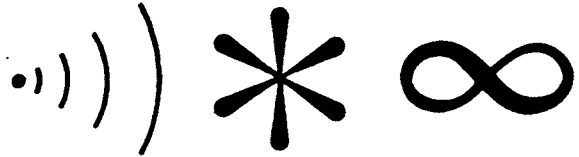


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Helen Z. Knudsen

Mid-Winter Meeting in San Francisco aired the following: (1) the longed-for approval for a change in the SLA bylaws did not materialize; (2) headquarters considers a ~\$16,800 wage worth accepting as part of their job advertisement in the Specialist; (3) the Cabinets are considering a reward system for increasing the membership; (4) headquarters seeks interested internationalists to apply for positions in IFLA; (5) SLA officially endorses the use of acid-free paper in publications of enduring value; (6) end of membership of SLA in the Association of American Publishers--due to "no projects of interest" for the past ten years; (7) the 1989 SLA Legislative Platform included a new section on confidentiality of library records; (8) the Ad Hoc Committee on Library Image feels that we receive unbalanced treatment by the press; (9) the Resolution on Federal Information Policies for the Bush Administration and 101st Congress held no specific mention of the FBI "Library Awareness Program"; (10) the 1990 SLA Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, rather than Cleveland; (11) NCLIS (National Commission on Libraries and Information Science) should be supported as an entity, although its present (12/88) membership holds flawed views on confidentiality of library records--some supported the FBI program.

(1) The change in the SLA bylaws would have enabled the Board of Directors to vote by mail, telephone, or other electronic means on certain issues. To this end the bylaws had to be amended. To amend the bylaws presently requires a 40% approval vote. Of the total ballots mailed this past fall, only 34.2% were valid. The change in the bylaws would have lowered the required approval percentage to 25%--a

more realistic figure. Our non-voters are preventing us from carrying on the business of the Association. This 1988 balloting was the third time SLA has failed to elicit the one-time-only 40% required response.

(2) The job listings in the SpecialList sometimes offer professional positions for extremely low wages. It was requested of headquarters that such low-paying positions be refused space in the SpecialList; only prevailing "average" salaries (according to the most recent SLA salary survey) should be accepted. Some demurring about loss of advertising revenue sparked heated responses from the Division and Chapter representatives. The Board of Directors promised to consider the matter further.

(3) In an effort to increase membership, an elaborate awards system was suggested in the Division (and, presumably, the Chapter) Cabinet meetings. This system would take into account not only the size of the group (division or chapter), but also the number of members "lost" during the previous year. There were other "balancing" factors also taken into consideration, leaving most of us wishing for a computer to figure the odds. Finally some clearer heads suggested that we put a great deal MORE effort into KEEPING our members happier. A study is presumably underway which will look into the subject of why each "lost" member leaves, whether it is a geographic change or a subject interest change, etc.... Stay tuned.

(4) There really is more to being active in IFLA than simply trotting off to Paris this August. (See: SpecialList v.12:2[Feb89]p.6.) To present SLA as a truly international organization, we

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 (MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR-CONTINUED)

ought to be part of associations which deal with library matters on an international scale. Two people from SLA are expected to attend IFLA meetings (one per year), and have their expenses covered by the Association. Any interested SLA member who manages to be appointed to a position on one of the dozen or so sections of IFLA must be prepared to cover his/her own expenses to places like Paris / Stockholm / Moscow / New Delhi (1989-1992 meeting places). Contact Tim Akers at SLA headquarters.

(5) That SLA should endorse acid-free paper is highly commendable.

(6) This membership cancellation is most puzzling in light of the feverish activity in the Publisher Relations Committee. We heard a report regarding increase in journal costs from David Bender. (Don't miss the action on this topic in New York!!) Excerpts: ...no statement yet, but will send out two surveys: to affected librarians and to certain publishers.Based upon the survey results and responses, there will emerge a statement... Working with other associations and other library associations...Joint Committee with the American Association of Publishers. ...Asked to be allowed to become associate member of the American Association of Publishers so as to facilitate communications between the two groups. Some of the information on the questionnaire (the survey) will N O T be shared with the publishers. The Board of Directors pointed out the cost problems associated with initiating a survey...\$300.00 for stamps, for example...just to document the severity of the problem (of journals prices).

(7) The SLA 1989 Legislative Platform is prepared by the Director, Government Relations and Fund Development, in conjunction with members of the Government Relations Committee. Most of the items reflect the same issues as in previous years with the exception of item No.5: ..."Encourage the enactment of legislation which would ...serve to protect an individual's intellectual freedom by ... guaranteeing the confidentiality of library records maintained ...in public institutions." Interested members are directed to the latest SpecialList v.12:2/[Feb89]p.4 for an

update on the FBI' "Library Awareness Program". Some of their "activity" was carried out in libraries in states where confidentiality is N O T protected by legislation. Surprise.

(8) The Image of the Professional is dealt with in a questionnaire in the same issue.

(9) Most of this Resolution dealt with new technologies, comprehensive policy-making, and effective appointments to decision-making positions. It highlighted the Office of Technology Assessment's report: "Informing the Nation: Federal Information Dissemination in an Electronic Age". The only reference to FBI activity was quite oblique: "Action is urgently needed ... to resolve ... access issues." Both the Govt. Printg. Office and the NCLIS were pointedly marked for more enlightened appointments.

(10) Research turned up the interesting fact that SLA has outgrown the conference facilities offered by the city of Cleveland. Therefore beautiful downtown Pittsburgh was selected for the 1990 conference. Plan now.

(11) The concern about the members of NCLIS was expressed by a letter to the Editors of Library Journal, August 1988 issue, page 8? and 9, by Alphonse Trezza. Discussion on the floor revealed that the members in question were no longer members, the administration in question had been replaced (as of the November election), and therefore there might be some considerable hope for general improvement in the NCLIS decision-making capability.

***** and now for news of New York *****

The 1989 SLA Annual Conference will be held in New York. The Big Apple has been chosen every 5 years or so, regardless of where else the conference is held in the intervening years. The intimidating expense of NYC room and board bills has been a difficult factor to face, and has been quinquennially unavoidable. Apparently someone is taking notice of this problem, since the schedule ignores Apple City at least until 1997!

1990 = Pittsburgh 1991 = San Antonio (Texas)
 1992 = San Francisco 1993 = Cincinnati
 1994 = Atlanta (again) 1995 = Montreal
 (see...we are truly international) 1996 = Boston (again)
 To make up for New York's expensiveness, we have devised ever more interesting and appropriate presentations for you to enjoy:

Sunday June 11th 1:30 - 3:00pm INCREASED SERIALS PRICING: CAUSES, PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS (PART ONE)
 (Co-Sponsored by PAM Division and Materials Division) Roundtable presentation by publishers on how journals are priced: Mrs. Pat Schuman, for Neal-Schuman Publishers; Ms. Mary Lane, Director of Publications, American Mathematical Society; Dr. Helmut Abt, Editor, Astrophysical Journal (a paper by Dr. Abt will be presented for him)

Monday June 12th 1:30 - 3:00pm PAM Division
Mathematics Workshop

Workshop on MathSci Disc, coordinated by Martha Tucker Murdoch, Head, Mathematics Research Library, University of Washington Libraries. Greetings from the new Executive Director of the American Mathematical Society. Taissa Kusma, of AMS, will give background on MathSci Disc. Discussion panel of mathematics librarians/users. Further discussion on topics of interest to mathematics librarians.

Monday June 12th 3:00 - 4:30pm PAM Division
Computer Science Workshop

Brainstorming session on information about computer science collections, led by Derek Kozikowski, Librarian, Digital Equipment Corp., and Nancy Zachariasen, Computer Sciences Librarian at the California Institute of Technology.

Monday June 12th 9:00 - 12:00 PAM Division
Open House

Hospitality Chairman: April Love, Librarian, California State University at Irvine

Tuesday June 13th 9:00 - 10:30am PAM
Division Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday June 13th 10:30 - 12:00 PAM Division
Vendor Update

Coordinator: Barbara Luszczynska, Librarian, Mathematics Library, Washington University, St. Louis Panel of publishers' representatives will speak about improvements or changes in their products and services: Mr. M. Stephen Dane, General Manager, Kluwer Academic ; Ms. Kim Cavalero, Marketing Manager, Pergamon Press ; Ms. Merry Weed, Springer/Verlag ; Mr. Gregory Fischer, STN; Ms. Beth Schacht, Marketing Director, Gordon & Breach

Tuesday June 13th 1:30 - 3:00pm PAM Division
Astronomy Workshop

Coordinator: Fran Waranius, Librarian, Lunar and Planetary Institute, Houston, Texas.

Tuesday June 13th 3:00 - 4:30pm PAM Division
Physics Workshop

Coordinator: Peter Cziffra, Princeton University, and Alice Primack, Marston Science Library, University of Florida at Gainesville. Representatives of: Society for Scholarly Publishing, Faxon, American Institute of Physics presenting their views on the journals pricing problem.

Tuesday June 13th 9:00 - 12:00 PAM Division
Open House

Hospitality Chairman: April Love, Librarian, California State University at Irvine

Wednesday June 14th 3:00 - 5:00pm

*****no fewer than T W E L V E divisions are co-sponsoring this event

*****INCREASED SERIALS PRICING: CAUSES, PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS (PART TWO)

Coordinator: Barbara Best-Nichols, Burlington Textiles Library, North Carolina State University, Raleigh; Moderator: N. Bernard (Buzzy) Basch, Director, Ebsco; Panelists: Charles Hamaker, Assistant Director of Collections, Louisiana State University; Joan Grant, Director, Collection Management, New York University; Richard R. Rowe, President, Faxon; Peggy F. Hull, Head, Library and Information Services, Glaxco, Inc.; John Tagler, Director of Marketing, Elsevier Science Publishers; Robert H. Marks, Director, Publications Division, American Chemical Society; Don Tonkery, Chief Executive Officer, Readmore

Wednesday June 14th 9:00 - 12:00 PAM
Division Open House

Hospitality Chairman: April Love, Librarian, California State University at Irvine
Thursday AM: Field trip to Forbes Gallery, Washington Square, Soho, and Chinatown. Nancy Gubman of NYU's Courant Institute will be the tour guide.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to New York. Travel funds are becoming more and more restricted, making conference attendance more and more difficult. Those who will not be attending have to send in their questions and concerns to their respective workshop coordinators. Participation at Conference sessions is NOT limited to those present. I will make sure that all correspondence is made a part of the meetings which deal with the particular subject matter; those not attending in person will most certainly be kept abreast of all the happenings--right here in the PAM Bulletin.
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE
REPORT

The nominating committee, Mary Ann Southern, Wally Pegram, and Joyce Rey-Watson, Chair, report the proposed slate of officers for consideration in June is: Marlene Cummins, University of Toronto, Chair-Elect; and Ellen Bouton, NRAO, Secretary. Cathy Van Atta will continue in her second year as treasurer. Further nominations, accompanied by a written acceptance of the nominee, may be entered by a petition of at least 10 members, and filing it with the Nominating Committee at least 60 days prior to the annual business meeting.

SIMBAD STOP PRESS!

Joyce Rey-Watson, Smithsonian Ap. Obs.

By the time you read these words, it is very likely you will already have received the first mailing from SAO. This includes a copy of the new "SIMBAD User's Guide," new password/id, and instructions for North American users. A copy of the "Status of Acronyms in SIMBAD" should follow in the near future. The update was not completed in time for inclusion in this mailing. We do foresee teething troubles, but hope they can soon be cleared up. The link is pretty stable now, and if you lose it, just try again immediately. We are also working with the CDS to activate the new passwords and ids, which is taking longer than we had expected -- perhaps not too surprising, as over 80 institutions signed up, comprising, thus far, about 150 individuals.

It will be necessary for you to set up your own method of downloading your SIMBAD runs. We are only the gateway, and do not have any printing or forwarding facilities. There are so many systems in use that we have made no suggestions as to how this can be accomplished, and refer you to your computer gurus if you have not yourself already devised a solution to this problem.

We at SAO sincerely hope that this access link will be a success, and prove to be a really valuable resource for our astronomers. Please bear with us during this trial period. We have a "Hotline," 617/495-7301, and please use it. We will return your calls as soon as possible. You should identify yourself, and let us know if your problem concerns the computer, the link, or a password problem, in which case CHARLES MAXSON will be your contact. JOYCE WATSON will try to answer questions concerning the SIMBAD database itself.

MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP

Martha Murdoch, U. of Washington

The Math Workshop will be held on Monday, June 15 in the afternoon (I think). The topic this year will be a discussion and critique of AMS's new CD, MATHSCI DISC. MATHSCI DISC is due to be shipped by the end of February, so we'll have approximately three months' experience with it. Those of you who have ordered it, keep our workshop in mind as you formulate your impressions. Some things to think about: (1) any problems during set-up--any tips to pass on? (2) how user friendly to librarians? Is user manual clear and helpful? Suggestions to improve? (3) How are you introducing to patrons? Workshops, one at a time, or is patron on own? (4) Who is using? Faculty--younger and older? Grad students? Undergrad? (5) How does MATHSCI DISC compare

to other CD products in ease of use? (6) Are you and patrons satisfied with results? I will be glad to get your comments after you have had time to become familiar with MATHSCI DISC.

If there are other topics you would like to discuss as well, please let me know, so I can put it in the May Bulletin.

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ASTRONOMY NEWS

Ellen Bouton, NRAO

SIMBAD access through the NASA/NSF-supported SAO-SIMBAD link is now up and running. If you applied to use the link and have not yet received your authorization and manual, or if you wish to apply now, contact Joyce Rey-Watson at SAO (CFA:WATSON on SPAN).

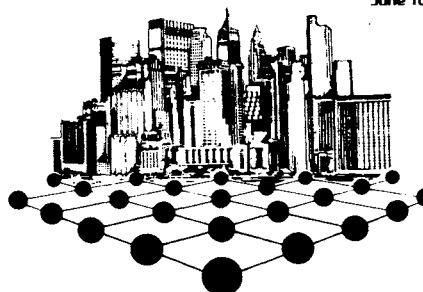
Last summer Texas distributed preprint #12, Abell, Corwin, & Olowin, A Catalogue of Rich Clusters of Galaxies. The preprint does not include the data tables (e.g. the catalogue itself). They are available in both floppy disk (from Harold G. Corwin, Jr. at Dept. of Astronomy, University of Texas at Austin) and tape versions (from either Corwin or Astronomical Data Center at NSSDC). The floppy version has notes to the tables as well as the text of the preprint; the tape version is the catalogue only.

Manuscript of IAU Colloquium 110 is about to go to the U.S. Naval Observatory for publication, but don't hold your breath--it has to go through the government print process.

The U.S. Naval Observatory has plenty of extra copies of Sky with Ocean Joined: Proceedings of the Sesquicentennial Symposia of the U.S. Naval Observatory, December 5 and 8, 1980. If anyone did not get one or would like another, please contact Brenda Corbin.

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MATHEMATICS NEWS

 Joanne M. Goode, U. of Kentucky

The Listserv account for the PAM membership is a reality - although still on a small scale. Listed below are the names on the account list to date. If you didn't get at least one message from SLA-PAM and your name is on the list, please let me know at JMGOODE@UKCC or JMGOODE@UKCC.UKY.EDU.

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Names from the physics and astronomy lists will be added beginning this month. If your bitnet address is not in the PAM Directory, or if there is an error in your listing, please let me know. Mail can be sent out to everyone on the list by sending one mail message to SLA-PAM@UKCC or SLA-PAM@UKCC.UKY.EDU (for those not directly connected to Bitnet). Maybe by the time we all meet in New York, there will be enough names on the list and enough members using it, that we can access its success and work out bugs/problems. Give it a try - you don't have to be already on the list to use it.

A request was sent over SLA-PAM for information to go in this column. Taissa Kusma from the AMS reports "that the CD-ROM Math Sci Disc is ready. It contains MR 85-88 plus 71,000 CMP entries. The other item is a Math Sci Workshop we are giving at Columbia University on March 8 1-5 PM in the Butler Library. It is being sponsored by ACRL New York."

Martha Murdoch reports that she is working on a questionnaire regarding the Math Sci disc.

As noted in a previous column, the Association for Computing Machinery is developing a newsletter for the library community. Mike Seiden, who is in charge of the project, expects the first issue to come out in late April/early May. He stated two primary goals; announcement and description of proceedings in a more timely fashion, and the initiation of a dialog between the library community and ACM, thereby providing a forum for comments and suggestions on customer services and products. The newsletter editor will be encouraging letters to the editor and submitted articles. Mike Seiden can be contacted at 212-869-7440 Ext. 305.

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY

United Technologies Library & Information Services is a network of 12 resource centers serving 8 operating units. Centralized services, including on-line catalog, interlibrary loan, purchasing and processing of materials are located at the United Technologies Research Center in East Hartford, CT. Two dynamic individuals are needed for user services at libraries in the Windsor Locks and Stratford, CT, locations. Responsibilities include reference services, online searching, and assisting users in the organization and use of library services.

Salary range: \$25,680 - \$40,680.

Qualifications: MLS from an ALA-accredited library and strong oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills are required. Experience in user services and an academic background in technical/science fields is preferred.

Send letter of application and resume to: Dr. Wayne Kuhnly, MS 35-S121, United Technologies Research Center, Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT 06108. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

OPEN LETTER FROM YOUR SLA STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The mandate of the Standards Committee was defined in 1980 as follows:

"To identify and disseminate to Association members existing and proposed standards for services, facilities, staffs and resources of special libraries and information centers."

"To review proposed standards related to special libraries and information centers."

"To serve as liaison between the Association and other organizations concerned with standards."

As a member of the Committee and as a person anxious to enhance the image of the library professional, I am asking all SLA Division members for input. You may not even be aware of the fact that there is a Standards committee, as to date we have kept a low profile. However, in 1989, under the leadership of the Chair, Virgie Jo Sapp of the Aluminum Co. of America, we want to become very active.

For this to take place we need input from as many of our members as possible.

1. We need to know about your areas of expertise, to allow us to create a data base of experts to consult on standards questions.

2. We want to liaise with existing Standards Chairs and encourage the creation of such in the Divisions. (To this end we have already contacted all Division Chairs.)

To give you an example of our plan of action, one of the areas we wish to look into is the

manufacturers' lack of concern for the standardization of library hardware and software, and how to remedy this. We, the professional librarians of the U. S. and Canada, are a widespread, strong, and vocal group of users, and should be able to form a powerful lobby to impose some ground rules for future standardization.

One solution may be to get together with other library groups, such as the American Library Association and the Canadian Library Association; we could become a formidable lobbying group indeed. This is only one of many examples of the form of action we could explore. We hope that you will come forward and let us know of your areas of concern and subject expertise as well as ideas.

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OPEN LETTER ON "IMAGE"

Dear Colleagues,

As you probably know, your President, Jo Ann Clifton, is chairing a Task Force on the Enhancement of the Image of the Library and Information Professional. This triggered the idea of investigating unusual hobbies, interests, and careers that librarians may pursue, with a view of trying to change our unfortunately still existing stereotypical image.

The following are examples of what some former librarians (mostly female) do today; they conduct trains, manage quarries, work as dairy farmers. These are full-time occupations.

There are also librarians who pursue hobbies such as sky-diving, belly-dancing, bicycle and race-car repairing, and fly fishing.

If you yourselves pursue any unusual hobbies or careers apart from library work, or know of anyone who does, please let me know. Should enough interesting profiles emerge from this, we will eventually prepare a video tape to be distributed widely.

Sincerely, Anne M. Galler, Associate Professor, Library Studies, Concordia University, President, Eastern Canada Chapter.
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the second
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Send copies of your library's marketing materials, then come by to pick up samples donated by other special librarians. This is a great way to get new ideas! Also, visit with the poster session leaders to hear about their innovative marketing activities.

For details about this event, mail the coupon to: Liz Bibby, SLA Swap & Shop, c/o Library Services, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, PO Box 105565, Atlanta, GA 30348.

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Peter Cziffra and Alice Primack are in the process of planning the Physics Workshop for the New York meeting. To ensure that your interests or concerns will be considered please complete and return this form by March 15 to Alice Primack, Marston Science Library, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

Please rank topics of interest to the left (use 1 for high and rank your top 7 or 8). On the right, please indicate if (and how) you would like to contribute, e.g. handouts, share experiences, etc.

Journal Cost Problems:

- ___ cuts
- ___ commercial document delivery
- ___ cooperation

Grey Literature:

- ___ preprints
- ___ conference proceedings, papers

Bibliographic Instruction:

- ___ teaching library research skills
- ___ end user search training
- ___ training librarians to teach
- ___ evaluation
- ___ use of AV, hypercard, etc.

Computer Applications:

- ___ computer files
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