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CHAIR'S CORNER

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Fall felicitations for frantic, fast, fun, frustrated, fulfilled ... Yes, Fall is here and the academic pace is hectic and sometimes bewildering. This morning I participated in a video teleconference among four academic institutions, and this afternoon my email revealed a message about a chicken with a note attached to "please feed me" that was found in one of our university libraries. I hope this, the first newsletter of the 1998-99 academic year, finds you happy and ready to face the known and unknown challenges of the year.

Conference: The LLA Conference will be held in Baton Rouge March 17-19, 1999. There are some changes in the traditional Academic Section format. There will be programs on both Wednesday, March 17 and on Thursday, March 18; there will not be the usual breakfast meeting with ACRL/LA but instead there will be a joint business meeting with ACRL/LA on Thursday afternoon. Jules Tate, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Academic Section, is to be congratulated and thanked for organizing an interesting, timely, and diverse program.

"Innovations in Library User Education" -- Two ninety minute sessions will address a variety of technical and innovative approaches including online tutorials, technology applications, peer training with student assistants, legal resources, and team teaching. Presenters include Lisa Stigall, LOUIS; Tom Butler and Van Viator, Nicholls; Matthew Paris and Peggy Schenk, Louisiana Tech; Karen Leesburg, Nunez; Dinah Williams, Northeast; and Catherine Jannik, Northwestern.

"Working with Vendors: Avoiding the Pitfalls and Negotiating the Biggest Bang for Your Library Buck" -- Carolyn Coco, LOUIS.

"Librarians' Role in the Future of Distance Education: ... how to make sure librarians are not the last to know about the college's latest distance education project" -- Dr. Thomas Abbott, Dean of Libraries and Instructional Support at the University of Maine's Lewiston Auburn Campus.

"CLARR: How to Get Started and Other Electronic Solutions (CORCE & FULOAD) for Technical Services in NOTIS Libraries"-- Natalie Palermo, LSU.

"Community College Libraries in Louisiana: Current Developments" -- Panelists will include library directors from Delgado, Nunez, and Baton Rouge Community Colleges.

Committees: The section has two standing committees, Publications and the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee. Susan Richard, USL, is continuing to serve as editor of Notes & Tracings. The Award Committee is chaired by Rebecca DiCarlo, NLU, and members are Joe McNeill, McNeese, and Martha Henderson, NSU. Those representing the Academic Section on LLA Committees include Marilyn Hankel, UNO, LLA Bulletin, and Anita Dobson, LaTech, LLA Continuing Education.

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LLA award committees accepting nominations

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award

This award sponsored by the Academic Section recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship in Louisiana. Nominations are now being solicited and the guidelines to be followed in submissions include: Nominee must be an academic librarian currently active in his/her profession in Louisiana. On rare occasions, a non-librarian who has made exceptional contributions to academic libraries/librarians/librarianship in Louisiana may be considered. Contributions must be of value to libraries or librarians as a whole and not to individual persons or institutions. Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA. Deadline for receiving

applications is December 1, 1998. Send nominations to:

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Anthony H. Benoit Mid-Career Award

This award is sponsored by the New Members Round Table to recognize a Louisiana Librarian in mid-career for outstanding contributions to the field of librarianship. Nominee must possess an M.L.S. degree, hold current membership in LLA, and have at least ten, but not more than twenty years of professional library experience. Deadline for receiving applications is December 1, 1998. Send nominations to:

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Essae M. Culver Award

To honor a librarian whose professional service and achievements, whose leadership in Louisiana association work, and whose accomplishments in a field of librarianship within the state merit recognition of particular value to Louisiana librarianship. Deadline for receiving applications is December 1, 1998. Send nominations to:

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Lucy B. Foote Award

This award is sponsored by the Subject Specialists Section and honors an outstanding Louisiana subject specialist who has made a substantial contribution to the field of special librarianship. Deadline for receiving applications is December 1, 1998. Send nominations to:

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LIBRARY NEWS

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY ALEXANDRIA Bolton Library

Anna C. Burns has a new title; she is now director of the library and learning resources. The developmental education facility has been moved into office space in the library.

The library recently received three grants: LEH is funding two programs celebrating the 80th anniversary of Armistice Day which ended World War I; International Paper Company donated funds for a large display case; and the Rapides Foundation awarded \$15,000 for equipment to copy photographs.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY EUNICE LeDoux Library

The librarians participated in the Chancellor's Undergraduate Summer Research Institute (URSI). **Sue Forrest**, director, advised student researcher Daniel Prather in "The Selection of Books for Young Adults." **Cinderella Hayes** and **Hal Mendelsohn**, reference librarians, advised student researcher William Schambough in "Benchmarking the Performance of the LeDoux Library." Schambough's project used the *California Output Measures Manual for Community College Libraries* as a model. The manual and surveys developed will be used to document the library's performance for accreditation purposes in the future. Schambough has since transferred to USL to complete his bachelor's degree in business. The stipends awarded for the research projects were used to purchase young adult books for the LeDoux Library.

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY Prescott Memorial Library

Kevin Cuccia's most recent book reviews include *Managing Ignatius: The Lunacy of Lucky Dogs and Life in the Quarter*, *Portals to Hell: Military Prisons of the Civil War*, and *Dawn's*

Revenge by Baton Rouge attorney L.D. Sledge.

David Merchant is the new systems librarian. David received his MSIS from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and is the list administrator for the Javascript electronic discussion list <javascript@latech.edu>. He has created over 400 web pages for 17 different web sites and is currently working on a book on HTML cross-platform coding tentatively to be published in early Spring 1999. With a side interest in astronomy and medieval literature, he delivered a paper on Marie de France this past May at the 33rd International Conference on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI.

Mathew Paris was recently appointed the Education Reference Librarian. He received his B.S. in Education and M.L.S. from Indiana University. He worked for several years in the ERIC educational system and is an occasional actor in local theater.

Anita Dobson, head of access services, has designed the new LALINC card, which features a logo with the state of Louisiana in the center, surrounded by a chain link image. She has also been appointed to the LLA Continuing Education Committee. She is currently a co-list owner along with David Merchant for the Javascript discussion list as well as co-webmaster for the library's homepage at <http://www.latech.edu/tech/library>.

MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY

Frazar Library

Money from the student technology assessment has purchased 24 new workstations for the library's computer lab. Printing is free to McNeese students. In addition, partial funding of a gaming revenue proposal has allowed the purchase of five new Internet workstations for the reference department.

The McNeese Library is proud to introduce the Electronic Reserves project. EReserves makes most class readings and other reserve items available for McNeese students over the web and easily accessible from the library's web site at <http://library.mcneese.edu>.

An exhibit entitled "**Dr. Michael E. DeBakey: Surgeon, Educator, and Medical Statesman,**" was on display September 28-October 16 in the library. To help celebrate Dr. DeBakey's years of excellence at Baylor College of Medicine, Baylor's Office of Public Affairs has created a traveling exhibit in his honor. McNeese State University is proud to be the exhibit's first stop on its national tour. The Archives Department contributed materials concerning DeBakey's early life in Lake Charles to the committee responsible for producing the exhibit.

"**What's With This Pirate Thing? The Modern Celebration of Piracy in Lake Charles,**" is on display through May 17. There is no historical evidence that Jean Lafitte ever even visited southwest Louisiana, but Lake Charles has still used pirate images for everything from

businesses to carnival krewes. This exhibit examines why we didn't start our fascination for it until after World War II. Also on display is "**A Brief History of Chennault Air Force Base, 1941-1963.**" Built as part of the military buildup in the South during World War II, Chennault Air Force Base had tremendous effects on the lives of Lake Charles residents. Created as a part of the city of Lake Charles' Fourth of July celebration, this display uses photographs and base publications to document the field's history and explain the ways it has been so important to this area.

Kathie Bordelon has conducted research on the Calcasieu River Lighthouse at the U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office and at the National Archives. The information will be used to write a history of the lighthouse and to mount an exhibition.

The Archives Department has transcribed 15 hours of interviews with members of the Lebanese and Italian communities in Lake Charles and Sulphur for its Mediterranean Oral History Project. The tapes and transcripts have been processed into a document collection that includes photographs.

Hans Rasmussen will attend the Louisiana Association of Museums workshop in Lafayette on Building Better Exhibits for Small Museums. **Kathie Bordelon** will attend "Have You Got the Blues?," an architectural records workshop in New Orleans. Both workshops are scheduled for November 6.

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Watson Library

New employees were welcomed to Watson Library in August. **Steve Edscorn** was appointed to reference and library instruction; he is from the University of Kentucky. **Catherine Jannik** was named reference librarian in the media and serials division; she is from the University of Southern Mississippi. **Deonci Sutton** moved from the Grambling State University Library to Northwestern's Nursing Education Center Library in Shreveport as a library associate.

The library was funded for three grant proposals to the Louisiana Board of Regents for 1998-99. **Martha Henderson**, head of the media and serials division, is the principal investigator for "Technological Enhancement of Teacher Education with Government Documents," a project which will network electronic documents. She also will spearhead "Preventive Law Initiative for Educators," a proposal to add computer workstations and WestLaw databases to the reference area. **Dominique Hallett**, systems librarian, is heading "Internet Access for Electronic Resources in Nursing," which will enhance web access in the library. Watson library also obtained four University grants over the summer. **Roxie Braxton** and Yolanda Bobb were successful in acquiring new computers for the circulation area. **Abbie Landry** won approval for updating the research assistant software. **Fleming Thomas** obtained new resources for literary criticism. And **Sonny Carter** will be updating and enhancing the imaging lab.

University student technology fees recently added a 45-station computer lab to the first floor of the library. Equipment is available for Internet access, word processing, scanning, and printing by University students, faculty, and staff. Unified workstations compose the second phase of the library plan to be funded by student fees; this hardware will be purchased during the fall of 1998.

Watson library faculty and staff observed their annual Celebration and Planning Day on August 17. The group recounted accomplishments from the previous year, made forecasts for the upcoming year, and brainstormed for strategies to meet future events.

NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Library

Barbara Vaughn joined the library in July as part-time cataloger. She is a recent graduate of the LSU School of Library and Information Science.

This past Spring the library conducted a mail-in survey of student services. Overall rankings for the library remained positive. The highest percentage of "strongly agree" answers were earned by "The librarians were courteous and helpful" and "The library staff was courteous," questions which were priorities of the entire staff. The new library should greatly improve the other responses.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Earl K. Long Library

Laura D. Turner joined the library faculty in September as chair of reference services. Laura comes to the library from Johnson C. Smith University where she served as director of the library from 1996 to 1998. Laura also served as Associate Librarian at Xavier University from 1992-1996, and has worked as a part-time librarian from 1989-1990 at UNO. She received her MLS from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1973.

Deborah A. Lenares joined the library faculty as electronic reference services librarian in July. Before attending library school, Deborah worked as a Library Assistant from 1995 to 1997 at the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library at Tulane University. She received her MLIS from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in May.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Edith Garland Dupre Library

Carol Casey, head of cataloging, had two articles published during the summer of 1998. "An Archive of Book Reviews on the Internet: The Reviewer's Consortium Website" appeared in the Spring 1998 issue of the Louisiana Library Association's *LLA Bulletin*. "The Cyberarchive: A Look at the Storage and Preservation of Websites" was published in the July 1998 issue of *College & Research Libraries*.

David Stokes, special projects librarian, had his article "Feared & Revered: Bedford Forrest, Fort Pillow, and the Western Theatre of the Civil War, a Bio-Bibliography" published in the September issue of *Bulletin of Bibliography*.

A new website dedicated to the history of Fort Gaines (Dauphin Island) is available at <http://dauphine.net/fortgaines>. **Chuck Hamsa**, **Carol Casey**, and **David Stokes** compiled information and developed the site to increase public awareness of the fort's role in the Battle of Mobile Bay. In addition to visitor information and a brief history of the fort, the site features extensive bibliographies on Mobile and Alabama during the Civil War, as well as lists of Union and Confederate forces involved in the struggle for Mobile.

The Dupr Library faculty participated in the kickoff for the USL Centennial, the Legislative Reenactment Ceremony in May, at the State Capital in Baton Rouge. **Bruce Turner**, head of archives, curated all the historical displays at the Old Capital Building.

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