunity to access them is central to the library mission. Preservation should therefore be an integral part of the policies we create for our collections, and a part of our daily practices. Turpening spoke on how to get a preservation program started for your library and the steps involved with creating a successful plan. Components of a plan should include:

- program goals and objectives (both short and long-term)
- strategies to reach the goals
- a statement of priorities
- activities necessary to reach the short-term objectives
- responsibility designation for each activity
- a list of resources, and a schedule with beginning and end dates for each activity

She added that all plans should be based on a needs assessment survey which includes an executive summary to the library director. If your manager is not a librarian it may be helpful for you to educate them concerning the importance of preservation initiatives. Documenting your needs, your priorities, and your goals is an important part of this process.

Turpening emphasized that becoming knowledgeable about preservation issues and techniques is an important part of developing a preservation project in your library. There are many resources that are available to us. She recommended Solinet workshops as a great place to go for receiving instruction. Additionally, there are numerous print and Internet resources that provide access to helpful information. (See below for references). Turpening also recommended making visits to preservation departments in university or college libraries as a way to learn more about current policies and techniques.

At the end of her talk Turpening provided a handout that she had put together called "Resources for Caring for Library Collections." It lists various resources for accessing information on preservation and conservation. Below are selections from that handout.

Print Resource

Adcock, Edward P., ed. *IFLA Principles for the Care and Handling of Library Material*. Paris, France: International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, 1998.

Boomgaarden, Wesley L. *Staff Training and User Awareness in Preservation Management*. Washington, D. C.: Association of Research Libraries, 1993.

Denham, Patricia K. *Preservation Planning and Implementation in the Law Library*, Legal Information Management Reports, Vol. 5 No. 3 Summer 1993.

Drewes, Jeane M. *Promoting Preservation Awareness in Libraries*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1998.

Ogden, Sherelyn, ed. *Preservation of Library & Archival Materials: A Manual*, 3rd ed. Andover, Mass.: Northeast Document Conservation Center, 1999. (Also available online at: <<http://www.nedcc.org/titlep.htm>>)

Discussion Lists

Conservation DistList: send requests for subscribing to: consdist-request@lindy.stanford.edu

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Web Resources

Conservation OnLine (CoOL)

<http://palimpsest.stanford.edu>

Northeast Document Conservation Center

<http://www.nedcc.org>

Library of Congress Preservation Directorate

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/preserv/>

SOLINET

<http://www.solinet.net/presvtn/preshome.htm>

AMIGOS

www.amigos.org/preserve.htm

National Library of Medicine Preservation and Collection Management Section

www.nlm.nih.gov/psd/pcm/pcm.html

Association of Research Libraries

www.arl.org/preserv/index.html

National Agriculture Lib Preservation Program

www.nalusda.gov/preservation/



Library Education



LSU SLA/ASIS&T Fall Meeting

On Sunday, October 29, the LSU SLA/ASIS&T student organization held a meeting in Coates Hall. Sixteen members and guests attended the meeting, which focused on job interviewing skills.

Guest speaker Christy Chandler of the Louisiana Library Association offered helpful suggestions on interviewing successfully and provided the attendees with a handout listing some of the most frequently asked questions during an interview. Dean Beth Paskoff also spoke to the group about the placement assistance offered by the LSU School of Library and Information Science to its alumni.

SLIS senior Hillary McLennan commented, "It was a helpful presentation for me as I will soon be graduating and going on job interviews."

Following the meeting, refreshments were served and the attendees had the opportunity to speak informally with Ms. Chandler and Dean Paskoff.

NEW PROFESSOR AT LSU SLIS

Dr. Elizabeth Dow joined the faculty of the LSU School of Library and Information Science in January. An experienced librarian and archivist, Dr. Dow will be teaching courses on Information Services and Archives in the Spring 2001 semester. Dr. Dow earned her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, and has taught at the College of Library and Information Science of the University of South Carolina. She comes to Baton Rouge from the University of Vermont, and is eager to learn about the life and culture of Louisiana.

ARCHIVES COURSE AT LSU !

If you are interested in taking Dr. Elizabeth Dow's course on archives this semester, you may still add the course until January 25. It will be meeting on Wednesday evenings, beginning January 17. For more information, contact Dean Beth Paskoff at 578-1480 or lpask@lsu.edu.

The **Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter** of the Special Libraries Association publishes the Chapter Newsletter in August, October, January, and April. The newsletter is free to all chapter members and other interested individuals. Newsletters can also be accessed at:

www.sla.org/chapter/cia/newsletters.html

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LaSoMi Winter Meeting

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Freeman School of
Business
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA
February 3, 2001



LaSoMi Spring Meeting

Lauren Rogers Museum
Of Art
Laurel, MS
May 19, 2001

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