Greetings and Best Wishes to Alumni and Friends for a Great New Year in 2003!

The new year brings great change for the School of Information Sciences. On July 1, 2002, the School joined with the former College of Communications and the Advanced Internet Technologies group to form a new college at the University of Tennessee. On December 4, faculty of the College formally adopted a new name and a new structure. The College of Communication and Information will enhance and support a breadth of innovative curricular offerings, new collaborative research in information technology and information policy, and greater visibility both on-campus and in the broader community.

The transition from an independent School to a unit within the larger college brings to mind what Jacques-Yves Cousteau said about having his eyes opened for the first time to the sea: “Sometimes we are lucky enough to know that our lives have been changed, to discard the old, embrace the new, and run headlong down an immutable course.”

Our School of Information Sciences has been involved for over a year in planning for this transition. We recognize the opportunity for program improvement that this transition can provide, and we are indeed embracing the new. So welcome not only to a new year, but also to the new College of Communication and Information and a new chapter in our School’s history.

The structure that was adopted by the faculty and approved by the provost of the University will consist of four instructional units: Information Sciences will remain a school within the college. The other three units will be Journalism and Broadcasting; Advertising and Public Relations; and Communications Studies. Cross college programs will include the doctoral program, a program in converging media, and a planned undergraduate minor. Our School will continue several important traditions. Most importantly, we are committed to maintain our program that is accredited by the American Library Association for the graduate education of information professionals.

You will note that the School has also made a physical move from Temple Court to the Communications and University Extension Building. Our new quarters are excellent, and we are settling into our new facilities. I invite you to visit the School on Circle Park Drive and to talk with faculty, staff, and students about the changes that we have undergone since July 2002.

Let us be the first to welcome you, our graduates and friends in the library and information community, to the new College of Communication and Information. We look forward to hearing from you as we embark on this immutable course into the future!

Elizabeth S. Aversa
Director
A midst organizational change, a move out of Temple Court and into the Communications Building, the School pulled off a wonderful 30th Anniversary event. Over 115 attended the reunion, and although I wish I could have been in all of the sessions simultaneously, I did hear many alumni speak enthusiastically about the quality of panel discussions offered and the chance to see old friends. See pages 5-7 for this story and for pictures.

Graduates Communicate!
Alumni now have their own listserv. This list is for graduates to share both personal and professional news and events.

This list will be similar to the current School listservs but will be used by graduates of GSLIS* and the School of Information Sciences to communicate with each other.

This list will not receive student chat, entry-level job postings, notices of faculty absences, or course information. This list will be used to post items of interest to the information community, news and events, and relevant job postings. School faculty and staff may also use the alumni listserv to communicate news and events of the School.

To subscribe, visit: http://listserv.utk.edu/archives/isalumni.html and register your e-mail address. Contributions sent to this list are archived, and this list is also available in digest form.

You don’t have to subscribe to send a message to the list, however. To post items of interest, send mail to isalumni@listserv.utk.edu.

* Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences

The School and its alumni have received good press lately.

Audrey Williams (2002) has won the Women of Achievement Award by the Women in Higher Education in Tennessee. An educator at Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Williams was recognized for her innovative work as an instructional technology specialist.

George Hoemann (1995) has been named interim assistant dean of distance education and technology at UT’s Division of University Outreach and Continuing Education. See our new Class Notes section (page 9) for more.

Speaking of our Web site, we have just hired two students to update and maintain the School’s site. A key new feature will allow faculty, student leaders, and alumni to submit news and events to the site using a streamlined electronic process that will archive School news. We are working now to post your alumni updates and will soon have a method in place to keep this current. If you haven’t updated your contact information, now is the perfect time. Simply go to http://www.sis.utk.edu and look for People, then Alumni.

The School has also expanded its outreach by advertising in recent American Libraries and Library Journal.

Via a late summer ballot, Margaret Casado ('95) and Janet Drumheller ('77) were elected to the SIS Alumni Board. We thank outgoing members Pat Powell, Nancy Cardin, and Sherry Ball for their service to the School.

Recent School Events
The School has inaugurated a new research forum to focus on science publishing. Last October, Michael Mabe, director of academic relations at Elsevier Science, in Oxford, England, presented the inaugural lecture in the School’s new forum. Mabe’s forum examined “Functional/Behavioural Model of Learned Journals as a Predictor of Future Trends.” This summer, Mr. Mabe will teach IS 555: Scientific and Technical Communications at the School.
Welcome Dean Julian

Interim Dean Julian Speaks Out

The recent issue of Full Circle, the newsletter of the new College of Communication and Information, should have appeared in your mailbox over the holidays. Hopefully, you read the Message from the Dean and better understand the reorganization process and vision of the new college. I recently spoke with Dean Julian about her vision for the new college. Here are some excerpts.

JS: Why do you think the blending of Communications and Information Sciences was considered for so long, and do you think that scholarly publishing and research between the disciplines will grow?

FJ: The merger discussions came not only from mutual teaching and research interests among faculty but also from personal relationships between heads of both units. I don’t think we have even begun to mine the potential convergence of disciplines in the two. As time passes and we become better acquainted, more and more professional relationships will emerge, and the discovery of similar interests between colleagues will grow. There are ways that we could probably encourage this to happen (e.g., through colloquia and research forums) that would stimulate discussion on any number of subjects. By restructuring curricula and promoting interdisciplinary research, we can build on our individual interests and expertise and perhaps create new concentrations and new knowledge that spotlight the talent residing in the College.

JS: Do you think the provost will be in favor of creating three new Schools, rather than Departments within the college?

FJ: It appears that we will restructure as four Schools. The faculty vote taken in December endorsed a School of Advertising and Public Relations, a School of Communication Studies, School of Information Sciences, and School of Journalism and Broadcasting. The Provost has accepted our plan. We definitely will be Schools and there will be equal status for directors of the Schools.

JS: What is your budget strategy for the new college?

FJ: Each unit is going to start with a zero-base budget exercise: each unit/school will have to identify what is absolutely essential and what is not. This process calls for candid, open discussions within the units. There will be only one budget proposal for the college this year.

JS: What are your thoughts about resourcing the new college? What strategy will you use to impress upon the provost and other decision-makers how this college will create a forward thinking strategy that deserves new funding?

FJ: State funding is not expected to improve significantly for the next three or four years. That’s a given. The best hope would be private funding of some sort, and that again is unpredictable. We can only hope to be active participants in the Capital Campaign that is being launched next fall by making known to contributors the needs of the College. The other thing we must do is persuade the Provost and others in administration that we are a forward-thinking college and that we are a cohesive unit that has a purpose central to the mission of the University. I have met with Vice-Provost Ann Mayhew to tell her of our need to improve our graduate teaching associate stipends. Dr. Mayhew is also Dean of the Graduate School, and she understands our need. She is going to help us double our graduate teaching associates. With funding from extra-section funding, we will increase our teaching potential and fulfill an identifiable need for more sections of lower division courses. This is an example of the type of persuasive tactic we must use. We have to access our needs and articulate them clearly and convincingly to central administration.

Faye Julian has taught at the University of Tennessee since 1962. She received the first doctorate from the College of Communications in 1977.

Interviewed by Joel Southern

The national president of the Special Libraries Association, Bill Fisher, presented a seminar co-sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Chapter of SLA last November 8th.

A professor at San Jose State University, Dr. Fisher spoke about the frequent disconnect between corporate managers and the special libraries or information centers they manage—even when those who benefit by a library’s service show exemplary support, and even when the library is shown to be one of the best fiscal assets of a corporation.

An SIS research forum on October 23 highlighted two SIS faculty members. Mike Pemberton’s intriguing presentation was entitled: The Second Oldest Profession: Managing Records of Business Transactions Before Writing. Kendra Albright followed this with a talk on her recent doctoral thesis, entitled: A World-Systems Perspective on the Role of Telecommunications in Global Development.

Heavy rains on a Friday evening didn’t stop SIS students from participating in the last Career Night. Held November 15, the evening was a potpourri of information perspectives that ranged from the creative and thoughtful, from Troy Davis, media services librarian at UT, who spoke on the “cultural, technological, and sociological trajectories that predicate new positions in libraries”; to the remarkably practical advice of Mike Pemberton who spoke on records management.

Former alumni board member, Pat Powell, senior vice president of Information International Associates, Inc., spoke of the fascinating world of business.
Albright Hired
SIS alumna Kendra Albright was hired last August as the School’s newest assistant professor. Kendra was a lecturer on a one-year appointment while finishing her Ph.D. in Communications with an emphasis in Information Sciences.

Kendra has had a dynamic career in the information industry since the mid-1980s. Most recently, she managed research services at Information International Associates. She worked as a reference librarian at Oak Ridge National Laboratory before being hired to start up an in-house information consulting group at ORNL, providing extended research support on a cost-recovery basis. She worked with the Center for Intelligent Systems for nearly three years, helping to build expert systems, and before that, she was manager of the Business Information Center at Whittle Communications. Kendra teaches a course in business intelligence, among others. Her dissertation took a global approach in examining information economics. She is the mother of two daughters and lives in Knoxville.

Fisher Retires
Pat Fisher retired at the end of 2002 after a 24-year tenure at UT where she has taught statistics, research methods, systems analysis, and related courses. Before coming to SIS, Pat was associate professor and associate director of the School of Planning. She has served on the Faculty Senate, Graduate Council, and Research Council.

Her retirement plans include indulging her hobbies, which include cutting gemstones, making jewelry, knitting, crocheting, organic gardening, traveling, and spoiling her granddaughter. She will also work as a consultant and develop an outline for a textbook that presents statistics and research methods together in an integrated approach.

Pemberton to Present Keynote
Mike Pemberton has been invited to present the keynote paper at the Records Management Society Annual Conference in England this April.

A recent paper of Pemberton discussed the role of Chief Privacy Officer and was cited by conference planners as “interesting and stimulating and reflects a theme that we are hoping to build on during the first day of the conference.”

Tenopir Honored with National Research Award
The American Society for Information Science and Technology has awarded the 2002 ASIST Research Award to Carol Tenopir. Carol has received research grants from the Council on Library and Information Resources, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the National Science Foundation, and the Special Libraries Association, among other external agencies. As one nomination letter said, “The usefulness and value of her extensive research are found in her widely-read publications and in her outstanding teaching.”

Tenopir recently received a $25,000 contract from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) to analyze and compare major recent research on the use of digital resources.

Wang Presents in Croatia
Peiling Wang presented a paper at the annual conference of Libraries in the Digital Ages in Dubrovnik, Croatia, last May. Her presentation was entitled “Research on Web searching: User modeling and systems design.” She also moderated a workshop called “Making sense of the observation: Coding and mining qualitative data.”

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and governmental intelligence, while Meredith Goins, librarian at the National Limb Loss Information Center, spoke of the contrasts she has experienced from rural library director to her current position.

For those left undecided which career path to take, Kendra Albright held the torch for the Ph.D. program, illustrating the benefits of the academic path.

TLA hosted a panel discussion last November on incorporating diverse populations into library settings. “Programming for Changing Communities: Diversity Issues in Today’s Libraries” featured Doug Raber, assistant professor, who examined the tensions present in serving a multicultural society.

Khafre Abif, special librarian at Langston Hughes Library, and featured speaker, spoke of his experiences as an African-American graduate student in a predominantly white LIS program and the cultural gap he experienced working when he first set up a reading program for black children. The UT Libraries diversity committee, discussed the history and mission of the committee, its programming, and diversity in collection development.

Alumni Appreciation Day 2003
The School will resume its yearly Alumni Appreciation Day this June with an all-day program of featured speakers and friends of the School who will provide continuing education. Watch the alumni listserv and School Web site for dates and schedule.
Old classmates reunited. Former students returned to teach faculty some new ways of thinking about perennial LIS topics. In short, the SIS alumni board hosted an event to remember. The conference lobby was filled with memorabilia-filled bulletin boards with historic and contemporary photos of Temple Court, past directors and faculty, and of course the students who have passed through its leaded glass doors. Old graduate student manuals, newsletters, and books from Dr. Purcell and Mr. Estes filled tables honoring the individuals for whom scholarships are offered.

Some 120 graduates and non-alumni attended the 30th Anniversary event, which was part professional conference, part anniversary, and part tribute to the discipline of library and information sciences.

Director Elizabeth Aversa presented an in-depth State of the School address, before longtime staff member, Shawn Collins, unveiled a commemorative movie entitled, Taking Tradition into the Future. Along with commemorative programs, participants were given CD-ROMs, which include the movie, video presentations of School research forums, a storytelling class, the School photo gallery, and graduation photos.


Walt Crawford’s keynote address covered a myriad of topics from e-books to library automation, with an emphasis on how the “promise” of new technologies is sometimes an encumbrance to more simple and practical solutions. He repeated the motif of “thirty years ago,” calling to mind a litany of technologies, which have emerged (and sometimes disappeared) in varying degrees of success over the thirty years span, the same number of years that SIS existed in Temple Court.

SIS alumni board president, Doris Prichard, announced SIS’s inaugural Distinguished Alumni Awards. The alumni board chose to award three recipients for this first award, representing the three decades of graduates from the School. And the winners are:

- Elizabeth “Liz” Bibby, Distinguished Alumni — 1990s
- “Suresh” Ponnappa, Distinguished Alumni — 1980s
- Vicky Leather, Distinguished Alumni — 1970s

This award is symbolic of the energetic leadership roles each has played in the library and information community since graduation. Alumni also joined faculty members for panel discussions on children’s literature, collections, records management and archives, information services and electronic publishing, information technology, public libraries, and user studies. See the next page for anniversary photos.

SIS Scholarship Funds

Glenn E. Estes Scholarship
Carmen Linkous Moulton Endowment
Gary R. Purcell Scholarship Endowment
John C. Tyson Minority Student Fellowship

Celebrating the School’s 30th anniversary has been an opportunity for graduates to support scholarships that help students complete our program who might not otherwise be able to attend. The School currently has two donors wishing to match their gifts of $500 and $1,000. Please consider matching these pledges.

To learn more about the history and purpose of these funds, contact the School. Or, give directly to the School on the secure university Web site at http://www.utalumni.utk.edu/givetout/.

While last fall’s celebration brought many appreciated contributions, we still need your help to meet our goal of raising $30,000 by the end of 2003. Please consider supporting your alma mater today.
“Thirty years is a long time in American librarianship, and the University of Tennessee School of Information Sciences put on a classy, interesting celebration. To my mind, one telling indicator was that I’d marked two or three of each breakout session, intending to move from one to another—but I found it impossible to leave my first choice in each case. As an outsider, I was impressed; alumni should be proud.”

— Walt Crawford

“I am proud of the School. The School has become a truly world-class institution of its kind in a short time, and I have contributed so much to it through my knowledge, and providing support. It is a fine place and I have been remembered in a wonderful way. And what a great surprise to receive one of the alumni honors. It was also a reality check reminding me that I started in the program thirty years ago!”

— Biddanda “Suresh” Ponnappa

“What a wonderful treat to see many of my “old” professors in their “new” surroundings. And what a great surprise to receive one of the alumni honors. It was also a reality check reminding me that I started in the program thirty years ago!”

— Vicky Leather

“I am proud of the School. The School has become a premier institution of its kind in the country and has contributed so much in terms of knowledge, and producing such fine professionals in the field. Two great teachers we had, but who are no more with us, such as Dr. Purcell, Mr. Estes, Mr. Tyson was especially heart warming. Dr. Aversa’s proactive plans to move the School to the next higher level, with the help of faculty and staff, were well thought out and timely. That I was recognized as one of the outstanding alumni was indeed a well-filled, educational day.”

— Biddanda “Suresh” Ponnappa
Highlights

“**I have strong and fond memories of my time at UT, and even of old Temple Court. It was thrilling to “go home again,” to see some of my old professors, to meet many of the new faculty and students, and to hear about the exciting new programs. Joel and the gang really know how to put together an event!”**

—John Price Wilkin

**30th Anniversary Celebration . . .**
We didn’t always agree, but I knew I could express my opinion with him and get a hearing (even if I was wrong!). He had a way of conveying his confidence in you that I really appreciated. One day when he was very ill, we were to meet to discuss the preparation of next year’s budget, which was due the next day. He walked into the conference room at the time of our appointment, and it was clear he needed to go home. He announced he was going home early, and that I should just finish the budget and turn it in. When I protested that I really didn’t know what I was doing, he just looked at me, and said, “Relax – yes, you do, and if it’s too badly messed up, we can always fix it later…” It turned out he was leaving the office for what would be one of the last times.

J.S. What sparked your interest in information technology?

S.C. That really grew from my interest in several other things—“low” tech, politics, and the need to make a living! Cars, machine tools, and machines in general, always interested me, and I thought for a while that I would make my living working as a machinist or mechanic. When I got into college, I began to see how “mechanical/industrial/rational” modes of thought had an enormous impact on the way in which society was ordered, and the ways in which we could view problems. I got my first computer in college, an early Apple Macintosh, and as I came to see how it worked, I began to be intrigued with how this tool—and the ways of thinking and viewing the world which it could enable and constrain—would impact society and politics. Of course, I think I really had no idea… After graduation, I learned IT like you learn to use a saw or hammer if you’re a carpenter—it was a tool of the various trades I was in, and I needed to make a living, so I learned how to use it. I still see it that way, even if now it is also an “area of study” for me—information technology is still mostly a curious and sometimes effective way to get some jobs done.

J.S. Do you consider yourself to have mentors? If so, who?

S.C. I owe so much to so many who have helped me over the years—I really need to take a few weeks and write them all “thank you” notes. I am an omnivore when it comes to learning and “mentoring”—I try to learn from anyone and everyone if I can. I feel like I’ve gotten a little bit of mentoring from everyone at the School. I thought I’d really hit the top when I worked for Dr. Minkel [interim director, preceding Dr. Aversa]. And then I had the pleasure of working for Elizabeth Aversa who taught me a great deal. But if I learned anything here it was only through the careful study of everything Gerri Littlejohn had to offer—the secret to my success is “ask Gerri.”

J.S. Where do you see SIS being in three years?

S.C. I have high hopes for SIS! We’re on the move, and despite what’s been a bumpy transition to “College” life, I’m confident that Elizabeth’s goal of being in the top 10 is very achievable. SIS has a great faculty, with a solid research-funding base that can be leveraged into such a great “opportunity” generator, for students, staff, and faculty in SIS and the College. I expect to see SIS firmly “on the map” in three years, and there’ll be trouble if it doesn’t happen!

J.S. Do you see yourself as a leader?

S.C. Boy, I had better—that’s what they’re looking for in me. Leadership in any group context is so tied up in talking with people and helping them understand and then get what they want and need to see accomplished. If I can do that, I suppose I’m a leader, but I don’t think that makes me unique. It means I can help all those other “leaders” in the room get something done, which is really much more satisfying.
First DE Cohort Has Reunion
The original distance education cohort from Hampton Roads, Virginia celebrated an informal reunion in Virginia Beach in April 2002. Left to Right:

Sharla DeLancey: Virginia Beach Public Library, Collection Development; Jeanne Ullian: Hofheimer, Nusbaum, P.C., Law Librarian; Dorothy Linton: Chesapeake Public Library; Lynne Harrison: Norfolk State University, Reference Librarian; Kim Rigazzi: U.S. Navy (Intelligence), Boston; Jennifer Kuncken: Williamsburg Public Library, Reference; Pat B. Jones: Wahab Virginia Beach Public Law Library; Rebecca Tabakin: Director of Libraries.

1971
Lexa Hooten is a specialist in Library Services at Knox County Schools. Lexa serves on many regional professional organizations, including the state TEL selection committee, the school/community advisory board for Pellissippi State C.C., and the advisory board for the Center for Children’s and Young Adult Literature.

1973
Barbara Abu-Zeid is employed as reference librarian at the Health Sciences Center Library, School of Medicine at Emory University in Atlanta. Comments: “I have worked abroad for several years, mainly in Kuwait and United Arab Emirates. I participated in management teams to establish academic and research level libraries/information centers in those countries. I have been involved in training functions, as well as library automation and collection development.”

1974
Robert Gaines is employed as head of documents/microforms division at Jackson Library at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is a lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Studies; lecturer in the History Department; and lecturer at Guilford Technical Community College. His personal/professional Web site—full of recent scholarly activities can be found at: http://www.uncg.edu/~rfgaines/.

1975
Charles R. Davenport is interim director at Knox County Public Libraries. Comments: “I also serve[d] as President of the Board of Trustees of the Knox County (Tennessee) Public Library System.”

1977
Rosemary S. Ellis (formerly Todd) is employed as a cataloging librarian at Roane State Community College. Comments: “I have worked here for over 22 years. I was divorced last year from my husband of 27 years; thus, the return to my maiden name. It has been an adjustment, but I feel life is turning around for me and I am happy again. I am up for a promotion at work, and I should hear the results soon.”

1983
Bob Conrad is employed as team leader for Information Systems at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

1985
Martha Earl is employed at the University of Tennessee Preston Medical Library as reference coordinator. Comments: “Major accomplishments (2001-02) include: TLA Strategic Planning Chair, 00-03; TLA Reference Roundtable Co-Chair, 02-03; ETLA Vice-President, 02-03; KAHSLC President, 01-02; MLA Research Section, Hypothesis Editorial Board, 01-03; MLA Kronick Traveling Fellowship Grant Jury, Chair 01-02; UT SIS Alumni Board 01-03; SC/MLA Communications Committee; four conference presentations (SC/MLA, TLA, and ALA); four grants received; two published reviews.

Susan Earl is employed at the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System as Central Library Administrator. Comments: “I was MALA (Metro-Atlanta Library Association) President for two years. I have participated in the Membership Committee of GLA (Georgia Library Association) for the last two years. I assisted in hosting ALA in June 2002. In my first year as Central Library Administrator, I completed the Central Library renovation, established a FOL that they had not had in six years and reorganized services offered. Whew!”

1989
Linda Behrend (formerly Akard) is catalog librarian at UT’s Hodges Library. Comments: “I joined the faculty at UT in 2001 as catalog librarian and am also subject librarian for Philosophy and Religious Studies. I had been with East Tennessee State University for five years before that.”
David McCowan is acting manager of the Sarah Dobey Jones Library of Berea—part of the Greenville County South Carolina Library System.

Tracy McCowan is catalog librarian at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, South Carolina.

Jacqueline Oke-Okwudili is program resource specialist/training specialist at the University of Tennessee’s College of Business Administration Center for Executive Education.

Christine Nugent is director of the Pew Learning Center and Ellison Library at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina.

Rich Cole is visual effects coordinator with Sony Pictures Imageworks. Comments: “Currently working on the film ‘Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone,’ responsible for creating and managing databases in support of the visual effects created for the film; also worked briefly at an Internet company where I created a cataloging system for popular music—but the dot.com bust put us out of business. Still soaking up the California sunshine, though!”

Aaron W. Dobbs is a librarian at Austin Peay State University Network Services. Comments: “My Serials Slashers presentation at TLA 2002 received rave feedback—my co-presenter took basically the same presentation to NASIG 2002 & got raves there, too. Working on publishing it in Serials Review. Lots of other stuff, nothing sticks out at the moment—caused by sleep deprivation. See resume at http://dubber.org/res.pdf.”

Evans Millican is a public services librarian at Flint River Regional Library in Griffin, Georgia. Comments: “I have just completed my seventh year at the library and I could not be happier. The fact that this is taking place in my hometown makes it extra special. As our library is of a medium size and staff, we all wear a lot of hats, so I have gained much experience in the areas of circulation, children’s library, and automation. As of this time, it would have to take something spectacular to consider another library job. I just want to say ‘hello’ to my former classmates and hope that all is going well for them.”

George Hoemann has been appointed interim assistant dean for distance education and technology by the University of Tennessee Division of University Outreach and Continuing Education. Hoemann, who also serves as the division’s assistant director for faculty services, has been with the university since 1988. Before joining university outreach, he was associate editor of the Andrew Jackson papers and later served as the coordinator of distance and continuing education for SIS. In 1995, he received the UT Chancellor’s Citation for Extraordinary Professional Promise. Hoemann is a member of the School’s alumni board and participates widely in School orientations, hodding ceremonies, and other events.

D. Jackson Maxwell is library media specialist in Memphis City Schools and a freelance writer. Comments: “Since graduating with an MLIS from SIS in 1995, Jackson Maxwell has worked for Memphis City Schools. He has published dozens of articles on education and librarianship in the Journal of Educational Thought, Book Report, Teachers Education Quarterly, Tennessee Librarian, Library Talk, Education, Tennessee Educational Leadership, and numerous other periodicals. He also publishes a monthly education column in a local newspaper. He has received nearly $100,000 in educational grants. In addition, he has won over a dozen awards including TLA’s Francis Neal Cheney Award, Education’s Unsung Heroes Award, Memphis Business Journal’s Top 40 Under 40 Professionals Award, Louise Meredith School Library Service Award, and the Crystal Apple Teachers Award. Jackson Maxwell earned his Doctorate in Education from the University of Memphis in 2000. In 2001, he was elected to ALA’s National Council for a four-year term. He lives in Memphis, Tennessee with his wife Robyn and 2 1/2 year old son Trevor.”

Laura Kaufmann is director of Library Services at Bryan College. Comments: “I have just completed my seventh year at the library and I could not be happier. The fact that this is taking place in my hometown makes it extra special. As our library is of a medium size and staff, we all wear a lot of hats, so I have gained much experience in the areas of circulation, children’s library, and automation. As of this time, it would have to take something spectacular to consider another library job. I just want to say ‘hello’ to my former classmates and hope that all is going well for them.”

Deborah Lammers is branch manager at the Bon Air Branch of the Chesterfield County Public Library near Richmond, Virginia. Comments: “After working at the Pamunkey Regional Library for 5 years, I am moving across the river to become Branch Manager of the Bon Air Branch at the Chesterfield County Public Library. I still love being a librarian!”

Doris (Dori) May is acquisitions and public services librarian at Maryville College library. She is on the collection development and resource sharing committee for the Appalachian College Association’s Central Library.

Leslie Duncan is employed at the National Limb Loss Information Center as program manager and director of Education and Research. Comments: “I have two children, Eliza and Hannah. I just presented at the MLA conference in Dallas on our new library catalog project. We received 2 years of funding through the Langeloth Foundation to develop and maintain a comprehensive limb loss library catalog. We are very excited about this new project. Matter of fact I hired two SIS grads to work on the project and in the library: Katherine (Kerns) Sluder and Meredith Goins.”

Allison Evatt is employed at Dialog as a MLIS consultant in their Graduate Education Program and visits SIS regularly to teach Dialog and Quantum2 professional development seminars. Comments: “Joined Dialog in January 2002. I work with graduate schools of library and information science, so SIS is now one of my clients!”

Jenny Innes is a tenure-track reference librarian at Western Connecticut State University.

Jennifer Bruer Kitchel is a documents conservator at Tennessee State Library and Archives. Comments: “I married my husband David in October 1998 and we now have a beautiful son, Brian Lyndell Kitchel, born December 4, 2001.”

Danielle Knowles is a help desk specialist at SIRSI Corporation. Comments: “Just moved from Atlanta to St. Louis to work for SIRSI. So far I love it here.”

Leigh Shoemaker is a Ph.D. student at UT. Comments: “After 4.5 years at Scripps Networks, first as a media librarian and then as a research analyst, I’ve decided
to go back to school to pursue a Ph.D. in Philosophy. Meanwhile, for the past couple of years I co-owned a little music venue in Knoxville’s Old City called Pilot Light.”

2001

Emily Urban is reference and instruction librarian at Alyné Queener Massey Law Library at Vanderbilt University. Comments: “I provide reference services to law students, Vanderbilt University students and faculty, attorneys, and pro se patrons (individuals representing themselves). I also assist law school faculty members with their research—anything from cite checking to putting together data, performing literature searches, and current awareness activities. I also perform collection development duties for the areas of Children’s Rights/Elder Law/Family Law Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, Economics and Law, Judges, Judicial Consent/Judicial Administration, Jurisprudence/Legal Theory, and Law and Philosophy. I am currently updating the Web research guides. I also teach a legal research course.”

Bill McKinney is project manager at a company that does archives conversion, finding aids automation, bibliographic services, image cataloging, document conversion, XML/HTML encoding, and offshore data conversion. “In India—perhaps my 1½ years in Pakistan will pay off. If you can work your way through those airports you can travel anywhere—Baksheesh!).”

Keri-Lynn Paulson is reference and instruction librarian at Mt. Vernon College Campus of the George Washington University.

Patricia Thompson is assistant head of reference at Blount County Public Library in Maryville, Tennessee and is active in many library associations. Comments: “Upon graduation last year, I accepted a position at La Prade Public Library in Richmond (Chesterfield County), Virginia. In March 2002, I moved back to Knoxville to care for my aunt after she had suffered a stroke. Life is way good.”

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Sherri Bain is a children’s services librarian in the Nashville Public Library system. Comments: “This was actually the career path I had in mind when I entered SIS (I have a B.Ed. and M.Ed.), and I guess sometimes things have a way of working out. I am moving and regretfully will not be able to attend the 30th anniversary, but my thoughts are with all of you. I look forward to attending future SIS events.”

Chad F. Boeninger is reference and instruction librarian at Ohio University’s Alden Library. Comments: “I was recently married on July 27, 2002 in Chattanooga, TN. My wife, Candace, and I now live in Ohio. She is also employed at the university as assistant director of admissions for communications.”

Katie Gohn is the GALILEO support specialist at the University System of Georgia, Board of Regents—Library and Customer Information Services. Comments: “I get to deal with lots of vendors, librarians, and consortia. GALILEO is used by all types of institutions, including K-12, private universities, technical colleges, and public libraries. I have a lot to learn, but am happy to have a full-time job with benefits and a decent salary. Tell everyone hello from me.”

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