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- 8, 9 June - Staff Development series - 9:15 AM - Geology Library.
- 9 June - Technical Services area meeting - 8:30 AM - Tech Services Conference Room.
- 10 June - Staff Development series (repeat of above) - 1:30 PM.

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ABOUT THE LIBRARIES

SLA Kentucky Chapter Honored

The Special Libraries Association has awarded the Membership Growth Gavel for 1975 to the Kentucky Chapter of SLA. Chapter president Ellen Baxter, Chem/Physics Librarian, is accepting the award this week at the SLA national conference in Denver. Ellen is also a special guest at a Board of Directors' reception prior to the awards banquet.

17 library schools represented:

Someone recently asked for the number of library schools represented by our staff. As expected, the University of Kentucky leads with 24, or slightly more than 50% of the staff, having received their degrees from here. A far second is Peabody with 3 graduates. Columbia, N. Carolina, Syracuse and Wisconsin each have 2 graduates on our staff and the following library schools have one each: Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas State, Kent State, Maryland, Michigan, Pittsburgh, and Rutgers.

From SOLINET:

This year's SOLINET annual meeting in Atlanta on May 13th provided the setting for not only the standard business transactions but also for a very informative report from the executive director, Charles Stevens, on SOLINET's future plans.

The business portion of the meeting was conducted expeditiously and was highlighted by the acceptance of a dues and fees structure identical to that of 1975 and the election of three new persons to the board of directors. Elected to serve on the SOLINET Board of Directors were Frank Grisham from Joint University Libraries in Nashville, William Highfill of Auburn University Libraries, and Shirley Tarlton of Winthrop College Library in So. Carolina.

The executive director's report to the SOLINET membership was extremely timely and interesting for two reasons: 1) it laid out the framework of SOLINET's plans for the future and 2) it included an estimated timetable for OCLC developments. To capulize Mr. Stevens' comments, SOLINET has decided to remain affiliated with OCLC for the next several years in order to offer SOLINET members uninterrupted on-line service and to insure our

opportunity to share in OCLC's imminent developments and data base growth. However, SOLINET will begin within the coming year to work toward an interdependence with rather than a dependence on OCLC. This will be accomplished in the following manner. OCLC will install in Atlanta a D116 communications processor (also known as a concentrator). The concentrator will be connected to the main OCLC computers in Columbus by two high-speed (9600 BPS) telephone lines. Within a year the concentrator will begin channeling all SOLINET transactions through Atlanta before sending them on to Columbus. We will experience no effects of this message re-routing in that our currently operating low-speed lines to Columbus will remain in service all during the transition.

By routing all SOLINET transactions through Atlanta and storing a record of them, SOLINET headquarters will be in more control of its own data base activity. The concentrator will also have the ability to offer continued on-line service to SOLINET members during periods of computer down time in Columbus.

OCLC seems very receptive to this move by SOLINET. They apparently are encouraging other affiliated networks (e.g. NELINET, AMIGOS, etc.) to do the same. The outlook for networking in the future has somewhat changed recently. Rather than looking forward to a national network with a central data base center, libraries are beginning to think in terms of cooperating regional networks as the answer to size, money, and communications problems. A network of networks would share the responsibilities of technological research and development and storage of records and engage in distributive processing. It seems to be a realistic prognostication in light of recent LC and OCLC effort to encourage the development of regional networks.

Dates for future OCLC services were listed. These are only predictions and should in most cases be viewed as optimistic projections.

Loading of LC authority files	Dec. 1976
Serials check-in	Aug. 1976
Serials claiming	late 1976
Acquisitions	June 1977
Interlibrary loan	Dec. 1977
Subject search	1978

Gail Kennedy

Travellers:

Bill James is back from Cleveland where he attended the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries; and Gail Kennedy attended the SOLINET annual meeting in Atlanta in May.

FORTRAN OFFERED

The Computing Center is offering a non-credit introductory course on the FORTRAN programming language 22 June through 9 July for students, faculty and staff members. There are no prerequisites or fee. Classes will meet from 3:00 to 4:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For further information contact the Computing Center in McVey Hall.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Instructor, Jr College librarianship. Appalachian State Univ., N.C. \$13,500 (9 months).

University Librarian. Univ. of California, San Francisco. 1 Aug. 76.

