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### **New Standards, Library of the Future, and a Feast in Chicago**

As the students return to campus following Spring Break and flood the library, I am reminded again of the great benefits gained from colleagues in CLS. Just as the students are stressed to complete all their work in these last weeks of term, we are under continual pressure to stay current with the myriad new technological advances, the changes in scholarly communication, and the details of our professional work in college libraries.

CLS serves as one of the major sources of support and information in my professional life. The benefits of active membership are great as are the contacts that come from active membership in the section. CLS has seen a membership increase that clearly reflects these qualities. If you have seen the benefits of CLS as I have in movement through different positions and progression in knowledge over one's career, please encourage your colleagues to participate. CLS will then continue to grow and be an effective and integral part what makes working in college libraries such a pleasure.

**"I urge you to join CLS for the Friday Night  
Feast in Chicago at the Berghoff Restaurant."**

The section had most successful and informative meetings at Midwinter in San Antonio. Wide ranging discussions in the discussion groups brought colleagues together to share solutions and concerns. Innovative uses of information technology was the theme of the Medium-Sized Academic Libraries group while the College Libraries group shared ideas on how to create a college-wide media rich learning environment, on consortial membership and discussed information literacy training. The Library Director's group discussed seven topics ranging from distance learning and e-everything to strategic planning.

Most noteworthy was the culmination of the work of the Standards Committee which saw the new Standards for College Libraries approved. These are the first outcome-based standards to emerge in the

library organization. CLS will be presenting a program at Annual in Chicago--"Applying the New Standards for College Libraries" sponsored by the Standards and the Continuing Education Committees.

**"Applying the New Standards for College Libraries' program at Annual in Chicago"**

The section will also be presenting a joint program with the University Libraries Section examining perspectives on the library of the future in the context of vast changes impacting the dynamic environment of higher education. A panel will respond to keynote remarks from Dr. John Lombardi and Micheline Jedrey will serve as the CLS representative on the panel. Her presence is particularly timely as Wellesley College Library is the winner in the college category of the first annual Association of College and Research Libraries' Award for Excellence in Academic Libraries.

Proposals are being developed by CLS for sessions at ACRL in Denver including programs on successful strategies on recruiting for the profession and mentoring library student workers to enter the profession, the new Standards for College Libraries, and college library directorships as a career alternative for mid-level managers of university libraries.

I urge you to join CLS for the Friday Nite Feast in Chicago at the Berghoff Restaurant and ask you to encourage any colleagues with interests in learning more about CLS to join in what promises to be an excellent evening.

Thank you all for the support and encouragement you have given me this year as you are what make this section of ACRL the superlative experience that sustains us all. Finally, I cannot end this note without expressing my thanks and praise for Paul Frisch who has so ably produced this newsletter as he ends his tenure as editor. I hope to be seeing you all at section events in Chicago.

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**CLS Communications Committee Report**

Oversight and continued improvements in the three section communication vehicles--the newsletter, listserv and website--consumed the discussion at the Communications Committee's Midwinter meeting.

Paul Frisch, newsletter editor for the past three years, will step down after the Spring 2000 issue is complete. At Paul's suggestion, submissions for the newsletter can now be made via a link on the Section's website. He hopes this will encourage members to submit articles and news items for the newsletter.

Damon Hickey, listserv owner, was unable to attend the meeting and gave his report in absentia. The listserv now has at least 1,000 subscribers and continues to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas of interest to all college librarians.

John West, longtime web editor, was able to attend the meeting and meet the committee members. During the past few months, he has installed on the website (with the help of Mickey Zemon) a committee volunteer form that has been extremely successful. He has also worked with Melinda Dermody and the Research Committee to test the viability of putting all section committee minutes on the web. The test will be evaluated at the Annual meeting in July.

As a result of the Website guidelines (available on the webpage) being approved by the CLS Executive Board, Rosemary Arneson volunteered to check the web links and information for accuracy. The committee will set up a mechanism to do this at least twice yearly.

As always, the Communications Committee solicits suggestions and concerns from the CLS members regarding the newsletter, website and listserv.

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#### Kudos for CLS members

Maureen Beck has been appointed Director of Library Services at Villa Julie College in Stevenson, Maryland. Since 1986, she has been at Johns Hopkins University, where she was the Reference Coordinator, followed by an appointment as Coordinator of Electronic Information, and then became Library Webmaster.

Steven Bell, Director of the Library at Philadelphia University, had his article, "Oh No! I Can't Get on the Web: Offline Strategies for Internet Content Presentations," published in *Searcher*, vol. 8, no. 3 (March 2000). It is available on the Web at <http://www.infotoday.com/searcher/mar00/bell.htm>

Scottie Cochrane, Dean for Library and Learning Services at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia, has been appointed as the Director of the Library at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, effective August 1, 2000.

Paul Frisch, Head Librarian at Washington and Jefferson College, and his wife Claudia traveled to Moscow in March to adopt William Paul, their eight-month old Russian-born son.

Tara Lynn Fulton has been appointed as the Director of Library Services at Lock Haven University, a state-supported school in Pennsylvania that enrolls about 3,400 students. Tara recently worked as the Associate Director at Bucknell University.

Larry Hardesty, Director of the Library at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, had his editorial, "The Age of Information, the Age of Foolishness," published in *College & Research Libraries News*, vol. 61, no. 1 (January 2000).

Michael J. McLane, Dean of Libraries and Instructional Resources at Salisbury State University in Salisbury, Maryland, has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Central New York Library Resources Council, a consortium of more than fifty academic, public, school, and special libraries in upstate New York.

Sarah Nesbeitt, Reference/Systems Librarian at Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, has been appointed as the editor of *Electronic Resources Review*, a subscription-based electronic journal published by MCB University.

Charlotte Slocum, Head of the Technical Services Department at DePaul University in Chicago, has been appointed as the Director of the Library at Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin.

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### **Web Policies and \$\$\$ from CLIP Notes**

By the time you read this newsletter, the ***CLIP Note on Web Policies*** will have been published and will be in distribution channels. This is a timely topic and this CLIP Note should be of immense importance to the many libraries currently faced with issues regarding Web policies. Three new CLIP Note projects are currently in early stages of development, with at least one survey planned to go out to the survey pool late this spring. The CLIP Notes Committee regularly issues calls for volunteers interested in compiling titles for the series. While the committee maintains a list of possible topics, potential compilers with a topic of interest to them are encouraged to submit a preliminary proposal. Anyone who wishes to be authorized to compile a CLIP Note should have knowledge and interests relevant to the subject of the proposed publication. Some publication experience is preferred, but not required.

ACRL has recently approved the payment of royalties to CLIP Note compilers. While the action is not retroactive, it will cover CLIP Notes published in the current calendar year. Compilers must be employed in academic libraries of the type served by the CLIP Notes program. If there are co-compilers, at least one of them must be employed at such an institution.

Compilers initially work most closely with the CLIP Notes Committee chair. Later, a project manager, more commonly called a shepherd (a CLIP Notes Committee member) is assigned to work as a liaison between the compiler(s) and the Committee. Through the shepherd, the Committee works hand-in-hand with compilers during every phase of the project. The shepherd establishes a relationship with the compiler(s), usually through e-mail, phone, and fax. It is not uncommon for shepherds and compilers to never meet in person. Thus, establishing a good working relationship is vitally important for both parties.

The CLIP Notes Committee serves as an editorial board for each CLIP Notes publication. The Committee selects and approves each CLIP Notes publication project. All Committee members review all documents sent out under the auspices of CLIP Notes, including cover letters and surveys; make editorial changes and recommendations on proposals, surveys, and drafts; and approve the final draft of the publication before it is sent to ACRL for publication.

With this article, the Committee is soliciting potential compilers. If you are interested, please contact the Chair, Lewis Miller.

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### **CLS Friday Nite Feast at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago**

Join your colleagues for good food, fellowship and fun on Friday, July 7, at The Berghoff Restaurant. This Chicago landmark is a century-old architectural structure with stained-glass windows and wood paneling. A family operated enterprise since 1989, the Berghoff is conveniently located at 17 West Adams Street, near the main conference hotels. CLS will have a private room with tables set up for groups of eight.

You can select one of four entree choices that evening:

**Wiener Schnitzel**--veal cutlet served with traditional garnishes, German fried potatoes and sautéed seasonal vegetables.

**Chicken Schnitzel**--herb breaded, boneless chicken breast served with pureed tomatoes, mashed potatoes and sautéed seasonal vegetables.

**Schlatte Platter**--combination of tender smoked pork loin, bratwurst, and smoked thuringer served with sauerkraut and sautéed seasonal vegetables.

**Grilled Vegetable Platter**--fresh seasonal vegetables grilled and sprinkled with balsamic vinegar, served with rice pilaf and sautéed seasonal vegetables.

Dinner will begin with a field green salad and conclude with apple strudel and coffee or tea.

The price will be \$27.00, including hors d' oeuvres but not wine. A cash bar will start at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. The event is open to CLS members and non-members. CLS Chair John Jaffe will introduce the CLS board and other attendees and highlight CLS activities before dinner begins.

My thanks to Melinda Dermody (Lake Forest College, Illinois) from the CLS Membership Committee for finding this excellent restaurant and making the local arrangements. Further information about this event will be posted on COLLIB-L this spring; the final deadline for registration is June 16. Room size depends on the number who have registered, so please register as soon as possible.

Mickey Zemon  
Chair-Elect and Member at Large  
Library Director, Emerson College

#### **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FORM (print, fill in and send in by June 8)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

New CLS Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check to ACRL/CLS for \$27 with this form and send to Susan Richards, Director of Seeley G. Mudd Library, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI 54912. Susan Richards is CLS Member at Large and Chair of the Communications Committee.

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#### **"20/20 Vision for the Future": CLS/ULS Conference Program**

The College Libraries Section is co-sponsoring a program with the University Libraries Section at the ALA Annual Conference on Saturday, July 8, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. The program, titled "20/20 Vision for the Future," will focus on the evolution of academic librarians and libraries in the context of the revolution in scholarly communication and the teaching and learning environment. The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Lombardi, Professor History and Director, TheCenter for Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences, at the University of Florida. Dr. Lombardi will discuss the changes occurring in higher education and suggest appropriate institutional responses.

#### **"How will librarians maintain their core values in the new environment of higher education?"**

A panel of three librarians representing different types of library settings will provide personal perspectives on the academic library of the present and the future in the context of the dynamic environment of higher education. Panelists have been asked to consider such issues as:

How will librarians maintain their core values in the new environment of higher education?

What services will libraries be providing in the future?

Who will be our colleagues?

What will be the network of vendor relationships?

CLS member Micheline Jedrey, Vice President for Information Services and College Librarian at Wellesley College, will comment on the efforts that she has undertaken in her college library system. Other panelists will present the public and private university communities. Members of the audience will then have the opportunity of addressing questions to Dr. Lombardi and the panelists.

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#### **"Applying the New Standards for College Libraries" at ALA Annual**

In response to the high level of interest in the newly approved edition of the Standards for College Libraries, the CLS Continuing Education Committee and the CLS Standards Committee have organized a conference program titled "Applying the New Standards for College Libraries." The program will be held on Sunday, July 9, following the completion of the annual CLS business meeting. The new Standards provide quantitative and qualitative approaches to assessing the effectiveness of a library's services, resources, and staff. This program will offer a brief review of the development of the new Standards, followed by short presentations on the specific applications of the Standards. Speakers and topics include:

Willis Bridegam, Amherst College; Dave Pilachowski, Williams College--"The Rationale For and Evolution of the New Standards"

Sharon McCaslin, Longwood College,--"Developing a Mission Statement"

Richard Hart, Pennsylvania State University, Erie--"Choosing Peer Institutions"

James Mullins, Villanova University--"Applying Inputs and Outputs"

Bonnie Gratch Lindauer, City College of San Francisco--"Applying Outcomes Assessment"

Rebecca Bostian, Governors State University--"Using the Best Practices Recommendations"

Bill Nelson, Augusta State University; Bob Fernekes, University of South Carolina, Aiken--"Using the Standards for External Assessments and Accreditation Reviews"

The sponsoring CLS committees are also developing a website that will offer a list of pertinent literature cites, along with the speakers' PowerPoint presentations. The CE Committee is also considering the development of a follow-up workshop for the 2001 ACRL Conference.

Lis Chabot  
(Chair, Continuing Education Committee)

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#### **How are Goldilocks and those of us Working at Medium-sized Libraries alike?**

Like Goldilocks, those of us who work in medium-sized academic libraries have a hard time finding a forum for the issues and concerns that face us. There are groups for big libraries but very few that are "just right" for those of us in-between. Look no further--the CLS Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Goup is just for you! An if you're not sure if your library qualifies as medium-sized, the answer is "you are if you think you are!"

The Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group meets at ALA Annual and Midwinter and the co-chairs choose a single, timely topic for discussion at each meeting that is of interest to many participants. Some of the recent topics covered include: "The Electronic Library: Who's Leading the Charge?" and "Grading on a Curve: Using Outcomes Assessment." Discussions are lively and filled with practical ideas and helpful hints from participants.

The ALA Midwinter 2000-San Antonio discussion topic was "Innovative Uses of Information Technology" and the wide-ranging discussion covered topics such as web-based software products useful for library instruction tutorials, pros and cons of wireless systems in libraries, software for interactive reference

service, changes in staffing configurations due to technology, and how to keep current with information technology developments. Not only did the discussion topic seem to address the needs of the many participants but the focus on innovations, best practices, and practical, new ideas struck a chord. Several participants commented that they hoped the discussion momentum could be continued via the listservs where all too often the focus seems to be reactive rather than proactive.

If you think your library is medium-sized and you're looking for a forum to discuss ideas and concerns specifically applicable to medium-sized academic libraries come join the discussion at ALA Annual in Chicago.

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### **CLS Website Guidelines**

Every attempt will made to keep the CLS website in compliance with ACRL website policies. Full text of these policies is available at: [www.ala.org/acrl/policy/polyindx.html](http://www.ala.org/acrl/policy/polyindx.html). See **section 13.8**

The CLS website will comply with U. S. copyright law and licensing agreements.

The CLS website will be updated on a regular basis by the Communications Committee. ACRL requires every three months.

All updates and additions to the CLS website will be provided to the webmaster in RTF (Rich Text File) format. Exceptions to this format will be negotiated with the CLS webmaster.

A CLS Communications Committee member will periodically (every three months) review the links on the CLS web pages and provide the webmaster with updated information.

If committees, discussion groups, or other affiliated groups of CLS decides to build a website, they should notify the CLS Chair and/or the CLS Communications Committee Chair in advance of such intent. Section policy is to have the pages mounted at the CLS website. Exceptions to this can be made only by the CLS Chair after discussion with the webmaster and the CLS Communications Committee Chair.

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### **Excellence in Academic Libraries Awards**

Nearly 45 college and university libraries around the country submitted applications describing exemplary programs for consideration for the **Excellence in Academic Libraries** award. This new award, sponsored by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Blackwell Books and Blackwell Information Services, recognized the staff of a community college, a college, and a university library for

exemplary programs that deliver outstanding services and resources to further the educational mission of their institution.

"We are extremely pleased by the response to this first-time national effort," said ACRL President Larry Hardesty. "Libraries are working in very creative and innovative ways to support learning, teaching, and research on their campuses, and library directors took the time to share this information with descriptions of their activities in the applications."

Wellesley College Library, winner in the college category, emphasized its historical strengths through the use of its special collections to support academic programs. At the same time, the Wellesley College Library provided a model with its analysis of journal use and its use of consortial relationships to confront challenges that all academic libraries are now facing. Looking to the future, Wellesley described how its reorganization, which included the computing center staff, in the mid-1990s successfully facilitating increased staff accountability, collaboration, and emphasis on the "customer."

Micheline Jedrey, library director at Wellesley College said, "the Wellesley College Library is honored to be among the first class of recipients to receive the **Excellence in Academic Libraries** award. This award is a splendid tribute to the entire library staff because it recognizes the valuable contribution that each person makes to the quality of the services we provide to the Wellesley College community."

The College of DuPage Library, winner in the community college category, is well known for its satellite teleconferencing program, but this was only one of ten library service programs highlighted in its application. North Carolina State University Libraries, winner in the university category, emphasized how the library, through its programs and services, has given the university a competitive advantage.

The award of \$3,000 and a citation will be presented at ceremonies on each of the recipient's campuses. A special recognition of each winning library will be made at the ACRL President's Program during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

[Editor's note: This story was extracted from text supplied by Mary Ellen Davis, ACRL Senior Associate Executive Director.]

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**Tentative Schedule of CLS Meetings at 2000 Annual  
Friday, July 7**

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Cont. Education/Standards
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**Saturday, July 8**

8:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Executive Committee
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	CLIP Notes Committee
	Conf. Program 2001 Committee
	Standards Committee
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Communications Committee
	"20/20 Vision for the Future": CLS/ULS Joint Program
	Leadership Comm. Disc. Group

**Sunday, July 9**

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	CLS Business Meeting	10:00 - noon	"Applying New Standards for College Libraries"
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2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	College Library Directors' Discussion Group		
	Medium-Sized Academic Libraries' Discussion Group		
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	College Libraries Discussion Group		

**Monday, July 10**

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Membership Committee	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Continuing Education
	Leadership Committee		
9:30 - noon	Research for College Librarianship Committee		
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Conference Program 2001 Committee		

**Tuesday, July 11**

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Executive Committee
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**The final schedule with room locations will be published on the COLLIB-L listserv and in the conference program.**

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