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### *From the President ...*

Our entire membership owes a great deal of thanks to Past-President Jean Thomason for her excellent leadership of our association over the last year. Her initiative and that of Della Darby in planning and executing the "Best Practices" additional programming for academic libraries at the Alabama Library Association Conference in Huntsville set a standard for the incoming Executive Board, and we will attempt to continue those efforts to enrich the professional development opportunities for academic librarians in our state. The support Jean offered with the use of Samford University facilities for our board meetings and our workshop was invaluable and the association owes her thanks for that assistance as well.

Welcome to our new officers, Vice-President/President-Elect Patty Pilkerton from UAB, Secretary Kim Weatherford from Jacksonville State, and Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison Kathy Barone from Monte-

vallo. Continuing in their offices are Treasurer Mary Alice Fields from the University of Alabama, Legislative Liaison Eric Kidwell from Huntingdon, Newsletter Editor Della Darby from Samford, and Web Master Bob Schrimsher from Samford. Of course, Jean Thomason will serve as Past-President, and it is her duty to recruit new officers for next year. Please see Jean's call for nominations and volunteers below.

The Board will meet on August 29 at Samford University to discuss plans for membership initiative, programs at the Alabama Library Association Conference and the annual Chapter Meeting at the ALLA conference in Mobile, Wednesday, April 2, 2003.

Should you have ideas, questions, or concerns about AACRL, please feel free to contact any of the officers or your AACRL liaison.

Marcia Boosinger

### **Call for Nominations**

Interested in being more involved in AACRL? Consider running for an office. This Spring we will elect a Vice-President/President-Elect and a Treasurer. The elections will take place early in 2003 with new officers to be installed at the annual business meeting in April. The Vice-President/President-Elect is a three year commitment with the second year served as President and the third year as Past President. The position of Treasurer is a two year

commitment.

Nominees must be current members of both AACRL and the ACRL division of the American Library Association. Self-nominations are welcomed.

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## Annual Dinner Program and Meeting

The annual dinner, program and business meeting of the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries was held at the Wildflour Bistro, Huntsville, Alabama, on Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at 6:30 PM.

President-Elect Marcia Boosinger introduced the speaker, Dr. Mary Reichel, ACRL President and University Librarian at Appalachian State University. Dr. Reichel presented "Academic Libraries and the Web" which covered technology and higher education, partnerships in scholarship and teaching, and assessments of the web.

Dr. Reichel discussed her vision of technology and higher education. She believes that we are right on the cusp of technology which is having a transformational impact on higher education. She also believes that the web makes it easier for students to find information, but it has made it more difficult for them to analyze this information. Technology has opened up a whole new arena for faculty as well, and technology has improved access for all.

Dr. Reichel discussed how research has been transformed by the web. She mentioned an article by Blaise Cronin and Geoffrey McKim in which the authors argue that the web has transformed scholarship. They state that the emergence of the web as a central force in academic and research life is impossible to deny, and that in addition to becoming the reference library of first and last resort, the web is reshaping the ways in which scholars communicate with one another. They also state that the web is a global commons that encourages serendipity and fosters scholarly foraging and discovery mode searching ("Science and Scholarship on the World Wide Web", *Journal of Documentation* 52(2): 163-171). Dr. Reichel believes that research has been transformed by remote access, specialty databases with wide interest (examples: ICPSR at the University of Michigan, Documenting the American South at the University of

North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of South Alabama Archives, the Historical Map Archive at the University of Alabama, and DSpace at MIT), and informal methods of communication among scholars.

Dr. Reichel discussed partnerships in scholarship and described several projects that illustrate how librarians have partnered with faculty to make scholarly information available on the web.

These projects include the Civility Project and the Medieval Manuscripts Digitization Project at Johns Hopkins University (James G. Neal, "The Entrepreneurial Imperative: Advancing From Incremental to Radical Change in the Academic Library", *Portal: Libraries and the Academy* 1(1): 1-13) and the Scholarly Communication Center at Rutgers University (*Building a Scholarly Communications Center* by Boyd Collins). She also discussed libraries as scholarly publishers using the *Journal of Insect Science* published by the University of Arizona as an example. She also mentioned several scholarly communication initiatives including SPARC, Create Change, and the ACRL Task Force on Scholarly Communication.

She next focused on partnerships in teaching. Some examples of how librarians have partnered with faculty in regards to teaching include instruction and tutorials (University of Cincinnati), personalized portals (MyLibrary), information literacy, and assessment.

Dr. Reichel's view is that there now exist many opportunities and challenges associated with the web. One opportunity is more librarian and faculty collaboration. Some challenges are web course software, campus portals, plagiarism, and preservation of digital information. Issues related to the preservation of digital information include access to rented journal databases, the Tasini decision, costs, and evolving standards. Other challenges include the student belief that information does not exist if not available on the web, the lack of organization

of the web, and the shortage of digital librarians.

Dr. Reichel quoted two statements from the book entitled *The Social Life of Information* by John Seely Brown and Paul Duguid. The first is that the web is a vast, disorderly, and very fast changing information repository with enormous quantities of overlapping and duplicate information. The second is that it has become increasingly clear that libraries are less collections than useful selections that gain their usefulness from what they exclude as much as what they hold. In her opinion, these statements illustrate the difference between online resources provided by libraries and information available on the web.

Dr. Reichel also quoted a statement from an article by Ross Atkinson at Cornell University ("Library Functions, Scholarly Communication, and the Foundation of the Digital Library", *Library Quarterly* 66(3): 239-265). He stated that a library, digital or otherwise, is always a highly selective subset of available information objects to which access is enhanced and to which the attention of users is drawn in opposition of objects excluded. In her opinion, this statement illustrates that we draw attention to what is in our collection through bibliographic control and promotion and that our real value is what we exclude as well as what we include.

She concluded with the following thoughts. She believes that we have seen a transformation in scholarly communication. Print on paper cannot adequately capture the richness of current scholarship that may be enhanced by images and multimedia on the web. She also believes that there has been an increase in original sources on the web such as databases, images, maps, manuscripts, and dissertations.

— Jennifer Long  
Past Secretary

## Legislative News

ALA's Washington Office has been following a number of recent legislative issues, many dealing with copyright and privacy. Among **copyright** legislation is "anti-counterfeiting" legislation introduced as S.2395 by Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware. As stated on the web page of the ALA Washington Office, the intent of this bill is to "... create liability for trafficking in illicit authentication features—a hologram, watermark, certification, symbol, code or other means of designating that the product to which the authentication feature is affixed is authentic. The bill could pose major problems for anyone exercising fair use. The library community is concerned that the bill could adversely impact librarians using interlibrary loan and making preservation copies of works. Potentially, if the TEACH Act is enacted to update the copyright law for distance education, the distribution of copyrighted material without permission from the copyright owner could constitute a violation of the anti-trafficking provisions of S. 2395. The kinds of works included in the bill are phonorecords, computer programs, and motion pictures and other audiovisual works, all of which could be included in otherwise exempt transactions." There is also concern about this bill because it "... modifies the US criminal code, so that potential copyright infringement transaction -- or even exempt uses such as fair use -- could be subject via trafficking in illicit authentication measures to criminal penalties including imprisonment."

S.2395 has passed the Judiciary Committee of the Senate ("... without hearings or a report"); however, the bill is currently on hold due to the efforts of groups such as universities and libraries, which have expressed deep concerns over its implications. Sen. George Allen (R-VA) has withdrawn his support of the bill because of such concerns. Current (bi-partisan) co-sponsors of the bill include: Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND), Sen. Michael DeWine (R-OH), Sen. Byron L.

Dorgan (D-ND), Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT), Sen. Ernest F. Hollings (D-SC), Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), Sen. Benjamin E. Nelson (D-NE), Sen. Gordon Smith (R-WA), Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC)

ALA asks the library community to contact their senators and ask that the bill not be passed until thorough hearings have been held. ALA has identified three main "unintended" and harmful consequences of the bill, if passed as it is now stated:

"Copyright permits the copying of works in a wide variety of academic, library, and private consumer settings. S. 2395 would outlaw these reproductions if they involve making and providing to others (or 'trafficking in') copies of works containing digital watermarks. S. 2395 would also inhibit the removal of the watermarks from these lawfully made copies. S. 2395's requirement that the prohibited trafficking involve 'consideration' -- transporting or transferring to another in exchange for 'anything of value' -- would be easily met because libraries often receive reimbursement for the costs involved in making copies for interlibrary loans, and scholars frequently exchange materials of mutual interest.

S. 2395 imposes more severe penalties than the Copyright Act for identical behavior. Criminal liability under the Copyright Act attaches only for willful infringements that result in private financial gain or copies with a retail value of more than \$1,000. By contrast, distributing a copy of even one song containing a digital watermark could trigger criminal liability under S. 2395. Thus, S. 2395 could lead to criminal sanctions for minor infringements by ordinary consumers, notwithstanding the bill's stated purpose of targeting 'organized criminal counterfeiting enterprises' that are a threat 'to the economic growth of United States copyright industries.'

S. 2395 also gives civil plaintiffs more remedies than are available under the Copyright Act for identical conduct, including the potential for far greater statutory damages as well as treble damages from repeat offenders."

ALA, along with other library associations and other groups filed on May 20, a "friend of the court" (amici curiae) brief with U.S. Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of

the Copyright Term Extension Act. The Act (otherwise known as the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act) was passed by Congress in 1998, and extends the copyright term for an additional 20 years. The result is that "... a work is now governed by the provisions of copyright law for the 'life of the author' plus 70 years." The briefs filed in May challenging the extension ask "... the Court to overturn a decision by the federal appeals court for the D. C. Circuit, which in February 2001 rejected the argument that the Copyright Term Extension Act is unconstitutional ... (t)he federal government's brief, defending the law, will be filed in August. The Supreme Court is expected to hear arguments from the parties this fall."

Along with ALA, ARL, MLA and AALA (law libraries); other organizations have joined in the brief including: American Historical Association, Art Libraries Society of North America, Association for Recorded Sound Collections, Council on Library and Information Resources, International Association of Jazz Record Collectors, Midwest Archives Conference, Music Library Association, National Council on Public History, Society for American Music, and Society of American Archivists.

On the issue of **privacy**, much has been written in and out of the library literature about the U.S. Patriot Act, which extends the surveillance and investigative powers of several law enforcement agencies and bodies. Much of the concern over the Patriot Act involves potential threats to civil liberties. ALA's Washington Office web site has considerable information to help the library community interpret this legislation, which poses very real challenges for libraries and librarians. Included on its web page is a PowerPoint presentation librarians can use when talking to their constituents about the Act, a chronology of the development and passing of the Act, and a bibliography.

For further information go to: <http://www.ala.org/washoff/>

— Eric A. Kidwell  
AACRL Legislative Liaison

## ACRL Chapter Relations Council Meeting **Atlanta, June 16, 2002**

This account of the ACRL Chapter Relations Council meeting is a much-shortened version of the minutes taken by ACRL Chapter Relations Council Secretary Tim Dodge who was also attending the meeting as representative of the Alabama Chapter.

Chapters Council Chair Linda Kopecky (University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee) chaired the meeting and introduced the speakers. The first speaker was ACRL Vice-President Helen Spaulding who promoted several programs and initiatives. Spaulding encouraged people to attend the ALA Midwinter Conference to be held in Toronto, Canada in January 2003. ACRL's theme will be "New Realities, New Relationships." She reported on the ACRL@Your Library Task Force chaired by Ken Marx that is working on a campaign to encourage more people to consider academic librarianship as a career. Tying in with this is the Task Force on the Association of the Future, chaired by Maureen Sullivan. That task force is investigating how ACRL needs to change in order to be more relevant to younger librarians entering the field.

ACRL President Mary Reichel enthusiastically promoted the ACRL Speakers Bureau and observed that perhaps the most valuable aspect of the President's job was to visit various chapters throughout the country via the Speakers Bureau. Reichel promoted various ACRL programs being held at the Atlanta conference. She also announced the formation of the ACRL Recruitment to the Profession Task Force to be chaired by Hannelore Rader.

Reichel's presentation was followed by several short announcements and introductions, including that of Tyrone Cannon, President-Elect of ACRL.

A major portion of the meeting was devoted to a segment titled "Best of Chapters – Highlights from Three Active Chapters." Erin Stalberg (St. Joseph's University) reported on activities of the Delaware Valley Chapter. Last year was the fiftieth anniversary of the Delaware Valley Chapter (the oldest one of ACRL) and it

decided to coordinate its annual conference with that of the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) which was celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. One result of this cooperative venture was a 60% increase in the attendance of academic librarians at the PaLA annual conference. The Delaware Valley Chapter established a mentoring program for Library and Information Science students. Twenty-seven librarians volunteered to be mentors. The program matched up ten students and mentors. So far, the program has been a success and the Chapter is planning on giving out one or two student stipends in the near future.

Helena Rodrigues (Johnson & Wales University) reported that the New England Chapter made special plans for its annual conference. To ensure higher attendance than previously, Rodrigues scheduled the conference to take place at the John F. Kennedy Museum in Boston, Mass., in part because there was a special exhibit going on of Jackie Kennedy's wardrobe. The New England Chapter is also very active because they have eight special interest groups including the: Business Libraries Interest Group (est. 1997), Collection Development Interest Group (est. 1985), Information Technology Interest Group (est. 1998), New England Library Instruction Group (est. 1974), Preservation/Conservation Interest Group (est. 1992), Serials Librarians Interest Group (est. 1985), and the Women's Studies Interest Group (est. 1992).

Rodrigues read out an impressive list of workshops and events posted on the New England Chapter's listserv for the month of May alone. The latest initiative is to explore changing the bylaws to allow for electronic voting.

John Pollitz (St. Ambrose University) represented the Iowa Chapter and he attributed the activity of his chapter to the involvement of members from some of the larger university libraries. They are raising the visibility of the Iowa Chapter in the Iowa Library Association too.

Some of the highlights of the Iowa Chapter include a notable presence on the Internet (see <http://www.iren.net/acrl/index.html>) where it provides Information Literacy Best Practices, membership and library directories, conference information, and seven years' worth of their chapter newsletter.

Pollitz also noted that the Iowa Chapter is active in local politics, for example, in the issue of library funding. Like the New England Chapter, Iowa is also utilizing the possibilities of the Internet to conduct business. In this case, Iowa's Executive Board conducted a virtual meeting via e-mail in May 2002.

The meeting also featured updates from Larry Hardesty, Chair of the Eleventh National ACRL Conference (scheduled to take place in Charlotte, N.C., April 10-13, 2003) and Barbara Jenkins, Chair of the Supplemental Funding Task Force that is looking for ideas to replace what used to be known as Initiative Funding.

Lynne Bradley, Director of the ALA Office of Government Relations, spoke about important legislative topics that her office is monitoring. The Teach Act of 2002 (still in bill form) has been stalled in Congress for political reasons. The Task Force on Restricting Access to Government Information has been formed to examine post-September 11 federal government policies affecting the removal or denial of information to the public. Bradley mentioned that, for now, advocates of UCITA (Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act) are lying low but that state chapters should not rest easy since the proponents of UCITA often begin "greasing the skids" stealthily and very early in the legislative process at the state level.

Finally, Chapters Council Chair-Elect Sherri Edwards (University of Notre Dame) conducted elections. The Chair-Elect for 2002-2003 is Locke Morrissey of the California Chapter and the new Secretary is Heather Ward of the Oregon Chapter.

— Tim Dodge  
AACRL Past-Past President

## Call for Proposals

AACRL will sponsor four one-hour programs that spotlight your "best practices" at the Alabama Library Association annual meeting in Mobile, April 3 and 4, 2003. Use the enclosed form, or the form at <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/annual.htm> to submit your program proposal.

## News from the Membership

Faulkner University:

Beginning June 1, staff member Angie Barry moved into a librarian position at Gus Nichols Library. Angie is now the Public Services Librarian, in intern status until she completes her M.L.I.S. at the University of Alabama. Angie is from Ohio, holds a B.S. in Art, and has been Serials Technician since July 2000.

Jacksonville State University:

The Houston Cole Library filled two positions in June.

Luke Griffin, Electronic Resources/Documents Librarian, is a 1998 graduate of the Library Science program at the University of North Texas. Mr. Griffin comes to JSU from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, IL, where he served as the Government Documents and Digital Services Librarian since June 1999. He manages the Government Documents collection and assists with the management of the Library's electronic resources.

Laurie Charnigo, Education Librarian, is a 2002 graduate of the Library & Information Studies program at The University of Alabama. Ms. Charnigo provides research assistance for 5th floor patrons, general reference, and library instruction sessions. She also assumes the collection development and liaison responsibilities.

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— Mary Alice Fields, Treasurer

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