Message from the Alumni Group President

Another academic year is upon us and change is in the air. A couple of the executive board members have moved to new locations to pursue exciting new challenges. Ms. Janet Hesson, newsletter editor, has moved back to the mainland, where she works as a traveling medical technologist. Janet has been a wonderful asset to the LIS Group and to the library profession. We all will miss her efforts and energy, and we all wish her the best in her future endeavors. I have moved to Southern California to take a position as an Assistant Professor at National University. With these moves, changes in the executive board are needed.

I implore each of you to give of your time and/or money to the LIS Group. The Group needs a new newsletter editor and, as always, committee chairs. Additionally, our funding is very limited to nearly non-existent. Those of you who have given, the LIS Group is deeply in your debt. Those of you who cannot give in dollars could perhaps give in time. The LIS Group is a means of giving back to the profession that has given to you. So please take a moment and give of your time and/or money. It is a rewarding experience and a great way to stay in touch with friends and classmates.

Seeking Your Assistance,

Gerry White

2003 LIS Alumni Awards

Jodie Kakazu Mattos
LIS Alumni Awards Chair

LIS Student Award, $500; Susan Nakasone
Susan will use the award to complete her MLIS degree, which will enable her to become certified as a librarian in the Hawaii Department of Education.

Margaret W. Ayrault Scholarship, $1200; Trent Reynolds
Trent used the scholarship for tuition assistance towards his goal of working in an academic or federal library.

Ralph R. Shaw Memorial Award, $500; Glenda Berry
Glenda used the award for tuition assistance for summer school and housing assistance while she was on leave from her job as a library technician at the Wailuku Public Library.

Mary Edward Professional Award, $500; Niyati Ni
Niyati will use the award to finish writing a paper examining the training of graduate library interns in an academic library.
Péter Jacsó had a relaxed summer after being promoted to full professor, or as he refers to it, humble professor. He keeps working on his PolySearch Engines for ready reference sources in English and Spanish, which you can check out: www2.hawaii.edu/~jacso/extra/ — mind the spelling of that name!

Our newest faculty member, Andrew Wertheimer, just published an article in the journal Nebraska History (vol. 83, no.2; pp. 58–72) titled “Admitting Nebraska’s Nisei: Japanese American Students at the University of Nebraska, 1942-1945.” Wertheimer used oral history interviews and archival sources to understand why the University of Nebraska accepted over 100 Nisei students from America’s concentration camps, and how they were received in a period when most other universities refused to admit Japanese Americans.

Rebecca Knuth has received many accolades for her new book Libricide: The Regime Sponsored Destruction of Books and Libraries in the 20th Century and is busy working on another book documenting worldwide non-regime destruction of books and libraries. Dr. Knuth’s important work brings to light the frightening reality that widespread cultural decimation still occurs in the 21st century. See the book notes from the UHM online news archives: www.hawaii.edu/ur/newsatuh/archives/030922/books.htm.

Luz Quiroga spent several months this past summer consulting on digital library projects in Europe and Latin America and is teaching a new course on information architecture this term. Her students do service learning projects for associations and community groups, so contact her if you have database projects (lquiroga@hawaii.edu).

Violet Harada is on sabbatical working on a book with Joan Yoshina for Linworth Publishing. Designing Inquiry Learning Through Librarian-Teacher Partnerships is scheduled for release in Spring 2004. Dr. Harada travels to Kansas City in late October to conduct a session on problem-based learning with Linda Kim at the AASL Conference and present a paper on action research at the Treasure Mountain Research Retreat. Dr. Harada was recently appointed to the editorial board of School Library Media Research, the premier research journal for school library studies. She continues her work on an NSF grant to provide online support to teachers in rural areas of the state.

donna Bair-Mundy is working on her dissertation proposal and this term has created a hybrid Web-HITS LIS 670 Introduction to Information Storage and Retrieval course. Gail Morimoto sends her greetings to everyone and her wishes for a wonderful holiday season for all.

Garfield Visit
We were very fortunate to have Eugene Garfield, founder and chairman emeritus of the Institute for Scientific Information and past president of the American Society for Information Science & Technology, discuss "The Future of Citation Indexing in the Web Era" to a crowd of 30 on October 7th. For background information about Gene Garfield: www.garfield.library.upenn.edu.

Student Awards & Activities
In September graduate students in the Library and Information Science Program, sponsored by the UH American Library Association (ALA) Student Chapter (Jennifer Beardsley, Gayle Hirohata-Goto, Jessica Porneluzi, Sheri Somerville, Carole Suzui, Diane Todd), presented a Banned Books Exhibit to promote awareness of banned books and Banned Books Week (BBW). The ALA theme for BBW this year was "Open Your Mind to a Banned Book."

Spring Courses
Our Spring course offerings and schedule are available on the LIS Web site (proudly student-designed and maintained by the LIS Web Team): www2.hawaii.edu/slis/courses/schedule.html.

Employer Survey Online
It is time once again to survey the employers of our graduates, and this year we have put the survey online for your convenience (hypatia.slis.hawaii.edu/survey). Employers’ perspectives help us continue to develop a program that is responsive to the current workforce needs in libraries and information centers.

If you hired any UH MLIsSc graduates between 1998-2003, please fill out the survey and give us feedback, as well as contribute ideas and information to help us in our continuous work to improve the curriculum.

If you graduated between 1998-2003, please forward the survey to your employer, especially to the person who directly supervises you. We hope to have an excellent return rate by announcing this survey through the 'Elele Waha 'Ole and various listservs.

Our most treasured assets are our students, and this year set new records for enrollments. We are most grateful to LIS Alumni who are able to offer LIS students internships, advice, and employment. Your help is a big part of our success.

Aloha,

Diane Nahl
Chair and Associate Professor
We'd love to hear from you! Please let us know if you have moved, changed jobs, or just want to share news for inclusion in the next newsletter. You can also use this form to make a much-appreciated donation to the LIS Alumni Group.

Send e-mail to hesson@myrealbox.com or mail this form to LIS Alumni Group, University of Hawaii, Library & Information Science Program, 2550 The Mall, Honolulu, HI 96822.

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1967

From Daphne (Gillespie) Selbert: Marhaba (Hello) from the United Arab Emirates! My library career has taken many interesting twists and turns. My first position was in a library at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. I’ve worked in school libraries in the Philippines and Iran and public libraries in New Jersey and Texas. I spent the larger part of my career at Principia College in Illinois. In January 2001 I became the Library Supervisor on the Abu Dhabi Campus of Zayed University, a university founded to provide an English-language-based, western model of education for women in the United Arab Emirates. This has given me a fascinating up-close look at the Middle East.

1968

Ellen Chapman writes: Since retiring as a full-time UH reference librarian for 27 years, I have been a part-time archivist, working on the papers of Spark Matsunaga, late senator from Hawaii. I passed the Academy of Certified Archivists’ exam in August 2003 and am now a Certified Archivist. I am also volunteering 10 hours a week this semester in the Jean Charlot Collection in UH Hamilton Library. The UH library school prepared me well! Aloha.

1969

From Richard F. Thompson: I served as Librarian at the Hawaii State Archives for about 25 years, until my position was eliminated as a cost-cutting measure. The rationale was that the Archives didn’t need a librarian! I accepted the State’s offer to become Media Librarian in the Hawaii Department of Education’s Teleschool Branch, serving the instructional video needs of Hawaii public schools on all islands. I retired in 1999, having served the people of Hawaii for more than 30 years. Since then I have been doing family history research. I am also active with choral groups, including the Honolulu Symphony Chorus, and enjoy bicycling for fitness and adventure.

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Karen Peacock writes: My latest work includes contributions to a bibliography, done with Prof. Paul Sharrad, on the work of Pacific Islands author, Albert Wendt. It appears in the Fall 2003 issue of *The Contemporary Pacific: A Journal of Island Affairs*. I am still working as head of Special Collections and Pacific Curator at UH Library. Last June I had the opportunity to spend a week in Tahiti on library acquisitions work, and this past summer I enjoyed team teaching Pacific Resources for the LIS program.

1977

Following library school, E. Curtis Fawson earned his doctorate in Development and Instructional Technology at Utah State University. His career has included serving as Director of Library & Media Services at the BYU-Hawaii Campus, teaching in the College of Education at Brigham Young University at Provo, working with the State of Utah’s Educational Technology Initiative, and heading BYU’s Instructional Center. In 1998, he left BYU to become Provost and Executive Vice President of Southern Virginia University, and after 2 years in that post, he became president of SVU. While many private universities have been struggling for students, SVU has grown steadily from 74 students when it began in 1996 to over 600 students today. President Fawson writes: “My special thanks to the faculty and staff of the Library School for excellent instruction and building confidence in an eager student so many years ago. Please know of my sincere appreciation for all you do in the alumni group to keep us up-to-date on the progress and changes in the program.”

1978

Dana Myers has recently begun working as the Director of Development for the University of Hawaii System Libraries. Previously, she was the Director of Development at the Honolulu Waldorf School.

1979

Phoebe Lou Hamilton sends aloha. She is a Senior Descriptive Cataloger in the History and Literature Division of the Library of Congress.

1975

Patricia (Patsy) R. Dunham writes: Eugene Public Library moved into its first new building in almost 50 years in December 2002. I retired as Technical Services Manager of the library on June 30, 2003—rather suddenly, but it’s 29+ years and out, before retirement system “reforms” get any farther along. I’m expecting to move to Canada.

1977

From Yoshino Hasegawa: Thank you to Gail Morimoto for her integrity and dedication to LIS and especially for keeping us up-to-date on the progress and changes in the program.
Ruth Quirk and RuthMarie Quirk (mother and daughter) went to library school together in 1980-81. Ruth is happily recovering from a broken hip (4/2003) and is back snorkeling at Hanauma with Sally Drake (1969), another retired graduate. RuthMarie has a new title, Manager of Operations, at Sinclair Library. She is very active in library systems and networks but happily spends 50% of her time providing circulation and reference services to the public.

1991

Marla (nee Chesler) Whitney was married in April of this year. She is now working at Northeastern University in Boston, MA.

1992

Beryl (nee Ripp) Tyau is celebrating her 10th year as an Indexer at the Hawaii Pacific Section of the Hawaii State Library. She is married to Capt. Jon Tyau, a Hawaiian Airlines pilot, and they have a 6-year-old daughter, StaciLeimomi. Beryl and LIS classmate, Marya Zoller (1990), will be celebrating their benchmark high school reunion — "we’re not telling you what year …”

1993

Katy Roe writes: After graduating in May 1993, I worked for a mail-order company. I finally landed a job as Technical Services Librarian, processing and cataloging books and videos, at Midway College in Midway, KY. Then I moved to Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY, where I was a cataloger for 3 years before landing the cataloging job here at Western Kentucky University this past May. I will probably return to school for yet another Master’s degree or Specialist degree in the coming year. Kathy, Gail and Lynn, if you’re out there, I’d love to hear from you!!!

1995

Kimberley (aka Tee) Scott Poelman writes: I am still working for Ovid Technologies as a Regional Corporate Sales Manager, and I was recently appointed the Public Relations Chair for the SLA-Pharmaceutical & Healthcare Technology Division. I live in Salt Lake City, Utah with husband Bradley and son Hendrik. We are expecting baby no. 2 in March or April 2004. I travel extensively but attend SLA and Internet Librarian religiously. Please send me a note (kpoelmn@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend either show. It would be great to catch up with old friends and classmates.

Tom Raffensperger, his wife, and daughter drove from Alaska to Vermont this summer, where he is now Director of the Vermont Community and Technical College Libraries. They encountered bears, caribou, elk, bison and forest fires along the way. The Vermont State Colleges are making information literacy a graduation standard, and he is much involved with implementing that project. He can be reached at traffens@vtc.edu.

From Karen Reitz: Since graduation, my career has taken many different directions. I moved home to the San Francisco Bay Area, where I’ve worked as an information specialist at a management consulting firm, a research manager at an executive search firm, and a recruiter at a technical recruiting firm. I am now an adult reference librarian and Head of Government Documents & Serials at the Inglewood Public Library in Inglewood, California. I am very much enjoying my return to the library world. I even work with another UH graduate here at the Inglewood Library, and we must admit that we miss Hawaii!

1996

Sharlene Tollefson writes: After graduating from SLIS, I returned to Spain where I did some cataloging for a private collection and worked for an online travel agency. This past July I was hired as the librarian at Suffolk University’s Madrid Campus. I am still new here, although I have had contact with them for over 10 years. The library has a small collection of 4,000 print and audiovisual items to support its course work. Suffolk Madrid relies heavily on the wide range of electronic resources it has access to through the main Boston campus to broaden its information base. Because of our reliance on electronic resources, one of my primary duties is to provide database training sessions for groups and individual students and professors. I enjoy the job because I am literally a one-man band doing cataloguing, referencing, collection development, and textbook ordering & processing.

1997

Frances L. Ascencio retired from her position at the North Marianas College in Saipan in December 2002. She returned to Flint, Michigan, her hometown, in June of this year, from where she will continue her love of travel.

From Ihsia Hu: I am still working at the National Library of Medicine as a cataloger. My daughter Clara just turned 1 year old. My husband started his MLS program at the University of Maryland this fall after seeing how much I enjoyed being a librarian.

1998

Sumie Ota has been working as the head of the East Asian Section at the New York Public Library, Humanities & Social Sciences Library since February 2003. She has survived one of the worst snowstorms (which delayed her arrival in NYC) in February and the Blackout in August ... Not bad for a first year in the Big Apple, huh?

1999

Song Yu, previously the Chemical Information Specialist at
Purdue University Libraries, moved to New York City to work as Chemistry Librarian at Columbia University Libraries in late August.

2000

From Brenda Booker: When I first graduated, I worked at UH in BHSD as a temporary hire until April 2001. In November of that year, I joined the Hawaii State Public Library system as a children's librarian at the Aiea Public Library, where I worked for nearly 2 years. I recently accepted a position at Mid-Pacific Institute and will be working with students in grades 6-12.

Nancy Kleban writes: I am working as Head Librarian at the American InterContinental University library in west Los Angeles. AIU is a small vocational university specializing in fashion design, interior design, visual communication, information technology, and business. The school is not far from LAX. Please get in touch if you are traveling to or through Los Angeles.

2002

Brian Richardson has a temporary full-time position at Windward Community College as a reference librarian and does collection development work, primarily for the Hawaiian collection.

Yan Liao writes: In January 2003, I moved to Wisconsin and started my first professional position as a Catalog/Reference/Instruction Librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Library. I had hoped for a wonderful combination of duties like this when I was in library school, and I’ve been enjoying everything about it. Despite the cold weather, I enjoy the warm hospitality of this small Midwestern town.

Niyati Ni is the new Acquisitions Coordinator at the Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence, where she manages the web-based Native Hawaiian Health database.

2003

From Lee Adams: I feel very fortunate to have found a position at the University of Hawaii School of Medicine Library. I started working part-time this past June and was brought on full-time in September. Since this is a small library, I do a little bit of everything: reference, instruction, copy-cataloging, etc. I really enjoy the diversity of tasks! Plus, I'm involved with planning the new library for the new School of Medicine campus in Kaka’ako - which is so exciting!

Sarah Jansen recently completed a web exhibit of the Charles Hahn, M.D. Collection of Apothecary Jars for the Mamiya Medical Heritage Center at Hawaii Medical Library. You can see the exhibit at hml.org/mmhc/exhibits/apothjars/index.html.

Correction:
Patti Hironaka Meerians’ name was misspelled in the Spring 2003 ‘Elele Waha ‘Ole. The editor apologizes for the error.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Winroth (1975) succumbed to cancer on March 5, 2003. Elizabeth was the Historical Maps Librarian for many years at the Oregon Historical Society. A tribute to her life and work may be found at www.sla.org/chapter/cor/repository/newsletters/2003_v5n1.pdf.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Herring
LIS Alumni Group Treasurer

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To be added to the electronic-only mailing list, please send an e-mail message to Janet Hesson:

hesson@myrealbox.com
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The LIS Alumni Group still needs to fill two Nominating Committee positions for the 2003-2004 term. This term runs through August 31, 2004.

Please contact Gerry White at glwhite@nu.edu for more information.

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