



The March of the Lemmings

Barbara Quint’s recent article entitled “The March of the Lemmings” is a thought-provoking-typically BQ look at recent actions on the part of scholarly journal publishers, and particularly at primary publishers of scientific and technical journals. Their current behavior seems designed to lose their markets, attack their allies, and eliminate their assets. Why? At a loss for any other reasonable explanation for these incomprehensible actions, Quint uses her “First Law of Politics” (“Never attribute to conspiracy what can be fully explained by stupidity”) to explain what she sees as a “primal self-destructive lemming-like urge.”

What are the facts of the matter? Not content with charging academic or research libraries higher institutional prices for subscriptions to their journals, the publishers are now trying to eliminate the “fair use” clause of current Copyright law which libraries mistakenly thought they had a right to invoke in support of shared resources. It would be naive to assume that the Texaco case will end at profit-making organizations.... To add insult to injury, publishers insist on increasing their subscription—and profit—rates, apparently blithely unaware that “libraries have shrinking budgets and scholarly publishers have unshrinking expectations.”

Part two of the publishers’ inexplicable behavior affects the “secondary” publishers, those who add value to publishers’ products by tracking and identifying articles, and by abstracting and indexing them. Yet, as Quint points out, primary publishers, whose cost of mailing out to abstracters is minimal, now want to charge them for a service which abstracters have always provided, and free at that! She wonders whether publishers have thought through the implications here, and paints a scenario in which secondary publishers become allied with libraries that subscribe to journals they can’t afford. This would be a nightmare for

those primary publishers in “Hog Heaven,” happily dreaming that “discouraging sharing or re-using print subscription content would bring about subscribers clutching their personal subscription copies.” Not likely, says Quint.

As if these dangerous actions on the part of scholarly publishers were not enough, Quint is aghast at even further, more horrific evidence of their suicidal tendencies: “Scholarly publishers differ from trade or general press. They do not pay for the creation of the product they sell. Scholarly publishers do not pay authors. They even have the nerve to charge authors for providing them material they sell. They do not— or barely —pay editors. They do not pay peer reviewers.” The incentives for writing — and being read—are many and varied, and articles that cannot be identified through a standard index, found in a library, or are too expensive and that will therefore be neither read nor cited, are useless to researchers in this publish-or-perish world. Yet publishers, by making these goals unreachable, ignore the possibilities afforded by new technologies for authors to use alternative methods, if necessary, of delivering their scholarly contributions.

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If publishers “deliberately intended to speed up the technologically inevitable transfer of scholarship to the better, faster, cheaper medium of the Internet, [they] could not have chosen a better course than the one upon which they have apparently embarked.” There is big money to be made from publishing research, and Quint envisages a future where authors and editors, funders and researchers, disgruntled librarians and secondary publishers, will collaborate on developing “useful products at reasonable prices under reasonable terms.”

If this is the outcome that scholarly publishers have been working towards, then Barbara Quint hears the ocean calling them.

Elizabeth Wood Leaves Us

Elizabeth Wood, editor of OASIS since Spring 1993, has left her position as Head of the Reference Section at the Norris Medical Library, USC, to take up a position at the Oregon Health Sciences University. Elizabeth has done an excellent job over the last two years, and it will not be an easy task to step into her shoes. Before leaving, she told me, “LACASIS...is a great bunch of people.” I know that Elizabeth enjoyed her time as a member of this chapter, and I suspect that the same will be true of me! I look forward to working with everyone, and to continue the good editorial relations with Sharon Hunt, our layout editor, who is responsible for those great layouts that you see in each issue.

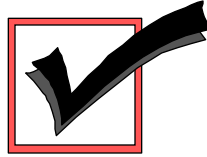
Congratulations to Elizabeth, and let us wish her well.



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Elections

Congratulations are in order to the recently-elected members of the LACASIS board and the UCLA student chapter.



Louisa C. Toot has a BA from Hamilton College with a major in Asian and Comparative Religion and a minor in Mathematics. She expects to receive her MLIS in 1996. Before starting the Masters in Library and Information Science she worked as a Legal Assistant and also taught conversational English in Japan. Louisa is an intern at the Los Angeles Times, and is specializing in Information Access/Information Systems

LACASIS Board

Chair Elect: Linda Rudell-Betts

Linda Rudell-Betts is an information science consultant in Los Angeles who specializes in access vocabularies to databases. She has compiled both print and electronic thesauri for use in indexing and information retrieval. Ms. Rudell-Betts has her MLS from UCLA and her BA in French Literature from the University of Texas at Austin. She has been a member of ASIS since 1989.

Secretary: Michele Speck

Michele holds a BS from the University of Nevada-Reno in Business Administration, and a 1992 MLIS from the University of Hawaii. She is currently Account Services Manager at EBSCO Information Services, where she does customer support and training. She is an active LACASIS member, at present on the Publicity Committee.

Treasurer: Marianne Afifi

Marianne holds a BA from USC and a 1993 MLS from UCLA. She is the Systems Development Librarian at the Center for Scholarly Technology, USC, where she is responsible for the day-to-day operations of USC's CWIS. She also works on interface design, user support, and project management for new databases and is on the USC gopher/web Team.

UCLA Student Chapter

Co-Coordinator: Heidi Sandstrom, Louisa Toot

Heidi Thiessen Sandstrom has a BS in Nursing from Mount Saint Mary's College and expects her MLIS from UCLA in 1996. Before starting the program, she worked as a staff nurse in acute care for 10 years followed by 5 years in hospital quality improvement, and she is currently interning at the Medical Library/Information Center at Cedars-Sinai. Heidi's area of interest is health information management, and she is specializing in information access.

Both Heidi and Louise will be working next year as Reference Desk Assistants at the UCLA Louise Darling Biomedical Library.

Two Coordinators have been elected the library program is too demanding for anyone to take on ASIS single-handedly in addition to jobs and twelve hours of internship per week (not counting as well a full load of classes, a commute, and a home life!) Dwindling class sizes have also made it difficult to fill all of the officer positions, so Heidi and Louisa will be supporting each other for the next year. They are both really enthused about chairing UCLA's Student Chapter and hope to make it an exciting year.

Good luck!

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Opportunities

Opportunities of all sorts abound for librarians and information professionals. We have listed some for book reviewers and journal contributions below:

- The *Journal of the American Society for Information Science (JASIS)* has a WWW page listing Books Awaiting Reviewers. You are invited to point your WWW browser to the following page:

<http://weber.u.washington.edu/~tabrooks/review.html>

Note that the homepage of JASIS is:

<http://bit.csc.lsu.edu:80/~kraft/>

Potential book reviewers are invited to contact Terry Brooks, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, <tabrooks@u.washington.edu> or <<http://weber.u.washington.edu/~tabrooks/>>

- The forms of communication in contemporary societies are changing, with the increasing impact of new technologies ranging from the Internet, CD-ROM, multimedia and virtual reality to new forms of mobile communication. *New Media: Technology, Society, Culture* is being launched to provide a forum for social sciences, cultural studies, and innovation and policy studies perspectives on the emergence, adoption and implications of new information and communication technologies, and their applications in the form of new media products and services. The journal is being edited by Paschal Preston from Dublin City University and will be published by SAGE Publications from July 1996. If you would like to contribute to one of the early issues please contact:

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Further information on the journal is available from Jane Makoff at <makoff@sageltd.co.uk>.

- *Telecommunications Electronic Reviews* needs qualified reviewers for all types of resources related to telecommunications. TER is an e-journal published by the Library and Information Technology Association Division of the American Library Association. Its primary function is to provide reviews of, and pointers to, telecommunications and networking resources, both print and electronic. Resources reviewed include books, articles, serials, discussion lists,

software, software sites, training materials, bibliographies, and other items of interest to professionals dealing with networking and telecommunications, primarily related to libraries and information centers. The topics covered may include, but are not limited to, specific telecommunications and networking technologies; hardware and software; network operating systems; network applications; management tools and utilities; technical management issues; training and personnel issues; organizational, regional, and national networking; library perspectives; and research and development.

If you are interested in being considered as a reviewer, please send a brief resume which speaks to your qualifications in this area, samples of your writing, and information about which topics and material formats you'd like to review and e-mail everything to Tom Wilson, <TWilson@uh.edu>, or to the appropriate editor from the following list.

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ASIS Mid-Year Meeting

“The Digital Revolution: Assessing the Impact on Business, Education, and Social Structures”

May 20-22, 1996, San Diego, CA

As the Industrial Revolution radically altered the means of production and transformed in the process the way people viewed their work, their societies, and each other, so too the Digital Revolution has the potential to profoundly alter the way that societies function at the global, local and personal levels. From the vastness of the Internet to the microchip in a greeting card, a revolution is emerging. The concept of the Digital Revolution relies on two senses of the word “revolution”: that of drastic change, but also that of motion allied with rotation. This is not the first revolution we will confront, neither is it the last.

The conference is an exploration of the issues of, and the effects that, this Revolution is having— or will have— on the ways we conduct business, the ways that we teach, and the ways that we interact to build a social structure that forms our society. It seeks to identify and understand the dynamics of these changes, and to develop and debate methodologies for this assessment.

Invitation

The 1996 ASIS Mid-Year Meeting is focused on the trends of the Revolution, their effects, and consequences— intended as well as not—in these particular arenas. Any message sent to asis96@chestnut.lis.utk.edu will automatically generate an electronic version of the call and the submittal form. It is also available at the University of Tennessee—Knoxville School of Information Sciences homepage at <http://pepper.lis.utk.edu/> under ASIS.

Deadlines and Submission Addresses

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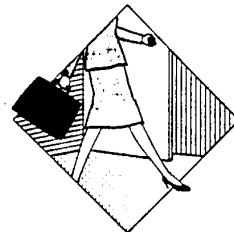
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Come meet the board!

LACASIS Board meetings are open to any member who wishes to attend. We usually meet on the first Saturday morning of each month. The location varies, so contact Carolyn Loeffler, the current chair, for details and directions if you would like to join us. Refreshments are provided!

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For more information, point your Web browser to <<http://www.kcpl.lib.mo.us/infofilter.html>> to see the "official" home page or <<http://www.usc.edu/users/help/flick/Reviews/index.html>> for the working page.

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In Memoriam: Myra T. Grenier

A woman known to friends and colleagues as a legend in the library and information world has died. Myra T. Grenier, 76, of West Covina died May 6, 1995 at the Inter-Community Hospital, West Covina, California. She was born in Billings, Montana, and lived in the San Gabriel Valley for over 40 years.

A graduate of the University of Southern California, she managed the corporate technical information center at Aerojet in Azusa, California. She was one of the first librarians to promote computer online databases as an information resource for technical personnel. After retiring from Aerojet in 1976, she founded Seek Information Services in Glendale, California.

Her career in the information world included membership in the American Society for Information Science (ASIS), the Special Libraries Association (SLA), the Southern California Online Users Group (SCOUG), and the Association of Independent Information Professionals (AIIP). She served as the LACASIS newsletter editor. Myra was active in Toastmasters International, and received their Outstanding Member Award.

Contributions in memory of Myra may be made to SCOUG, marked "Myra Grenier memorial fund." Please send contributions to SCOUG, c/o Seek Information Service, 1600 Victory Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201. SCOUG is planning a memorial bench, to be placed on the grounds of La Casa de Maria, in Santa Barbara, where SCOUG has its annual retreat, and the remaining funds will be the seed money for a scholarship for information professionals.

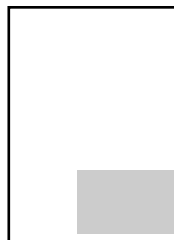
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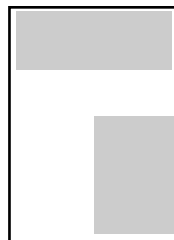
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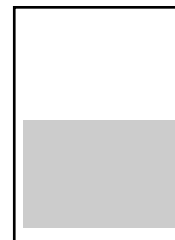
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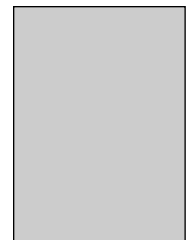
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We are seeking committee chairs, committee members and one-time project help. Members with limited time are asked to make one-shot commitments such as: man the hospitality desk at one meeting, handle one mailing (perhaps your company will pick up the postage or photocopying), arrange a speaker, or offer your company's meeting facilities.

Following are samples of the areas in which you can make a contribution. The list is not exhaustive so if you have additional ideas, add those to the list. Please let us hear from you. SOON!

Advertising: Solicits, coordinates, and invoices advertisers for chapter publications.

Archives: Collects and maintains chapter historical records.

Awards: Solicits nominations, reviews and selects award recipients.

By-laws: Keeps chapter by-laws current and relevant through due process in accordance with Society guidelines.

Calendar: Maintains contact with other information oriented organizations for purpose of coordinating calendars; provides calendar input for chapter newsletter.

Elections: Conducts Chapter elections ensuring accurate collection and ballot counts.

Hospitality: Receives reservations and payment for attendance at Chapter activities; greets attendees.

Membership Recruitment: Contacts potential new members; follows up with non-LACASIS members attending meeting

Arizona, Australia, Hawaii, Orange County, and San Diego County Liaisons:

Serves as chapter activity focus for those geographical areas.

Program Committee: Assists Chair-Elect in planning and coordinating chapter programs.

Publicity: Ensures current and future chapter activities receive maximum exposure through announcements in other newsletters, bulletin boards, and electronic networks.

Workshop: A BIGGIE! Responsible for planning and producing the annual Fall Workshop. This is usually a large group with many roles for volunteers: organizing facilities, program, speakers, vendors, hospitality, publicity, etc.

We would like to hear from you very soon. Please return this form. It's easy: just fill out, cut out, and mail to the address on the back side or e-mail to khowell@calvin.usc.edu

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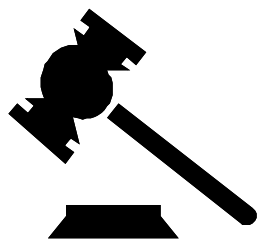
Sorry, but I do not have time for an ongoing commitment, but I would be interested in:

Name: _____ Organization: _____

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President's Corner



Hello all! It is hard to believe that the year is coming to a close. We have had six interesting and informative dinner meetings this year. In addition, we are gearing up for the Annual Fall Workshop. This year's workshop is entitled "Prestidigitization: Magic and

Science with Digital Resources" and will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Marina Del Rey, CA. The topics to be covered include: the national digital library project; telemedicine; digitization of records management; art and museum information systems; and legal digital information systems. To ensure that you don't miss the workshop, please mark the date of **Friday, September 15, 1995** on your calendar.

LACASIS was recently informed that the ASIS Mid-Year Conference will be held in San Diego in 1996. This means that LACASIS must appoint a Local Arrangements Chair and Committee to help organize the conference. If you are interested in participating on the Local Arrangements Committee, please contact Karen Howell (Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect) of LACASIS at <khowell@calvin.usc.edu>. This is a fabulous opportunity to become involved in ASIS on a national level.

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Modern Times: How Satisfied Are Information Pros with the Products They Are Using?

User Ratings of Bibliographic Citation Management Software

This User Ratings survey focuses on bibliographic citation management software. Bibliographic citation management software is used to manage databases of citations to information. The databases are designed to produce reports which adhere to standard bibliographic styles, such as Turabian, Chicago Manual of Style, MLA Style sheet, etc. Unlike former surveys published in *OASIS* which were limited to integrated online library system software (IOLS) packages which provided both online catalogs and circulation control, bibliographic citation management software does not provide an integrated online library system, but rather, a way to manage bibliographic citations, perform retrievals, and create bibliographies formatted in a variety of publication styles. Software for multiple types of computers is included, e.g., DOS, Windows, Macintosh, and VAX.

The categories surveyed were: Documentation; Service/support; Product reliability; Product capabilities; Ease of use; Vendor's integrity; Overall satisfaction

User ratings articles traditionally include Training as a category to be surveyed. Although the survey forms included this category, only about 30% of the responses provided ratings. Most respondents indicated they had no opportunity to evaluate this service. Therefore, the category, Training, has been deleted from this survey article. Most of these packages are inexpensive (< \$500) so formal training is rarely included in the purchase price.

Survey Methodology

The announcement of the survey was included in *Information Today*. An invitation to participate was also submitted to the following Internet listservs: PACS-L, MLA-L, BUSLIB-L, BIBSOFT, LIBMASTR, ENDNOTE, ELAG, RIS-List, and PROCITE.

A letter was mailed to publishers of each of the fifty citation management software packages which were included in Sue Stigleman's most recent article, *Bibliography Formatting Software: An Updated Buying Guide for 1994*.¹ The letter included a copy of the survey and urged each of the software publishers to mail the survey to their clients encouraging them to participate in the User Ratings Survey.

A new book on the topic has just been released, *Bibliographic Software and the Electronic Library*, edited by Terry Hanson, University of Connecticut.²

A web site containing information about Library Master, Pro-Cite, Reference Manager, and EndNote Plus is located at URL: <http://www.ecst.csuchico.edu/~jacobsd/bib/tools/commercial.html> in a file called Commercial Bibliographic Tools. There is also an index titled *A Survey of Bibliographic Tools* at URL: <http://www.ecst.csuchico.edu/~jacobsd/bib/tools/index.html>.

EndNote Plus: EndNote Plus is available for both the MS-DOS and Macintosh computers. There are three packages: EndNote, EndNote Plus, and EndLink. EndLink is used for importing data from several major databases. The Macintosh software is compatible with WriteNow, WordPerfect, and Nisus. There is also a Japanese version of EndNote Plus. For the PC, EndNote is compatible with WordPerfect and AmiPro word processing software. EndNote Plus has a Plug-in Module for Microsoft Word which adds EndNote Plus functions to MS-Word menus. A Windows version of EndNote Plus will soon be released. A PowerMac version is in development.

EndLink adds to EndNote or EndNote Plus the capability to translate bibliographic references from online services and other sources of information into EndNote database records. EndLink works with MedLine, BIOSIS, Chem Abstract, Toxline, CancerLit, ABI/INFORM, Inspec, BRS, PsycInfo, and many other databases available through online vendors and CD-ROM distributors.

Citations can be output in more than 200 journal styles. EndNote Plus sells for \$249. EndLink is \$99. The February 6, 1995 issue of *MacWeek* has a review of EndNote Plus. Internet resources include a listserv discussion group at endnote@ucsbvm.ucsb.edu, and a usenet discussion group at bit.listserv.endnote. A gopher resource is located at magic.ncsb.edu

For more information about EndNote and EndLink, contact: Niles and Associates, Inc.; 800 Jones St.; Berkeley, CA 94710; 510/559-8592; 510/559-8683 (fax); nilesinc@well.sf.ca.us; listserv: endnote@ucsbvm.ucsb.edu; news: bit.listserv.endnote; gopher: magic.ucsb.edu

IBID: Ibid comes packaged with NotaBene 4.2 for the DOS operating system. Although there is no network version, it can be accessed through a network.

NotaBene 4.2 sells for \$179, Ibid is \$129. A listserv discussion group is located at notabene@taunivm.bitnet, and a usenet discussion group is located at bit.listserv.notabene.

For more information about NotaBene and IBid, contact: The Technology Group, Inc.; 36 South Charles Street, Suite 2200; Baltimore, MD 21201; 410/576-2040; 410/576-1968 (fax); listserv: notabene@taunivm.bitnet; news: bit.listserv.notabene

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Library Master: Library Master has 28 predefined templates for various types of materials including journal articles, patents, and videorecording. Additional templates can be defined by the user. Library Master can import from MARC records and numerous online databases. Importing is pre-defined for about 100 CD-ROM's, online services, and databases. Users can also design their own import filters.

Library Master 2.0 is available for DOS for \$249.95; the multi-user network version is \$749.95; student version is \$124.95. Version 3.0 is due soon. Versions are in development for Windows and Macintosh. A listserv discussion group is maintained at libmastr@acadvm1.uottawa.ca

For more information about Library Master, contact: Balboa Software; 5845 Yonge Street; P.O. Box 69539; Willowdale, ON M2M 4K3, Canada; 416/730-8980; 416/730-9715 (fax); hahne@cpas.utoronto.ca; listserv: libmastr@acadvm1.uottawa.ca

Papyrus: Papyrus is available for MS-DOS and VMS operating systems. Versions for Macintosh and Windows are in development. The Macintosh version is expected to be released in 1995. Although it can be used on networks, no multi-user network version is currently available. Papyrus sells for \$99.

There is an anonymous ftp site containing information about Papyrus at ftp.teleport.com in the directory /vendors/rsd and also in Europe a copy is maintained at fs4.in.umist.ac.uk in the directory /sys/users/anonymous/papyrus/rsd.

For more information about Papyrus, contact: Research Software Design; 2718 S.W. Kelly St.; Suite 181; Portland, OR 97201; 502/796-1368; RSD@applelink.apple.com.

Pro-Cite: Pro-Cite is available for both DOS and Macintosh. A Windows version is soon to be released. Biblio-Link is a companion package for importing downloaded citations from online databases and CD-ROM's. A networked version is available for the DOS product. A networked version of the soon-to-be-released Windows version is also expected.

Personal Bibliographic Software, the publisher of Pro-Cite, has aggressively marketed to the library automation marketplace, providing custom export options from many library automation vendor's online catalogs to a file formatted for importing into Pro-Cite (NOTIS, Innopac, Sirsi, etc.).

Biblio-Link II is also available for importing files from a large variety of materials (books, articles, patents, etc.) and the ability to add up to six more user-defined workforms. Pro-Cite is designed with a generous file structure which permits any record in the database to be up to 32,000 characters in length. This makes it possible to include lengthy abstracts, or, for short items, the entire document in

the notes or abstracts fields. Pro-Cite supports 28 punctuation files of bibliographic style sheets. Custom punctuation files are also supported. ProCite sells for \$395. BiblioLinks sells for \$195.

There is a Pro-Cite listserv discussion group at pro-cite@iubvm.ucs.indiana.edu with the listserv archived at iubvm.indiana.edu. A gopher copy of the archive is available at the gopher server gopher.medlib.iupui.edu in the menu for "Electronic Books and Journals." To access the site with a web browser, use URL: gopher://gopher.medlib.iupui.edu/11c%3a/temp.

For more information about Pro-Cite and Biblio-Link, contact: Personal Bibliographic Software; P.O. Box 4250; Ann Arbor, MI 48106; 313/996-1580; 313/996-4672 (fax); Internet: sales@pbsinc.com, support@pbsinc.com; listserv: pro-cite@iubvm.ucs.indiana.edu.

Reference Manager: Reference Manager is available for DOS (version 6.0), Macintosh (version 2.0) and Windows (version 6.0). No network version is available. The software sells for \$349. There was a major restructuring of Reference Manager recently to provide in version 6.0 33 publication types and an expanded list of fields.

There is a web server, called Club Web, which provides news, product information, and FAQ's about Reference Manager. The URL is: <http://www.risinc.com>

For more information about Reference Manager, contact: Research Information Systems, Inc.; 2355 Camino Vida Robie; Carlsbad, CA 92009; 619/438-5547; 619/428-5266 (fax); Internet: sales@ris.risinc.com or tech@ris.risinc.com

STN Personal File System: STN Personal File System is available for MS-DOS (version 3.4 and Windows version 2.0). A Unix version is in development. It is able to import from STN databases, dBase, and ASCII-delimited files. There are both German and English versions available. The software permits users to link pictorial and other non-text information to references. The price is \$950 for DOS and \$1,180 for Windows versions.

For more information about STN Personal File System, contact: STN International; c/o FIZ Karlsruhe; P.O. Box 2465; D-6012 Karlsruhe 1; F.R. Germany; +49/7247/808-555; +49/724/808-666; STNmail: HLPDESKK

A more detailed version of this article, including comments from users was published in the April 1995 issue of *Computers in Libraries*, as the *Cibbarelli's Surveys* column.

1 Steigleman, Sue. "Bibliography Formatting Software: An Updated Buying Guide for 1994." *Database*, December 1994, p. 53-65. This article is excellent, and highly recommended. Steigleman has also announced a WEB site devoted to information about bibliographic software (URL: <http://www.cs.uncc.edu/~stgle/bib.html>)

2 Hanson, Terry. *Bibliographic Software and the Electronic Library*. University of Hertfordshire Press, February 1995. 136 pages. ISBN 0 900458 51 8. Price 19.95 pounds. Customers in the U.S. are advised to order from: Blackwell Library Services, +44 1865791438 (fax) or sales@blackwell.co.uk (e-mail). UK customers can order direct from Univ. of Hertfordshire Press, 01707-284666 (fax); W.A. Forster@herts.ac.uk (e-mail).

Survey Results

Ave.	High	Low	<i>Total All Responses</i>
7.8	10 (14)	2 (1)	Documentation
6.2	10 (40)	3 (4)	Service/support
8.3	10 (31)	1 (1)	Product reliability
8.3	10 (38)	2 (1)	Product capabilities
7.8	10 (18)	3 (5)	Ease of use
8.6	10 (50)	2 (1)	Vendor's integrity
8.2	10 (30)	1 (1)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of respondents for all software = 176			

Ave.	High	Low	<i>EndNote Plus</i>
8.1	10 (6)	2 (1)	Documentation
8.9	10 (25)	5 (1)	Service/support
8.8	10 (23)	3 (1)	Product reliability
8.5	10 (22)	3 (1)	Product capabilities
8.1	10 (12)	3 (2)	Ease of use
8.8	10 (26)	5 (2)	Vendor's integrity
8.7	10 (20)	1 (1)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of <i>EndNote Plus</i> respondents = 74			

Ave.	High	Low	<i>IBID</i>
7.0	9 (2)	4 (1)	Documentation
6.4	7 (2)	3 (1)	Service/support
7.6	10 (1)	4 (1)	Product reliability
9.6	10 (4)	8 (1)	Product capabilities
9.0	10 (2)	8 (2)	Ease of use
7.8	10 (1)	3 (1)	Vendor's integrity
8.8	10 (1)	8 (2)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of <i>Ibid</i> respondents = 5			

Ave.	High	Low	<i>Library Master</i>
7.9	10 (3)	4 (2)	Documentation
8.1	10 (4)	3 (1)	Service/support
8.0	10 (2)	4 (1)	Product reliability
8.4	10 (2)	6 (2)	Product capabilities
7.6	10 (1)	4 (2)	Ease of use
8.8	10 (7)	6 (1)	Vendor's integrity
8.0	10 (2)	5 (2)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of <i>Library Master</i> respondents = 31			

Ave.	High	Low	<i>Papyrus</i>
9.2	10 (3)	8 (1)	Documentation
9.1	10 (3)	8 (2)	Service/support
8.9	10 (2)	8 (3)	Product reliability
8.5	10 (1)	5 (1)	Product capabilities
8.0	10 (1)	6 (1)	Ease of use
9.6	10 (7)	7 (1)	Vendor's integrity
8.6	10 (1)	5 (1)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of <i>Papyrus</i> respondents = 8			

Ave.	High	Low	<i>Pro-Cite</i>
6.7	10 (1)	2 (1)	Documentation
7.0	10 (2)	3 (1)	Service/support
7.9	10 (2)	1 (1)	Product reliability
7.8	10 (3)	2 (1)	Product capabilities
6.6	9 (4)	3 (2)	Ease of use
7.8	10 (2)	2 (1)	Vendor's integrity
7.2	10 (2)	1 (5)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of <i>Pro-Cite</i> respondents = 26			

Ave.	High	Low	<i>Reference Manager</i>
7.4	9 (4)	4 (2)	Documentation
7.9	10 (3)	4 (1)	Service/support
8.0	9 (6)	5 (1)	Product reliability
8.2	10 (2)	4 (1)	Product capabilities
8.1	9 (10)	4 (1)	Ease of use
8.4	10 (3)	6 (1)	Vendor's integrity
8.1	10 (1)	4 (1)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of <i>Reference Manager</i> respondents = 18			

Ave.	High	Low	<i>STN Personal File System</i>
7.7	10 (2)	3.5 (1)	Documentation
7.5	10 (2)	3 (1)	Service/support
7.5	10 (1)	1 (1)	Product reliability
8.0	10 (3)	2 (1)	Product capabilities
7.9	10 (2)	5 (1)	Ease of use
8.1	10 (3)	2 (1)	Vendor's integrity
7.8	10 (3)	1 (1)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of <i>STN Personal File System</i> respondents = 8			

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Recent LACASIS Meetings: Careers and Graphics

Second Annual Career Alternatives Dinner Meeting

On April 19 the student chapter of ASIS sponsored a workshop on how to write an appropriate resume, moderated by Marianne Afifi of the USC Center for Scholarly Technology and Pauline Afuso, Law Librarian at USC. Following this workshop, Librarians interested in career change, and library school students eager to learn about options open to them, spent an entertaining and productive evening listening to three informative presentations on this topic.

Lucy Wegner, head of the Center for Scholarly Technology at USC, was the first speaker. As the manager of a unique department—part of its mission is to foster the development of information technology tools, with close ties to both the computing services and the faculty—she needs librarians who can work and are comfortable in a setting where the emphasis is on the provision of digital information. She stressed the opportunity that this type of environment provides to design and lead development; furthermore, librarians are then seen as innovative, so that the “old-fashioned” and “traditional” can be presented in interesting ways. One such example is CST’s project of putting up a digital curriculum on the Web. Another one is ISLA (Information System for Los Angeles) which will be a group of databases of different media.

Lucy pointed out that CST librarians are in the vanguard of redefining emphases in librarianship, in particular the organization of and the creation of access methods for information. She stressed, however, that the difference between this type of work and that of areas like reference, cataloguing, or acquisitions, was simply a matter of expertise in a different area. With regard to her own job, Lucy confessed that she “markets” her unit, drawing heavily on her MBA background.

The second speaker, Dan Molinelli, gave us a “computer guy’s” perspective. As head of Project Lead, Internet Services at TRW, he is responsible for their internal and external access to the internet. Technological issues, such as how to make the system totally transparent to users, take up his time, as do frequent presentations to his management on the value of the Internet and on security issues.

Dan discussed changes in the information profession, observing the way in which technology has moved from mediated searches to individual searching at the user’s desktop. He foresees and applauds many other such changes, such as teleconferencing.

Dan also stressed the need to recognize that career goals frequently change, and that this can often be to the good. A math major in college, he became a librarian because, particularly in the early days of automation, this was an area where fascinating developments were taking place, although they didn’t prevent him from moving back into the computer world!

Michele Speck, Account Services Manager at EBSCO Information Services, calls herself a “librarian who has never held a position in a library.” Her career path went from computer science to library science, where she became interested in automation at the University of Hawaii. A combination of skills and luck started her off at Autographics where she called upon both aspects of her background. Her move to EBSCO put her in a position where she travels a great deal in the Southwest. She pointed out that vendors are beginning to realize the value of hiring librarians—because librarians like to talk to other librarians, who understand their particular set of needs.

This type of position involves quite a few perks (completely paid attendance at conferences; reimbursement of expenses) and a lot of flexibility; but it also requires a substantial amount of driving in California, and flights to neighboring states, often for three to four days. People skills are a definite must as well.

June 7 Chapter Meeting

Twenty-three LACASIS members and guests attended the Chapter Meeting held at USC’s Health Sciences Center, June 7th. The traditional Hospitality Hour, a superb dinner, and the annual Chapter Business Meeting were conducted in the gracious surroundings of the Edmondson Faculty Center. LACASIS Chair Carolyn Loeffler and other Board members reviewed the Chapter’s accomplishments of the past year. LACASIS won Chapter of the Year for the second year in a row, and shared the award (with the Southern Ohio Chapter) for Best Chapter Event, for our 1993 Fall Workshop; also, Roberta Horowitz was honored as the Chapter Member of the Year. Carolyn encouraged everyone to register for the upcoming Fall Workshop, scheduled for September 15 at the Doubletree Hotel in Marina Del Rey.

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Vivian Hay, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate for Chapter offices for the 1995/96 term, which begins in October. The nominees were: Linda Rudell-Betts, for the office of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect; Michele Speck, for Secretary; and Marianne Afifi, for Treasurer. No further nominations were made from the floor, so Linda, Michele, and Marianne were duly elected by acclamation. Karen Howell, who served this year as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, will be Chapter Chair for 1995/96. Congratulations, each of you!

The group then reconvened in the Norris Medical Library's Conference Room for a very informative presentation by Mildred Simpson, Graphics Librarian for the Los Angeles Times. Ms. Simpson described how the newspaper's editors select, use, and re-use images, including those made from photographs taken by LA Times staff and those available through the wire services. Many images, along with brief captions and more detailed background information, are stored in electronic format for ongoing access by LA Times staff. Ms. Simpson showed color and black-and-white examples, explaining how archival technology is used to keep up with editorial and marketing decisions.

Vivian Hay
California Institute of Technology

Mark Your Calendars

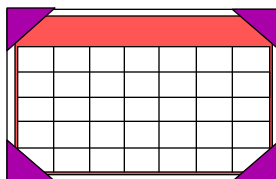
Be sure to mark your calendars for some exciting upcoming events:

September 15, 1995 Annual Workshop

By now you should have received your flyer for "Prestidigitization: Magic and Science with Digital Resources." Don't forget to take advantage of the Earlybird registration (by September 8). See you there!

October 25, 1995 1995 Awards Program

December 1995 Joint SLA/LACASIS Program
(exact date to be announced)



UCLA ASIS News

reported by Irene E. McDermott
Student Coordinator
UCLA ASIS

It has been an exciting and active year so far. In the fall we organized a field trip to the libraries at USC.

Janis Brown, Associate Director of Educational Resources at the Norris Medical Library, led a tour of her multimedia medical training facility, featuring interactive CD-ROMs and laser disks. She demonstrated the menu-format front-end program that she developed for Medline in the room that she also designed for hands-on computer training.

Marianne Afifi, of the Center for Scholarly Technology, gave us a backstage look at the new Leavey Library on the main campus of USC. She showed us how the facility, which opened in September 1994, is wired for computer access to electronic information. Indeed, one entire floor is filled with eighty-nine personal computers available for student use.

In January 1995, the UCLA student chapters of ASIS, ALA, and LA coordinated a trip to the Los Angeles Public Library. A library docent, Richard Schmidt, gave our group an extensive tour of the art and architecture of the facility, which reopened in October 1994. Afterwards, librarian Pat Kiefer showed us the inner workings of the library on a backstage tour. We saw how the central library for the second largest city in the United States handles book and periodicals acquisition and distribution, and interlibrary loans.

We visited the libraries at Caltech and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in February. Vivian Hay gave us a thorough tour of Caltech's main library and the computer center, as well as a look at the Geology library. At JPL, we learned about the difficulties of trying to operate a science library in the face of government budget cutbacks.

The student chapter of ASIS sponsored a workshop on how to write an appropriate resume. The workshop, which took place at UCLA on April 19, 1995, was moderated by Marianne Afifi of the USC Center for Scholarly Technology and Pauline Afuso, Law Librarian at USC.

Our plans for the rest of the year include a possible trip to the library at the Los Angeles Times, and another to the Rand Corporation library.

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CORRECTIONS

In the last issue of OASIS, the listing of new members contained two errors: Robert E Cyboron, University of Hawaii, Phone: 808 263-2267 was listed as Roberta Cyboron and Irene McDermott was listed as living in Honolulu HI instead of Pasadena CA. We apologize for these errors.

UPDATES

Sandra Tung's e-mail address has now changed to: <sjtung@netcom.com>

SAVAGE AD

Marcia Bates will resume full-time teaching duties at UCLA after serving as Dean for the Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Christine Borgman has been named Chair of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of California, Los Angeles.

Pamela Cibbarelli provided the following workshops and presentations:

-an hour-long presentation on "Internet in School Libraries" at the American Library Association Annual Meeting in Chicago in June for the American Association of School Librarians;

-a full-day preconference workshop "The Internet: An Introduction for Special Librarians and Information Professionals" at the Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting in Montreal in June;

-a full-day preconference workshop "Library Automation Software, Systems, and Services: An Update" at the National Online Meeting/IOLS '95 in New York in April.

Efthimis Efthimiadis and **Marianne Afifi**. "Access to information on medical research and health care issues relating to diverse population groups; a study of Embase, Medline and PsycINFO." *Proceedings of the 7th International Congress on Medical Librarianship*, May 10th-12th, 1995, Washington D.C.

John Houser is writing a column for the magazine, the *Searcher*.

Alice K. Kawakami has been appointed an information specialist at the University of Southern California Norris Medical Library. She has just completed a U.S. Department of Education fellowship at the University of California Berkeley Chemistry Library, where she was on leave from her position as Consumer Health Information Project and Services librarian at the Los Angeles County

Public Library's Carson Regional Library. Ms. Kawakami earned her M.L.S. from UCLA in 1991 and her B.A. in anthropology from California State College, Los Angeles in 1976.

Dorothy McGarry has been elected Special Libraries Association — Division Cabinet chair-elect.

Janet L. Nelson has been promoted to Head, Reference Section at the University of Southern California Norris Medical library. She was previously an information specialist at Norris.

Barbara Quint is one of the contributors to the book, *Electronic Information Delivery*, edited by Reva Basch and published by Gower.

Aggi Raeder. "INTERNET WORLD 95: An Eyewitness Report and a Well-Vetted List of Net Resources, too!" *Information Today* 1995 May; 12(5):57-59. _____. "The INTERNET Express: Visiting Libraries Via the Internet," *Searcher*, 1995 3(6): 8+

Elizabeth Wood has left the University of Southern California Norris Medical Library and taken a position at Oregon Health Sciences University.

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