School’s Rich Past Inspires Renewed Focus on the Future

Commitment to Excellence a Constant During SILS’ First 70 Years

Seventy years ago this fall—Sept. 19, 1931—to be exact—UNC's School of Library Science, as it was then known, opened its doors to its first class of 29 students. Seven decades and more than 5,500 graduates later, the renowned and top-ranked School of Information and Library Science continues to fulfill its founder’s charge to “tap the vast reservoir of human knowledge.” Louis Round Wilson’s mission for the school, first articulated in 1929, continues to guide SILS as it meets head on the high-tech, rapidly evolving information challenges of the 21st century. From its humble beginnings in the university’s newly constructed library to its cutting-edge facilities in Manning Hall today, the School of Information and Library Science boasts a rich history with much to be proud of. The nation’s first state university, UNC-Chapel Hill can also lay claim to bringing the first university in the South to include library science courses in its curriculum. Among its “firsts,” SILS was the first school at the university to

Wilson: SILS’ Founding Father

Born on Dec. 27, 1876, Louis Round Wilson’s career at the University of North Carolina embraced much of his professional life. During his 31-year tenure as university librarian, he was a major figure in the development of the university as well as its library and school of library science. At various periods, in addition to his post as librarian, Wilson promoted and served as director of university extension, founded and directed the UNC Press, served as a fundraiser and edited the Alumni Review.

In whatever activities he engaged, Dr. Wilson was aware of the importance of books and libraries. He was one of the founders of the North Carolina Library Association (1904), served as first chairman of the North Carolina Library Commission (1909-1916), worked diligently with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in creating library standards, and was a founder and subsequent president of the Southeastern Library Association.

Akers: Dean, Professor and Pioneer

A Look Back.... From its early beginnings in Wilson library to its ranking today as the #1 information and library science school in the nation, SILS has accomplished much during its first seven decades of service. See pages 2-4 for more information on the people and events that made the school what it is today.

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SILS: Year by Year

1920 to 1929

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The UNC School of Information and Library Science opened 70 years ago, and Dr. Susan Grey Akers was one of the original faculty members. At that time, no one realized that one year later, when Louis Round Wilson would leave to go to the University of Chicago, she would be named acting director of the school.

Recognized from the beginning for her brilliant leadership, she was made director of the school in 1935, and in 1942 her title was changed to dean. Being the first woman to hold an academic deanship at the University, she had to overcome a lot of raised eyebrows. There could not have been a better person to break the all-male domination of deanships on the campus. By her actions, she quickly demonstrated to all faculty members that she deserved her lofty position. She served as dean until 1954 and

continued to teach until 1959.

She gave encouragement and help to other women seeking faculty positions, and although progress was slow, women began to be recognized for their talents. Dr. Akers set an example

“Susan Grey Akers estab-
lished the foundations upon which the school’s subsequent reputation has been built.”

-- Dr. Edward G. Holley

Former Dean, SILS

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School Committed to Leading During Challenging Times

In research, teaching and service we need to develop an effective long-term faculty recruitment and retention program; leverage faculty expertise in research areas that reflect the growing strengths of the school; strengthen our support staff and facilities; and build strong development and communications functions. One of our major challenges in the short and long term will be finding adequate space in Manning Hall and elsewhere to house both teaching and research activities.

As SILS looks forward to the next 70 years, we need your help and support so that we can be the leader in information and library science education that we have been in the past. One of the reasons for the school’s success to date has been the original Carnegie endowment that was obtained by Louis Round Wilson when the school was founded. This endowment and other external funds are becoming ever more important as state support decreases.

Many people are surprised to hear that less than 25 percent of the university budget now comes from the state. Over 50 percent of the budget at Chapel Hill comes from contracts and grants, 11 percent from fundraising and another 30 percent from sales and services. As we move ahead, I urge you to think of ways that you can support the school as we continue to strive for excellence and leadership in these challenging times.

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A Special Edition for a Special Occasion

Astute readers probably noticed that this edition of the SILS newsletter looks somewhat different than it usually does. That’s because we wanted to do something special to help celebrate the school’s first seven decades.

It is important to note, however, that this special edition merely touches the surface of the school’s rich history. By no means complete, it covers what we think are the highlights of the school’s first 70 years. Condensing a book’s worth of history into a few pages was no easy task; we have no doubt left out many important people and noteworthy events.

That being said, we invite you to read on and as you do, think about the school and the role it has played, or is playing in your life. Share with your thoughts on SILS and what it has meant to you. Think about information and science education, where it’s been, and where it may be going. Send your comments via email to news@sils.unc.edu and we will share some of your remembrances in the next edition of the newsletter.

The school’s programs and curriculum are constantly evolving to meet the needs of the time. The school’s technological infrastructure is constantly updated and upgraded, to best prepare students for what awaits them after graduation. Well respected on campus and far beyond the university’s walls, SILS has fulfilled and greatly exceeded Wilson’s vision for the school.

As it begins its eighth decade at Chapel Hill, the School of Information and Library Science is well positioned to continue building on the strong foundations laid by the likes of Wilson and Akers. What’s led SILS to its sterling reputation and number-one ranking will continue to guide the school as it faces the challenges that lie ahead. And, if history is any indication, the next 70 years will likely be just as successful as the first.

Louis Round Wilson, books and libraries are synonomous terms at UNC-Chapel Hill, continual year, the ALA added to his honors the Melvil Dewey Medal. ❑ [EDITOR’S NOTE: The preceding article was reprinted from the Spring 1980 edition of News from Chapel Hill, shortly after Wilson’s death on Dec. 10, 1979, at the age of 110.]
SILS’ First Seven Decades: Year By Year

1929
- Carnegie Corporation grants $100,000 to the University for the establishment of a school of library science. Announcement of the five-year grant and of plans for school made at dedication ceremonies for the newly completed University Library building, October 19.

1931
- School of Library Science classes begin (Sept. 17).

1932
- School provisionally accredited as a Type II (graduate) library school by the Board of Education for Librarianship of the ALA (March).
- First class of students graduates (June 7).
- Dr. Wilson resigns as librarian and director of the school to become dean of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School.
- Susan Grey Akers receives nation’s first Ph.D. in library science from U. of Chicago Graduate Library School.
- Akers named acting director of the school.

1934
- School fully accredited for both Type II and Type III (undergraduate) library training by Board of Education for Librarianship of the ALA (March).
- School admitted to membership in the Association of American Library Schools (December).

1935
- School begins offering in regular courses in consecutive summer terms, so that students might earn A.B. in L.S. by attendance during summer sessions only.
- Akers named director of the school.
- Alumni association formed as The North Carolina Library School Association.
- Alumni association offers first tutorial scholarship to a student in the school.

1937
- University assumes financial support of the school with state funds.

1939
- N.C. General Assembly authorizes establishment of a professional school in library science at the North Carolina College for Negroes in Durham. Dr. Akers agrees to help program get started and serves as dean of both schools until October 1946.

1941
- Akers appointed dean.
- Type III curriculum discontinued due to lack of demand.
- Degree granted by the school changed from B.A. in L.S. to B.S. in L.S.

1942
- Dr. Wilson returns as dean at Chapel Hill and returns to UNC as consultant and part-time professor at the school.

1943
- University approves school’s proposal for a course in bibliography.

1947
- University approves school’s proposed Master of School Librarianship program (December 10). The first students would enter the program in 1948.
- Future distinguished alumna William Powell graduates from the school.

1948
- Dr. Wilson returns as consultant and part-time professor.

1950
- School offers first courses leading to degree of master of school librarianship.
- School moves to Old Filter Plant for 1950-51 school year during construction of addition to the University library building.

1951
- University approves school’s program leading to Master of Science in Library Science degree (March 8).
- Alumni Association establishes Susan Grey Akers Scholarship.
- School moves into new quarters in the west wing of the library building (September).
- Dr. Wilson returns as visiting professor to teach two courses in the M.S. in L.S. program.

1953
- School celebrates first Alumni Day (April 17).
- School presents first candidates for Master of Science in Library Science degree (June).

1954
- Akers returns after 25 years as member of the faculty, three years as acting director, six years as director and 13 years as dean.
- Lucile Kelling appointed dean of the school.

1955
- School’s administrative board approves abandonment of the degree of bachelor of science in library science.

1957
- American Library Association accredits school under its 1951 revised standards.

1958
- North Carolina chapter of Beta Phi Mu installed (May 3).

1959
- Dr. Wilson resigns as dean of the school to become dean of the School of Information and Library Science.

1960
- Faculty votes to discontinue master of school librarianship program.

1963
- Under Franey’s leadership, school introduces revised curriculum.

1964
- Margaret E. Kalp becomes acting dean of the school (September 1).

1967
- Walter A. Sedelow Jr becomes dean of the school.

1968
- Law School moves out of Manning Hall.

1969
- Manning Hall renovation begins.

1970
- Raymond L. Carpenter Jr becomes acting dean of the school (July).
- School moves into Manning Hall (September). one day before fall registration.

1972
- Edward G. Holley becomes dean. (January 1).
- First issue of “News from Chapel Hill” alumni newsletter published (Nov.).

1974
- School begins providing library services for EPA Library in RTP (May 6).
- Holley inaugurated as 91st president of the American Library Association in New York City (July 12).
- School introduces revised master’s program, with a new 12-hour book of basic material required of all students.

1975
- Dr. Lester E. Ashim becomes school’s first William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor.

1976
- Former acting dean Carlisle J. Frary dies at the age of 57 (March 13).
- Dr. Wilson celebrates 100th birthday (December 27).

1977
- Dr. Fred W. Roser becomes assistant dean (January 15).

1978
- Former acting dean Margaret Ellen Kalp dies at the age of 65 (April 26).

1979
- Dr. Wilson dies at the age of 102 (December 10).

1980
- Jo Ann Hardison Bell becomes school’s first doctoral degree recipient (May 11).

1981
- School celebrates its 50th anniversary (March 23).

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Who's Who at SILS Through the Years

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<td>Former Dean Susan Grey Shores dies at the age of 94 (January 30).</td>
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<td>Elizabeth J. “Lib” Laney becomes SILS librarian (November).</td>
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<td>1985</td>
<td>Dr. Evelyn H. Daniel becomes dean (July 1).</td>
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<td>1986</td>
<td>Dr. Roper resigns to become dean of the library school at the University of South Carolina at Columbia (June).</td>
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<td>1987</td>
<td>Scott Barker joins the SILS staff as director of computing services. (January).</td>
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<td>Dr. Barbara B. Moran becomes assistant dean (July 1).</td>
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<td>1988</td>
<td>Change of school’s name to School of Information and Library Science becomes official.</td>
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<td>School introduces post-graduate Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) degree.</td>
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<td>School celebrates 15 years of serving EPA with $30,000.</td>
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<td>Former Dean Lucile Kelling Henderson dies at the age of 95 (July 29).</td>
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<td>OCLC Founder Frederick G. Kilgour appointed Distinguished Research Professor at SILS.</td>
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<td>Lester Adheim Scholarship Fund endowed with $50,000.</td>
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<td>1991</td>
<td>Dr. Daniel becomes president of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) (January).</td>
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<td>Dr. Roper, dean of USC College of Library and Information Science, generates school’s first Lucile Kelling Henderson Lecture (April 19).</td>
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<td>SILS Librarian Laney retires (June 30).</td>
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<td>SILS graduate Gillian M. DeBremecray becomes new SILS librarian (December 15).</td>
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<td>1992</td>
<td>Melissa M. Cain becomes school’s first director of development (January 1).</td>
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<td>School uses Alumni Day to celebrate 50th anniversary of school’s founding (May 1).</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>School offers first Oxford seminar: “English Libraries and Librarianship” (May 23-26) with Dr. Holley serving as academic advisor.</td>
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<td>School’s newly created Board of Visitors meets for the first time (November).</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>Dr. Shave appointed associate dean (July 1).</td>
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<td>Frances Carmel McColl Professorship established with $250,000 gift from Hugh L. and Jane Spratt McColl.</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>School celebrates 20 years of providing library services to the EPA.</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>Dr. Helen Tibbo named assistant dean (July 1).</td>
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<td>SunSITE moves from basement of Phillips Hall to second-floor lab in Manning.</td>
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<td>Professor Dr. William M. Shaw Jr. named school’s first McColl Professor.</td>
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<td>1997</td>
<td>Dr. Susan Steinfirst, retired professor, dies of cancer at the age of 56 (March 7). A lecture fund is later established in her name.</td>
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<td>School celebrates 65th anniversary with day of presentations and activities (April 25).</td>
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<td>First three recipients of SILS undergraduate minor graduate from UNC.</td>
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<td>Professor Emeritus Lester E. Adheim dies at the age of 85 (July 1).</td>
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<td>Haas receives school’s first Outstanding Teacher of the Year award.</td>
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<td>1998</td>
<td>Children’s author and UNC graduate Mary Pope Osborne appears as first Susan Steinfirst Lecture (April 4).</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>Joanne Gand Marshall becomes dean (January 1).</td>
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<td>School ties for first in U.S. News &amp; World Report rankings of top graduate schools in the field (March).</td>
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<td>School’s Interaction Design Laboratory (IDL) opens house (March 26).</td>
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<td>Lunch held to celebrate school’s 25th year partnership with CP3 Library.</td>
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<td>School conducts its first mid-year commencement ceremony in Wilson Library’s Plaza and Family Assembly Room (December 18).</td>
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A special banner was unfurled at SILS in 1999.

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<td>2000</td>
<td>SILS becomes first school to have its information science master’s program accredited for a full seven years by the A&amp;A. The school’s LS master’s program, continually accredited since 1994, also receives a full accreditation.</td>
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<td>Associate Professor Dr. Paul Solomon assumes duties of associate dean (July 1).</td>
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<td>Gillian DeBremecray retires as SILS librarian (July 31).</td>
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<td>Dr. Tibbo named school’s third McColl Professor (2000-2002).</td>
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<td>Thanks in part to a $4 million gift from Red Hat Center, Metalab (the former Sun SITE) becomes ibiblio.org, “the public’s library” (September 11).</td>
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<td>School honors past and current assistants/associate deans at special ceremony (Sept. 20).</td>
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<td>School holds “Open Information Week” (October 16-20).</td>
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<td>Dean Marshall featured on cover of Library Journal (November 15).</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>SILS and business school announce introduction of dual master’s degree program.</td>
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<td>Rebecca Vargha joins SILS staff as school’s new librarian (August 1).</td>
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<td>School kicks off 70th anniversary celebration with John Vaughn’s appearance as Henderson Lecturer (October 8).</td>
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NSF Funds Video Project
SILS Professors Gary Marchionini and Barbara Wildemuth and the Interaction Design Laboratory (IDL) have been awarded a $518,855 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to design and test user interfaces for digital video.

The project, "AgileViews for Video Browsing: Advanced SUMgrates, Control Mechanisms and Usability" will develop a design framework for retrieval and use of digital video on the Internet. The project will build upon the Open Video Project (www.open-video.org), a repository of digital video based at SILS, and investigate how key frames of visual context can be used to create overviews and previews for video.

Techniques such as slide shows, story boards and fast-forwards of key frames will be developed and tested as augmentations to audio extracts and keyword representations for forwards of key frames of visual content. The project will run for three years and involve several graduate students at the school.

Lt. Gov. Chancellor Visit School

Perdue took a guided tour of the school led by Dean Joanne Gard Marshall, and then had the opportunity to meet with SILS faculty, staff and students. Perdue, who took office in November 2000, has served five terms in the state Senate and two in the North Carolina House of Representatives. She has been a key figure in shaping North Carolina’s education and health care agendas.

Perdue is a former public school teacher, health care professional and co-chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Her visit followed that of UNC-Chancellor James Moeser the previous day. Moeser also took a guided tour of the school with Marshall and met various faculty members, staff and students.

Prague Seminar to Debut in '02
The School of Information and Library Science is proud to announce the introduction of a new summer seminar to the Czech Republic.

Held in late June and early July, this new seminar will be co-sponsored by Charles University in Prague and feature lectures, tours and talks by some of the region’s most respected library and information science professionals.

Watch the SILS continuing ed web site at http://www.dl.unc.edu/html/2002_summer.html for more details on these two exciting international opportunities.

Sun Grant Funds New Server
California-based Sun Microsystems has provided SILS with a grant worth almost $34,000 for a new computer server at the school.

SILS purchased one machine and Sun’s grant covered the cost of a second. Both machines, Sun Fire 280R servers, will be used for research at the school.

The servers will be used for research on subjects such as information retrieval, human-computer interaction, data visualization, database management and programming.

Health Course Offered Online
SILS Associate Professor Dr. Claudia Gollop will offer her "Consumer Health Information" course as a distance education course next semester. The course will explore resources and services to be selected and evaluated when providing consumer health information (CHI) in various types of libraries and information centers.

Professionals and students within and outside the SILS community are invited to participate. The cost of the course is $250. For more information, see the SILS continuing education web page at http://www.dl.unc.edu/html/2002_summer.html

Henderson Kicks Off 70th
A near capacity crowd turned out to help SILS kick off its 70th anniversary celebration at the school’s annual Lucile Kelling Henderson Lecture on October 8. The featured speaker was John Vaughn, executive vice president of the Association of American Universities (AAU).

Among those in attendance at the event were U.N.C.-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser, U.N.C. President Molly Broad and Medical Library Association President Carol Jenkins. The event was co-sponsored by U.N.C. Libraries.

The Henderson lecture is an annual presentation established in 1990 to honor the memory of Lucile K. Henderson, faculty member (1932-1960) and dean (1954-1960) of what was then known as the School of Library Science at U.N.C.

As AAU executive director, Vaughn serves as deputy to the president and chief operating officer. He also serves as director of policy studies, supervising the association’s work in developing national and institutional policies that support the missions of its member universities. He focuses on issues such as intellectual property, information technology, research libraries, scholarly communication and international education.

Metadata Session Goes Virtual
A special 70th anniversary panel discussion on metadata, sponsored by SILS and the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, made exciting use of a new high-tech classroom on campus.

Priscilla Caplan, a SILS graduate and assistant director for digital library services at the Florida Center for Library Automation, attended the discussion via live videoconference. Onsite panelists included Ann-Marie Breaux, southeast approval manager/systems vendor liaison, Yankee Book Peddler Library Systems; Ellen Bush, sales and marketing assistant, U.N.C. Press; Erica Enderle, manager, Student Stores-Bull’s Head Bookstore; and Marjorie Fowler, electronic projects manager, U.N.C. Press.

SILS Assistant Professor Dr. Jane Greenberg moderated the session.

Sturm to Address Grads at Winter Commencement
SILS Assistant Professor Dr. Brian Sturm will serve as keynote speaker at the school’s Dec. 20 commencement ceremony for August and December graduates.

Sturm, who joined the SILS staff in 1998, specializes in children’s literature and storytelling. Sturm earned his master’s of library science in 1991 at Indiana University and a bachelor of arts in French from the College of William and Mary in 1988.

A professional storyteller since 1990, Sturm has performed and conducted workshops for adults and children at schools, libraries, conferences and special events.
NC/SLA Honors EPA, NIEHS

From Press Release

The EPA and NIEHS Libraries in Research Triangle Park were honored this spring with a special award presented by the North Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (NC/SLA) at its annual meeting in Greensboro. Barbara Font presented the Information Management Award jointly to the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for their cooperative inter-agency student internship program.

Since its inception 26 years ago, more than 260 students have gained special library experience while attending library school. Post, a former intern of the program, noted that over the years these two organizations have remained committed to the internship program, recognizing not only its value as a training ground for future librarians, but also as a means of keeping their libraries abreast of changes in the profession. At the NC/SLA meeting, Dean Joannie Gard Marshall spoke to members about “Workforce Issues Facing Special Librarianship.” In other EPA/NIEHS news—Michael Cummings has joined the EPA Library’s staff as its new interlibrary loan/reference librarian. Cummings worked most recently at the North Carolina Archives as digitization project archivist. He has also worked with LexiLee Tobacco in the Spears Research Center Library and at the Public Library of Charlotte-Mecklenburg County.

Cummings, a 1994 graduate of SILS, was an intern at the EPA Library while earning his MSLS at the school. Deborah Balsamo (MSLS ’97), director of the library, said she is “very pleased to have Michael back as a permanent member of the staff.”

Assistant Library Director Claire Locke attended the Special Libraries Association annual conference in San Antonio in June and has been named chair of the Career Guidance Committee of the Environmental Resources Management Division (ERMID) of SLA.

Balsamo traveled to San Francisco for the AAL annual conference and was awarded the J/M/NMPT Professional Development Grant for outstanding achievement. In July, she attended the EPA National Library Network annual meeting in Denver.

The library welcomed new interns for the summer and fall semesters. SILS students Audrey Cash, Emily Glenn and Krista Schmidt joined the staff in May; and Nina Schmidt, a student of NCG’s School of Library and Information Science, came on board in September.

10th Annual Oxford Trip: A Look Back and Ahead

Participants are being sought once again for a seminar offering a chance to study the history of librarianship at England’s world-renowned Bodleian Library, one of the greatest research centers in the world.

The program is sponsored by SILS and the University of Oxford’s Bodleian Library and its Department for Continuing Education.

“Libraries and Librarianship: Past, Present and Future” is a two-week seminar that will trace the Bodleian Library’s past and chart the future of information and technology. Participants may earn three hours of graduate credit from SILS for attending the May 19–June 1, 2003, seminar.

In their tenth year of partnership on “Libraries and Librarianship,” UNC-Chapel Hill and Oxford will provide a comprehensive survey of librarianship in England. Participants learn about academic libraries and librarianship in Britain, as well as trends and developments in library automation in Britain and Europe. Areas such as preservation, conservation and collection development policies are presented from both the Oxford and British national viewpoints.

The seminar offers information and library science professionals and graduate students an opportunity to discuss trends in academic librarianship and to meet peers from around the world.

Kathleen Conley, a librarian from Tucson, Ariz., and a 2001 participant in the program, called her Oxford trip “the most rewarding continuing education I have experienced.” Dr. David Carr, a professor at SILS and academic director for the 2003 trip, said Oxford’s Bodleian library “makes our students welcome, opens its riches, and allows us to see the dimensions of a world treasury.”

Registrations must be postmarked by March 31, 2002. Registration is limited and early registration is encouraged. For more information, call (919) 843-8337 or send e-mail to oxford@ils.unc.edu. Information and an online registration form can be found at www.ils.unc.edu/ils/continuing_ed/oxford.

Class Without a Classroom Popular Across the Globe

SILS is currently offering the third session of its Web-based course “Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) and the Medical Librarian,” led by Bonnie Schmid and Julie Garrison of the Duke Medical Center Library and Julia Koch of the University of California at San Francisco. Formerly administered by the Medical Library Association (MLA), SILS took over the administrative responsibilities of the course prior to the February/March 2001 session of the eight-week course.

The current session began October 14, with class participants from across the United States, and as far away as England and Finland. Past participants have come from countries such as Australia, Italy and Hong Kong, among others.

The EBM instruction team plans to offer its next session of the course in the summer or fall of 2002.

Designed as an introduction for medical librarians to the practice of EBM, this web-based course is approved for 10 CEUs from the Medical Library Association and runs for eight consecutive weeks. It takes approximately 30 hours to complete the course, depending on previous knowledge of EBM and other factors. The cost of the course is $210.

The format of the course is a combination of course material, independent readings, reviews and exercises. In addition, students are required to participate in discussions through the course listserv or scheduled chat sessions. A final assignment integrating all the concepts learned during the previous weeks is also required.

For more information about the course or for registration information, visit our web site at http://dx.unc.edu/continuing_ed/ebm/main.html.

School Announces CE Partnerships

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Organizers Laud Attendance At Earlier-Than-Usual Job Fair

By Robert Albright

On Tuesday, September 19, students and employers met for a day of resume exchanging and networking at the Technology and Library Science Career Fair, co-sponsored by SILS and University Career Services.

A total of 245 students and 33 organizations attended this year’s event at the Dean Smith Center. The Library Science Career Fair usually takes place annually in February, but this year the event was moved back because of construction at the Student Union.

Marcia Harris, director of University Career Services, said this year’s combined career fair was a success despite some concerns about the economy.

“The fair went extremely well, particularly in light of a tight job market,” she said. “Employers are able to travel to one site and promote their organization to a large audience. It’s a great opportunity for students and employers and learn about organizations that were hiring. In addition to helping students, employers have the opportunity to talk with students about opportunities for their organizations.”

Participating organizations included academic and public libraries from Texas, Virginia and North Carolina. Also attending were governmental organizations such as the Bureau of the Census and the Central Intelligence Agency, as well as private corporations such as IBM and Microsoft.

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Botanical Repository Uses the Internet To Connect Students With Knowledge

The Plant Information Center (PIC), a web-based learning project at SLS, is using technology to bring children and nature closer together.

An outgrowth of the Botanical Network (BOTNET) project spearheaded by SILS Professor Dr. Evelyn Daniel and Dr. Peter White, director of the N.C. Botanical Garden, the PIC is a digital repository of more than 375 botanical specimens from North Carolina and the southeastern United States. The project is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS).

Whereas BOTNET (www.ibiblio.org/botnet/filona/indexstart.html) is geared toward the research and professional community, the PIC has a younger audience in mind. The project evolved out of the desire to make the University's botanical resources and expert knowledge accessible to school children, specifically sixth- and seventh-grade science students.

“The whole approach is to bring research projects related to the natural world to the public,” Daniel said. “Our interest is in information and how to make it more accessible.”

Added SILS Assistant Professor Dr. Jane Greenberg, a principal with the project, “The PIC shows students how a research tool used by botanists can help identify plants in their own backyards. The PIC also helps science teachers supplement their knowledge, providing a vital link between SILS and the community. The project maintains a public web site for students and visitors at http://www.ibiblio.org/pic. The information resource also offers a work and documentation web site for project staff at http://sls.unc.edu/daniel/pic. The PIC has an advisory group of 15 members with expertise in the areas of science education, school media practices, botany and related sciences, databases design and digital photography."

“We have supportive data for anything about our plant specimens that you might want to find,” Daniel said. Other services provided by the PIC include a frequently asked questions (FAQ) section and an “Ask the Expert” function, currently under construction. Also available is Botanical Pride, part of an initiative to allow students and the general public to contribute images of botanical specimens and corresponding metadata to the PIC.

In the future, Daniel, White and Greenberg hope to catalyze herbarious species, including local wildflowers and carnivorous plants through BOTNET, and present information about plants as indicators of environmental health.

What’s Happening with Students

Doctoral student Benjamin Brunck’s paper “Text-information and Interface Design” was the cover article in the August/September 2001 issue (Vol. 27, No. 6) of the Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST).

SILS doctoral student Gary Geisler and Miles Elison’s paper, “Recommendation Explorer: Providing High-Quality, Personalized Recommendations with Minimal User Input” was earlier this year accepted for the Joint IEEE/ACM Workshop on Personalization and Recommender Systems in Digital Libraries in June at Dublin City University in Dublin, Ireland. The students received NSF/EDRFM support to attend the workshop and present their paper.

Geisler also co-authored two papers at the ACM-IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries in Vancouver, Va.

Becky Iwamoto was recently selected as a runner-up for a National Conference on Asian Pacific American Librarians’ (NCPALA) scholarship. The NCPALA Scholarship Committee chose 12 LIS students as winners of scholarships and 20 LIS students as runners-up. Each runner-up recipient Merit a cash award of $500.

Heather McCollough presented a paper on the French poet Marceline Desbordes-Valmore at the Nineteenth-Century French Studies Conference in October at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also just published an article on the same poet in Romance Notes, a journal by UNC-G’s Romance Languages Department.

An article by doctoral student Lokman Meho and SILS Professor Dr. Stephanie Haas titled “Information-Seeking Behavior and Use of Social Science Faculty Studying Stateless Nations: A Case Study” appears in Vol. 23, No. 1 of Library & Information Science Research.

Meho and doctoral student Kelly Maglauthlin have co-authored a book titled “Kurdish Culture and Society: An Annotated Bibliography.” They have given a copy of the book to the school and dedicated the book “to the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.”

SILS doctoral student Simon Mu has received a North Carolina Networking Initiative (NCNI) graduate fellowship award. He is working this year with Dr. Gary Manchinskie on the “User Interfaces to Support Collaborative Use of Digital Video” project that aims to create novel interfaces for digital video retrieval and browsing and will use the Open Video Project (OVP) as its test bed.

SILS doctoral student Debbie Travers recently spent eight weeks at the National Library of Medicine (NLM), working with linguists on terms for emergency department chief complaints. She also has had a paper accepted on this topic at Duke’s American Medical Informatics Association Conference. Travers also presented a paper, “Multiple Uses of the Oblique Stroke (/) in Emergency Department Text” at the NLM’s national Medical Informatics Trainer Meeting in Bethesda in July.

Kelly Woosten did a field experience during the summer at the Sallie Bingham Center for Women’s History and Culture at Duke’s Perkins Library (Rare Books, Manuscripts and Special Collections). She helped select books from the girls’ literature collection and choose appropriate passages from them for display tags. She also helped arrange a display titled “Beyond Nancy Drew: Girls’ Literature in the Bingham Collection” and completed an online bibliography for the girls’ literature collection.

SILS doctoral student Kiikun Yang has received the Beta Phi Mu Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. Yang’s dissertation proposal was defended this spring and is titled “Combining Text, Link, and Web Directory-Based Retrieval Methods to Improve Retrieval Performance on the Web.” Yang also has received a UNC-G Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Yang, doctoral student Kelly MacLaughlin, and SILS Assistant Professor Dr. Greg Newby co-authored a paper on “Passage Feedback with IRIS” which appeared in the May 2001 (Vol. 37, No. 3) issue of Information Processing & Management.
Your Help is Needed
To Articulate Vision

Greetings from your alumni association. It is with great pride that I begin my term in office and write my first “Message” as your president. I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with the school, the association and an outstanding executive board.

I am pleased to announce that Seldon Lamoureux, who works at Ehring Library, has joined the board as vice president/president-elect. Susan Grannling, from UNC’s Graduate Studies and Research Office of Information and Communications, has also signed on, as the association’s secretary. Returning to the board this year are treasurer Ralph Kaplan (with NCLIVE at North Carolina State) and immediate past president Martha Balsamo (from UNC’s law school).

I must add a special thanks to outgoing board member Debbie Balsamo (director of the EP/Libary in Research Triangle Park), who did a wonderful job as secretary. Her energy and ideas will be missed.

This year the school celebrates its 70th anniversary. I am excited that my year as president coincides with this milestone in the school’s continued growth and development. I take a great deal of pride in being a graduate of SLS. We have an impressive history crafted by a dedicated faculty and staff, as well as the many highly successful alumni who have met the challenges of their times. We have a very bright future if we are willing to meet it with energy and commitment.

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Two More Join Ranks Of Honored Alumni At May Graduation

Bernie Todd Smith (MSLS ’72), above, left, with SILS Alumni Association Presi- dent Martha Barefoot and SILS alumni Cassandra Smith Gissendanner (1968) ........ Nov. 18, 2000.


Charlotta Cook Hensley (1968) ....... March 29, 1997.


Jamie Roth (MSLS ’00) is an archivist/ special collections librarian at UNC-Wilmington.

Brian Hillgoss (MSLS ’01) was awarded the 2001 Pratt Sevres Student Research Paper Award. The award, presented by the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) and metadata registration is easy. Award-winning papers are selected by the Library Journal’s Metadata Review Committee. This year’s award-winning papers are as follows:

- “Serving up EAD: An Instructional Approach to Teaching EAD” by Kuo-Jen Chen (MSIS ’00) at East Carolina University.

- “Methods for Journal Evaluation in Health Sciences Libraries” by Tara L. Church (MSLS ’84) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

- “The Use of Metadata in Evidence-Based Medicine” by Wei-Wei Liu (MSLS ’97) at the University of Michigan.

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Leading the Way

Representing almost 60 years of SILS leadership, these two photos show the school's first three leaders -- (above, from left) Lucile Kelling Henderson, Louis Round Wilson and Susan Grey Akers -- and the school’s four most recent deans -- (from left) Edward Holley, Evelyn Daniel, Barbara Moran and Joanne Gard Marshall. The above photo was taken sometime in the mid-1950s; the photo at right in 2000.