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Lea Wade, Chair

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This year's joint Louisiana Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries and LOUIS Users Conference was held at Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches on October 28-29, 2002.

The conference theme was "Realizing the Possibilities: Continuous Improvement in Your Library." The keynote speaker was Sara Laughlin, President of Sara Laughlin and Associates, a consulting firm specializing in continuous improvement systems, library planning, and project management and design, based in Bloomington, Indiana. She spoke on "Realizing the Possibilities: the Big Bold Picture and the Niggling Little Details." Two breakout sessions followed that afternoon, where participants discussed their experiences and ideas for improvement. The second day provided sessions on "Mentoring Programs in Academic Libraries," moderated by **Ashley Bonnette** of UL Lafayette.

Chair's Corner



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ette; "Finding Patents on the USPTO Website," by **Donna Vavrek**, LaTech, and **Jason Martin**, LSU; "Beyond the Desk: Outreach Services at LSU Libraries," **Paul Kelsey**, **Dawn Lowe-Wincentzen**, **Linda Smith Griffin**, and **Tom Diamond**, LSU; "Virtual Partners: Developing Collaborative Relationships for the Delivery of Virtual Reference," **J.B. Hill**, SLU, and **Lea Wade**, UNO; and "Attitudes in Louisiana Library Workplaces," moderated by **Denise Goetting**, UL Lafayette.

A change in the conference format was introduced this year, as LUC sessions were held concurrently with the ACRL/La sessions. Sessions focused on SIRSI/iLink/Unicorn customization, with discussions concerning the various modules and capabilities.

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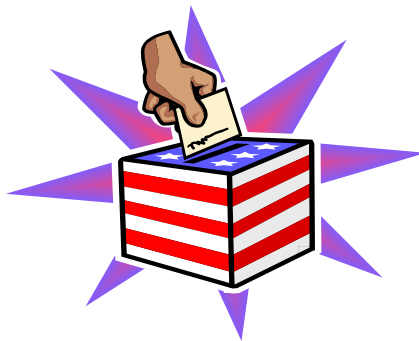
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Library News

BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Joanie Chavis was promoted to associate dean of the Learning Resource Center. Her responsibilities include the library, student technology labs and fund advisor, and coordinating faculty training for distance education initiatives. **Robert Webb** was promoted to head of Circulation Services. **Margaret Collins** was promoted to head of Reference and Information Services. **Kim Justice** is the new general librarian.

The Library received three awards during the 2001-2002 Faculty, Staff, and Student Awards Banquet which was held in May: The Service Excellence Award (which is given to the BRCC department of the year that provides exemplary service to students, staff, faculty and to the community at large), the Club of the Year Award (which went to the Library Club), and the Club Sponsor of the Year (which went to Joanie Chavis).

MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY

Debby Williamson, who has served in Reference for the past four years, is now head of the Reference Department. **Mary Jane Bloomquist**, Circulation Department head, has assumed additional responsibilities as assistant systems coordinator.

The library has initiated a program in which faculty who are awarded

tenure or who are promoted are recognized by the placing of a book in the collection in that person's honor.

Microfilm back issues of several local area newspapers, with updates through 1999, have been purchased.

The library web pages have been redesigned as part of a university-wide project to improve appearance and ease-of-use.

NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Penny Hecker is the new reference librarian. She received her MLIS from Louisiana State University.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

The library will display an exhibit on the *Book of Kells* from September 1 – December 1, 2002 in the lobby. The library has in its collection the Fine Art Facsimile Edition of the *Book of Kells*, which was published in a numbered edition strictly limited to 1480 copies worldwide. This edition consists of a matching set which comprises the fine art facsimile volume, the commentary volume, and the specially created presentation box. Copy number 387 became a part of the Archives Department in 1992.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Lance Query, dean of libraries, has been named to the Dean's Advisory Board of the School of Library & Infor-

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mation Science at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and appointed chair of the Information Policies Committee of ARL.

Bruce Raeburn, curator of the Hogan Jazz Archives, presented a paper at the Society of American Archivists meeting in Birmingham on August 23: "Duck and Blow: A Brief Overview of Black Musicians' Unions in New Orleans." He also presented "Louis Armstrong: Playing with Words" at the Satchmo Summer Fest in New Orleans on August 2.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

Chris Gilcrease, reference librarian, has published an article in the May 2002 issue of the *Journal of Latin American Studies*. Written in collaboration with Dr. Philip Dur, Jefferson Caffery Professor of Political Science Emeritus at UL Lafayette, the article is entitled "US Diplomacy and the Downfall of a Cuban Dictator: Machado in 1933."

Marina Pereira joined the Reference Department faculty in August. She has a double B.A. in History and Spanish from the University of Idaho and recently received masters degrees in History and Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University.

David Stokes, gifts and development librarian, recently won first place in the graduate division for the W. Darrell Overdyke Award from the North Louisiana Historical Association. The paper

Stokes submitted was entitled "Wherever the Sand is Damp': Union Naval Operations in the Red River Campaign, 12 March-22 May 1864."

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Michael A. Arseneau is the new catalog librarian/special formats and database management librarian.

John C. Kelly has been named the digital initiatives librarian.

Jeongmin Lee has joined the Reference Department as the new business reference librarian.

Hongbin Liu has accepted the position of electronic resources librarian and began work in August 2002.

Janet E. Murphy was hired as the new access services/interlibrary loan librarian.

Beth Namei has accepted the position of instruction librarian and began work in August 2002.

The **UNO Library and the Friends of the Library** are joining with the Midlo Center for New Orleans Studies and the UNO Metro College to sponsor the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Lectures/Course which continues on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the UNO Library. Each week a different faculty member lectures on a topic related to the Purchase. For more details and a complete lecture schedule and bibliography see: <http://library.uno.edu/events.html>.

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Chat Reference: Go to the new Chat Reference link (<http://library.uno.edu/chatref>) to get immediate online help from a reference librarian! The library is offering the virtual reference chat service in cooperation with librarians at Southeastern Louisiana University. The Chat Reference schedule is as follows: 9:30am-8:30pm Mondays, 10:00am-8:00pm Tuesdays, 10:00am-4:30pm Wednesdays, 10:00am-2:00pm Thursdays, and 10:00am-2:00pm Fridays. For more information, please contact Lea Wade, Head of Reference Services, at 280-1073 or lwade@uno.edu.

ILLiad: This patron-friendly way of requesting materials is now up and running. ILLiad allows users to track the status of their requests, request renewals, and receive responses online. Contact Janet Murphy, Access Services/ Interlibrary Loan Librarian, at 280-6548 or jmurphy@uno.edu for more information.

Wil Weston, reference librarian, is the recipient of a professional grant award from the GALE/SELA Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee. The award covers a portion of travel expenses of attending the conference. Recipients of the award are responsible for keeping an accounting of the various conference events and a "personal diary" of their experience while at the conference. The Committee may publish information collected at some future time.

Florence Jumonville, chair of the Louisiana and Special Collections Department, compiled *Louisiana History: An Annotated Bibliography*, which was published in August by Greenwood Press. The tenth volume in *Greenwood's Bibliographies of the States of the United States* series, *Louisiana History* contains citations to more than 6800 books, articles, and dissertations and theses pertaining to all aspects of Louisiana life and culture.

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together interesting programs for the LLA Conference at the Lamar-Dixon Center in Gonzales, March 18-20, 2003. The Academic Section will sponsor four programs with topics on digital libraries, student workers, publishing for tenure, and reference desk approachability. The program on digital libraries, presented by **Pat Vince**, Digital Library Manager at LOUIS, will be an overview and introduction to digital library components and a look at current digital library projects in Louisiana. **Elissa Plank**, student supervisor at LSU Libraries, will lead a round table discussion concerning training and disciplining student workers. Publishing for tenure is a concern for many of us, and will be addressed by **Bert Boyce**, **Beth Paskoff**, **Barbara Wittkopf**, **Sigrid Kelsey**, all of LSU, and **Florence Jumonville**, UNO. A humorous presentation on reference desk approachability will be offered by **Van Viator**, **Fran Middleton**, and **Dinah Williams**.

Mark your calendars for an exciting conference, March 18-20, 2003.

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award

The Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee seeks nominations for the Outstanding Academic Librarian. This award publicly recognizes “an individual who has made an especially significant contribution to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship within Louisiana.”

Nominees must be an academic librarian currently active in his or her profession in Louisiana. On rare occasions a non-librarian who has made exceptional contributions to academic librarianship in Louisiana may be considered. Contributions must be of value to libraries or librarians as a whole, not to individual persons or institutions. Contributions, such as creating a "model library" on a particular campus, must be profound enough to be of wide interest and easily accessible for other libraries to benefit from their creation. Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA.

Nominees should be characterized by one or more of the following:

1. Actively participates in professional activities which enrich the ability of academic librarians to enhance library usage.
2. Conducts research and shares this research with other Louisiana academic librarians (either through publication or through public presentations) which enriches the ability of library users to more fully utilize current information resources and technologies.
3. Serves as a model for other librarians or potential librarians who can help further the impact of Louisiana academic libraries on the education and/or livelihood of Louisiana's students and residents.

Nomination deadline is December 1, 2002

Nominations, in the form of a letter, must be submitted to Ginger Bryan, Bossier Parish Community College Library, 2719 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111.

Letters of nomination should include:

1. The full name, work address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the nominee.
2. An outline of the nominee's contributions to academic librarianship.
3. List of all special accomplishments credited to the nominee.

Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award

The purpose of this award is to encourage library science students to attend state library conferences and to recognize outstanding graduates or undergraduate library science students.

The prerequisites are:

1. Must be a full-time or part-time graduate or undergraduate student majoring or minoring in library science and attending a Louisiana college or university.
2. Can be a full-time or part-time student enrolled in a library tech program (two year) at an accredited two-year or four-year college.
3. Individual must be a student at the time of application, but not necessarily at the time of conference.
4. Must be a current member of LLA.

The nominees will be judged from the information given on the application form and from the accompanying letters of recommendation. Selection will be based on the nominee's professional promise and demonstrated leadership ability.

The winner of this award will receive an engraved plaque and a \$250.00 check from Thorpe Associates for expenses incurred in attending the LLA conference and a ribbon to be worn at the conference.

Nominations should be made by December 1, 2002 to:

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