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The afternoon session will focus on how we retrieve information from the net. Representatives from both search engines and the newer "recommender systems" will identify the unique problems of searching the web's uncontrolled environment and discuss how their products

are attempting to sift out quality information from "spam." They will also predict how web searching will evolve and improve in the next few years. The workshop will close with a lively discussion of how information specialists could use this new technology to create new or expanded roles within their institutions. Check the LACASIS web site at <<http://www.usc.edu/Library/LACASIS>> for the latest information on the Workshop. For registration and further information, please see the complete flyer on page 15.

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Lisa C. Keller Wins Margaret McKinley Memorial Scholarship

(The following is Lisa C. Keller's award winning essay submission to the Margaret McKinley Scholarship.)

In the "About ASIS" section of the ASIS website, the assertion is made that "information professionals in one discipline often are isolated from the key developments in others." I know a little something about working in isolation. I have worked as a teacher and librarian in several isolated places — Burma and Ethiopia among them. In the community library I managed in Ethiopia I was particularly alone, lacking colleagues, journals, the most basic interaction with others in my field. Things began to look up when, while employed as the librarian of the International School in Surabaya, Indonesia, I was able to subscribe to professional journals, attend a regional educators' conference, and even take a correspondence course from an American university. I felt like Rip Van Winkle awakening from his 20-year slumber. A great moment came when the library got its Internet hook-up, which represented a giant leap in our ability to make use of resources beyond the walls of our building (as, I suppose, it does for everyone). It was not a given that the library would be one of the first online sites in the school, but I was fortunate to have the support of the school's technology coordinator. We were buddies. He taught me about computers, and I shared articles from my journals which helped convince him that the library and the computer lab were natural partners. I guess you could say that we had our own little society of information professionals.

I have since returned permanently to the United States and have enrolled in a Master's program in Library and Information Science. I am surrounded by an impressive array of print and electronic information resources, as well as knowledgeable fellow students, professors and instructors — all freely sharing their expertise and insights. I am rapidly filling in some of the many gaps in my own professional knowledge, and following cutting-edge developments in the field. I know the value of these professional contacts.

One of my immediate professional goals is to get as wide an exposure to current issues, trends, and prominent people in the information field as I can. As I explored the ASIS website I realized that it is an organization essential to this goal. Librarianship has changed radically in recent

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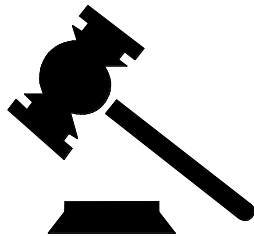
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President's Column



Summer Greetings! Like many of you during these summer months, I have interns from the local library and information science school working with me. I am consistently made proud of our profession and our educational institutions' ability to instill in

the first year of graduate school a sense of purpose and dedication to the values that I see in our more seasoned members. Moreover, the personal gratification I have at seeing nascent information professionals explore the discipline's possibilities is far deeper than I had thought it might be.

This is a time when the information professions are coming into their own. The often-cited March 1997 issue of *Scientific American* lauded the information professional, and my colleagues in the software industry occasionally forward articles about librarians managing large amounts of data for websites. Bill Gates, himself, chose to endow a foundation for libraries. My most recent favorite is an opinion column in *Web Review* where the publisher of the magazine proclaims "Librarians Get It: How Librarians Are Shaping the Web."

What with all of this good publicity tilling the soil for our up-and-coming informational professionals, there is a new expectancy among library and information science students that I have not seen for a number of years. Who knows? Geek chic is a recognized popular phenomenon and perhaps this might be the decade when society allows us to fully shed the stereotyped librarian image that has plagued us for generations. Even so, fashions come and go, but I see in the summer interns an allegiance to our core strengths.

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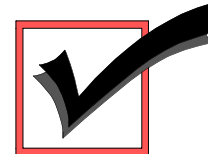
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Linda Rudell-Betts, LACASIS Chair 1996-97

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Congratulations are in order to the recently-elected members of the LACASIS Board. The following members were elected or reinstated at the LACASIS Business Meeting on June 18, 1997. The new Board will take office in October.



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years, and will continue to change in ways that we cannot yet predict. A prospective librarian is neither properly prepared nor particularly marketable if he or she is not current in the latest information management techniques and technologies. New developments are often presented at conferences, so attending the ASIS conference, and becoming active in the organization would obviously contribute toward this goal in a significant way.

When I was setting up Internet and e-mail programs on my home computer, I was dismayed to read that the author of a "Dummies" guide I had received with my software felt that an advantage of being on the Net and joining a particular newsgroup was that he didn't have to bother reading news anymore about things that didn't interest him. I was appalled at the thought of using the Internet to limit one's access to information. As a teacher, I have never bought the argument that a particular subject is "irrelevant." Problems usually arise when a student lacks a context for a particular piece of information or experience, and as a result, is not able to process it. At this point in my development as an information professional, I am busily creating contexts for the types of experiences I would anticipate having at the ASIS conference in November. A desire to understand the thrust of presentations, speeches, and discussions at the conference will be an excellent motivator for taking advantage of learning opportunities that present themselves between now and then.

My wits and my pencils are sharp. I am confident that, if chosen for this scholarship, I will be able to benefit from the exposure to new ideas (and ideas new to me) as well as from the opportunity to meet and hear from some of the leading information professionals. I will then, in turn, share and discuss these ideas with my colleagues.

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Marcia Bates and **Joseph Busch** are members of the program committee for the ACM Digital Libraries '97 Conference.

Joseph Busch will be chair and panel member for the Digital Libraries in Museums and Galleries panel and organizer of a workshop on thesauri and metadata at the ACM Digital Libraries '97 Conference.

Joseph Busch is Chair of the ASIS '97 Technical Program for the upcoming annual meeting and **Karen Howell** is a member of the committee.

Presentations Accepted for ASIS National Meeting, November 1-6, 1997: **Christine L. Borgman**, "Now that we have digital collections, why do we need

libraries?" **W. Boyd Rayward**, "Just more or different: is a revolutionary communications culture emerging in an online age?" **Diane Nahl** and **Pervaiz Meer**, "User centered assessment of two web browsers: errors: perceived self-efficacy, and success." **Vivian Hay** will be part of a panel, "Approaching information: retrieval designs affecting digital collections." Her paper is "A Getty Information Institute Database." **Foster Zhang**, "Policy issues in developing multilingual scientific databases in China."

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Libraries in China

A Personal View

by *Thomas Edelblute*

In May 1997, a delegation of U.S. librarians travelled to the Peoples Republic of China to visit libraries and librarians overseas. The first professional meeting took place at the Library and Information Science Department at Peking University in Beijing. The original Library Department was founded in 1947, but its name changed to the Department for Library Science and Information Management in 1986. Here they train librarians and information specialists at the bachelor, masters and doctoral levels in Library Science, Information Science, and Editorial Science. The program also has an extensive correspondence program with over 900 students enrolled. There are four research sections including library science, information and document management, information economics, and law.

Enrollment dropped after 1994 when new fees were imposed on the students. While many libraries actively seek graduates from the program, most students choose careers with a company that will pay them more money.

Most of the faculty here have been trained in foreign countries. There is currently an active exchange program with University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University, Long Island University, and Ohio State. The U.S. delegation also talked with a student that will be studying at Kent State University.

The University Library began a major automation program in 1991. Only the newest acquisitions are going into the electronic catalog, although some retrospective conversion, going back ten years, is taking place. The library's home page can be found at <http://pul2.lib.pku.edu.cn>. The library catalog is on the web page, but it is password protected. The University will celebrate its 100 year anniversary with the opening of a new addition to the library. The new building will house the collection while the present building will hold the offices. Ancient Chinese rare books makes up about one-third of the collection. Approximately half of these books are cataloged.

A lively discussion took place at the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China. Many members of the library staff met the U.S. delegation for a two way discussion. Issues the Chinese wanted to discuss with the delegation were 1) How librarians are educated and trained in the U.S.; 2) How libraries operate in the U.S.; and 3) the future of books versus with the availability of electronic resources on

CD-ROM and online. This was a chance for the U.S. delegation to share their diverse knowledge of specialized libraries.

In a tour of the library, the delegation learned that this patent office collects information on patents from 13 different countries. They have a collection of full-text documents in print and microfiche, in addition to gazettes and a large collection of CD-ROM tools.

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in Beijing met the delegation for its next professional meeting. CASS was formally named in 1977 when it became independent of the Academy of Sciences. There are a number of research institutions within CASS including linguistics, literature, foreign literature, minority nationality literature, world religion, philosophy, population sociology, quantitative and technical economics, world economics and politics, European studies, and American studies. Among its 5.2 million volumes are two million foreign publications and a thesis and dissertation collection.

In the city of Nanjing, two different meetings were held at the Nanjing City Library. The morning session was an opportunity for the U.S. delegation to meet with librarians from various institutions at one time. At this meeting, the delegation learned of some of the problems Chinese libraries have including the lack of standards for subject classification of ancient materials, and the dramatic changes in the Chinese written language over the last 4,000 years. Digital characters and matching software do not solve the problem. When one character is taken out of context, this changes the meaning. Since there is no direct translation between the new and old Chinese, catalogers are forced to catalog by hand. Another thing that became clear at the meeting is that government commissions and ministries decides the future of libraries, not librarians. This became more evident when talking about the Internet. Librarians here, and in other meetings, said the commission has a provincial plan for bringing the Internet to the library.

In the afternoon, the delegation visited the rare-rare book collection of the Nanjing Library. This is the largest ancient book collection in China. The original collection contained over one million volumes, with an additional one-half million transported to the library as gifts. Additional rare books from Korea, Japan, Vietnam and Taiwan have also been added to the collection over the years. Many of the cataloging problems were discussed, although there has been an attempt to enter them into a Chinese version of FoxBase. However, until they solve the problems of standardization, they will continue to catalog by hand. One alarming aspect of the collection's housing

is that the government has mandated a water sprinkler system be installed to put out fires. The library has turned it off because the paper of these books is so soft that water will do just as much damage as fire to this collection.

In the city of Suzhou, a sign in gold lettering in front of the city library "Warmly Welcome American Special Librarians Delegation to our Library." This library had its origins as part of a medical college in 1914. It was the second library in the province and was renamed the Suzhou Library in 1957. It moved to its present location in 1958. The library has grown from its original collection of 30,000 volumes to its present day collection of 120,000. Since the collection was built upon a core of ancient books, an association was established in 1990 to examine means of preserving the ancient texts.

Automating the library began in 1990, and the present day system has ten computers on a UNIX-based file server. They expect the Internet to be added to their library soon, and this holds great expectations in providing a means for exchanging information with the world. The library is interested in exchanging reference books, and showed the delegation a list from a Chinese import/export company book division. When the issue of censorship was raised, they replied that the libraries have no need to practice censorship in China. They did say that the government does not allow books to be published that are harmful to the people (pornography as an example), but did say they allow free expression of opposing political viewpoints.

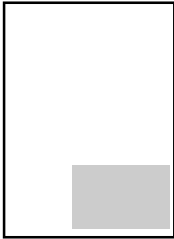
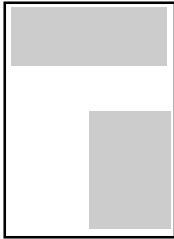
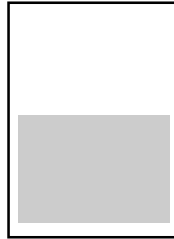
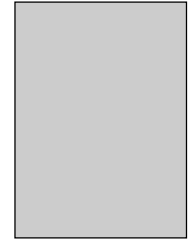
At Suzhou University, the delegation learned the University is participating in a special project called Two-One-One (21st Century Project). This project of modernization includes implementing the Internet in the province and microfilming. Simple computers are used at Suzhou University, and is one of ten universities involved in teaching Internet skills. The library does use a CD-ROM database indexing over 3,000 journal titles. The Baten Company produces the CD-ROM in collaboration with

Beijing University on subjects of science and technology, statistics, and dissertations. Updates are distributed twice per year. Other topics discussed during the exchange included electronic journals, open stacks vs closed stacks, library training and education, and exchange programs with other countries.

In Shanghai, the delegation made an unannounced visit to the new city library. Still the staff were gracious enough to give the delegation a tour. This brand-new five floor 83,000 square meter building was opened to the public last December. When it is complete, it will house their 10 million volume collection. Three of the five stories are open, and the fourth floor will hold the western language collection when it is completed. They have 250 computer terminals in the building, and their online catalog uses the DYNIX Horizon software. The library is also experimenting with a prototype software for digitizing the library's ancient book collection so it will be available on CD-ROM. To transport books from one part of the library to another, the German built rail system was installed. Books are places in little carts that run on this rail system, then the cart is programmed where to go.

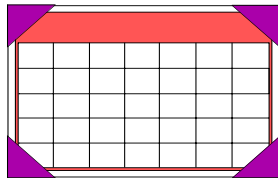
The U.S. delegation thoroughly enjoyed their trip to China. Through professional exchanges like these, one gains a greater understanding on the world we live in and how our profession can fit in. Through continued communication, common problems are discovered and solutions can be found through cooperation. The author, Thomas Edelblute was delegation leader for the Special Librarians delegation to China as arranged by People to People, Citizen Ambassador Program.

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September 1997

- On Friday, September 5, 1997, the Collection Development Interest Group of CARL presents its first meeting, "Faculty, Librarians, & Collection Development In An Electronic Age." Topics will include building partnerships for consultation, and creating balance between electronic and traditional materials in today's budgetary climate.

The meeting will be held at the USC Leavey Library. The registration deadline is August 22, 1997 and non-CARL members are welcome. Tours of the Leavey Library will be available after 2:30 pm. For additional information contact, Julia Gelfand, Science Library 228, University of California, Irvine, CA, 92623-9556. Phone: (714)824-4971; email: jgelfand@uci.edu or Nancy Koller, University of California, Rivera Library, P.O. Box 5900, Riverside, CA 92517. Email: nancy.koller@ucr.edu.

- Fall Workshop, September 19, 1997.

It's not too early to keep this date open! LACASIS is planning yet another successful workshop at the Industry Hills Sheraton, City of Industry, California. Watch the LACASIS website at: <http://www.usc.edu/Library/LACASIS/> for details.

October 1997

- Fourth International Conference on Fee-Based Information Services in Libraries, October 30-November 1, 1997, San Diego, California, Bahia Hotel.

San Diego's beautiful Mission Bay will be the setting for "Information Delivery in the 21st Century: Surviving the Millennium". Anyone currently operating a fee-based

service, information brokers, and corporate librarians considering charging fees for in-house services will be interested in attending. For those who are thinking of setting up a fee-based information service, there will be a day-long preconference on Thursday, October 1. The conference proper is on Friday, October 31-Saturday, November 1. For additional information, contact Laura Chipps at the University of California, San Diego. Phone: (619)534-8622; email: lchipp@ucsd.edu. Also see our Web site at <http://gort.ucsd.edu/fiscal/>.

November 1997

- The California School Library Association will be having their Annual State Conference in Pasadena California from November 19-22. For additional information contact, Nancy Kohn, California School Library Association. Phone: (415)692-2350.

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 Linda Rudell-Betts, the current Chair, for details and directions if you would like to join us.

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ASIS Mid-Year Highlights

Chapter Assembly/SIG Cabinet Meeting

- Irene Travis has accepted the position of editor of the Bulletin of the American Society of Information Science.
- ASIS Headquarters is looking for suggestions for additional content for the ASIS web page; of particular interest would be those using some type of interactivity.
- The budget looks fine although there was a slight decline in income for the fiscal year. \$10,000 was allocated for the recent survey and \$5,000 has been allocated for the Membership Committee which will conduct focus groups to get a better ideas of who is joining ASIS and what they would like from the organization.
- Executive Director Dick Hill reported that the Information Industry Association is bringing ASIS content to their group. Clifford Lynch will be chairing a committee on Bandwidth and Internet 2. AAA has a proposal for the next annual meeting dealing with the effect of electronic publications on scientific publishing. Doug Englebart invited ASIS to become a member of the Bootstrap Alliance. Other members include Netscape, ARAP, and SUN. John Wiley & Sons is developing a copyright policy for JASIS and an interactive JASIS is planned. The web site is averaging 2500 hits per week and 25% of mid-year registrations came from here.

SIG and Chapter Officer Workshop

- Janet Arth gave a presentation on Assessing Member Interest and how to use the information collected to develop programs of interest to chapter members.
- Carolyn Hiller from LACASIS gave a great presentation on Program Planning. The handouts were a hot item (they will be loaded on the LACASIS home page: <<http://www.usc.edu/Library/LACASIS>>).

Announcements made at Chapter Assembly

- The biggest news was the approval of the Arizona Chapter as the newest ASIS chapter. For many years the majority of Arizona members selected LACASIS as there alternate chapter. The chapter will be losing approximately 21 members but this is a great opportunity for Arizona members to have the benefits of a local chapter.
- Awards and Honors committee is looking at consistency of the supporting awards documentation;


guidelines for Chapter and SIG publication awards will be revised to better reflect electronic publications. Dudee Chiang will be working with Janet Arth on the chapter publication-of-the-year award.

- The University of Hawaii Student Chapter by-laws revisions were approved.
- Reports from the various chapters showed a wide range of topics were covered at local meetings.

ASIS Mid Year Fun

- Approximately 20 chapter members and friends met for the chapter dinner at Sam's Cafe. Everyone had a good time meeting chapter members who are unable to attend local meetings as well as other ASIS members. Ellen Sleeter wins the award for coming the longest distance - all the way from New Jersey (moving across country does not mean you can no longer be a chapter member). Sam's Cafe receives high marks for good food and being one of only a few restaurants will to generate 20 separate checks!
- If you missed this year's dinner, mark your calendar for November 2nd in Washington D.C.

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ASIS 1997 “Digital Collections: Implications for Users, Funders, Developers, and Maintainers”

November 1-6, 1997, Washington, DC

The emergence of the Global Information Society has profound implications for the future: implications for how we work, how our children discover their world, how we communicate and form relationships, and how we understand, appreciate, and transmit to future generations the richness of ideas and experiences. Poised at the intersection of research, scholarship, communication, publishing, entertainment, and commerce, digital collections have the potential to combine the ideas and methodologies of wide-ranging disciplines in unique and creative ways and of effecting technological and social change. This integration can enrich perspectives and expand our ability to understand how the various sectors could benefit from and participate in emerging global networks. But it can also lead to social, economic, and political isolation, control, and mediocrity.

The ASIS 1997 meeting will deal broadly with the emerging phenomenon of collections of digital objects — text, image, sound, and multimedia — accumulated in central as well as distributed repositories or virtual collections. Topics to be addressed will include research, technical, cultural, political, economic, and other key issues for users, funders, developers, and maintainers. These themes will be elaborated by keynote and invited speakers, and through refereed papers, panels, technical sessions, and other presentations which will address the following aspects of digital collections.

Users. Who are the users? What are their capabilities and needs? What are the benefits for users? What are useful evaluation mechanisms? What existing research is applicable? What research needs to be done? What is the bigger social, political, and commercial context into which digital collections fit? What are the negative impacts? How can the bandwidth and server gap between multimedia and text browsers be overcome? How will access be guaranteed?

Funders. What are the funding sources? What are their political and commercial expectations? How can funding

be secured to digitize less profitable subject areas such as the arts and humanities? How can collaboration and cooperation be encouraged? What are the funding realities? What returns can be expected on the investments? How can these returns be realized?

Developers. What are the practical technical applications? What are the current and future technical architectures? What current research is applicable? What research needs to be done? What are the issues of intellectual access?

Maintainers. How will digital collections be maintained? What are the information management issues? What tools are needed for managing collections (both high-end “quality” collections and personal or small user community collections)? How can the authenticity, validity, and reliability of objects be identified and maintained?

Contributed Papers. Contributed Papers address one or more of the research issues outlined above. Presentation of each paper will be 15-25 minutes. All papers have been refereed and will be published in the printed Proceedings of the conference. The Contributed Papers Coordinator is Mark E. Rorvig, Associate Professor, University of North Texas, School of Library and Information Sciences, P.O. Box 13796, Denton, TX 76203-6796, tel: (817) 565-2445, fax: (817) 565-3101, email: mrorvig@jove.acs.unt.edu. Instructions for Authors: Camera-ready copy for the Proceedings is due on June 1, 1997. Send camera-ready copy to the Proceedings Editor: Candy S. Schwartz, Simmons College, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, 300 The Fenway, Boston, MA, 02115-5898, tel: (617) 521-2849, fax: (617) 521-3192, email: cschwartz@simmons.edu.

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UCLA Student Chapter Conducts Resume Writing Workshop

by *Lawrence Rotunno*

On April 30th UCLA's ASIS student chapter held their annual Resume Writing Workshop. Twenty-three students attended the workshop. Ten professionals from a wide variety of libraries and library-related organizations were there to give the students feedback on their resumes and job hunting tips.

Kaye Zimmerman, from Library Management Systems, and Karen Flanders of Advanced Information Management began the workshop with presentations. Ms. Zimmerman spoke on changes in the nature of job descriptions for librarians in the last 20-30 years. She pointed out the need to compose resumes that match the demands of today's job market.

Ms. Flanders gave a presentation on the ABC's of interviewing. It included some very practical advice on how to handle those tough interview questions. During both presentations the professional guests acted as an expert panel fielding questions from students on presentation topics and related issues. Following the presentations the professionals paired one-to-one with students who presented their resumes for review and feedback. Each student got their resume assessed by at least two or three professionals. Students attending said that the workshop format offered them a unique opportunity to find out how their resumes looked to those likely to be evaluating submitted resumes during the course of a job hunt. Likewise, the professionals in attendance found meeting and working with the students a rewarding experience. Thank you to all who participated for making it a successful event.

A Retrospective Look at LACASIS Evening Meetings

by Carolyn Hiller

Our Chapter was founded in 1961 as part of the American Documentation Institute (ADI) and the newsletter was called *The Informer*. Chapter dues were \$2 and membership to the national organization was \$15. The ADI officially changed its name to the American Society for Information Science (ASIS) in 1968 and our Chapter became commonly known as the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society for Information Science (LACASIS).

During the 60s our Chapter featured evening meetings on such topics as the Find-It System, natural language data processing, the Recordax Miracode System, automation, information retrieval and newspapers, a computer system to handle photographic entries of the *New York Times*, and the MARC (Machine-Readable-Cataloging) Project.

Menus before the days of the rubber chicken entree included prime rib, baked potato, salad, and a cherry sundae or lamb shanks for \$3.75, along with free parking at the Biltmore Hotel. We also featured live music and dancing after many of the evening meetings.

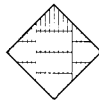
ASIS National was held in Los Angeles in 1973 and ASIS National moved its headquarters to Washington D.C. in 1974. During this decade the Chapter featured a plethora of information science meetings with the flair we have come to associate with the 70s. Meetings included a champagne party in Westwood followed by a meeting at the SR Corporation to view the MEDLINE system, and a Christmas Ball featuring Carlos Cuadra and his "Acapulco Uvas." In June of 1972 LACASIS featured a cruise on the Queen Mary with a menu of seafood and a discussion of operations research. The Chapter held a career seminar which indicated that we have always had a strong commitment to continuing education, mentoring, and career guidance. In the late 70s LACASIS dinner meeting topics included the development of ORBIT, MEDLARS, home computers as information systems, records management, and evaluating information systems and services.

Throughout the 80s LACASIS continued to promote library and information science programs on cutting edge topics. Topics included global engineering documents, time management, disaster preparedness, directions in library and information science education, telecommunication, copyright, LANs and beyond, NTIS, microcomputer

power, the future of the online industry, OCLC, machine aided translation, desktop publishing, and managing private files.

Somewhere between the 80s and 90s we abandoned our steak and prime rib feasts at dinner meetings in favor of our current more healthy favorites of a chicken or vegetarian entree. Our recent topics have included optics and information, LEXIS-NEXIS, career skills for information professionals in the 90s and beyond, building an electronic chemistry library, document imaging systems, the Internet, natural language searching, MOSAIC, and interactive multimedia on the World Wide Web.

Our Chapter and the organization as a whole has an impressive track record of focusing on the newest technologies and their applications to libraries and information centers. We have also consistently devoted one meeting per year to career development which indicates that LACASIS has always been an organization committed to mentoring, and providing continuing education to library and information science professionals.



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