Engineering Libraries Division Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

Jay Bhatt

Inside this issue:

ELD is a division of the American Society for Engineering Education. Its mission is "to promote and strengthen the role of the library as an integral part of engineering education."

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The Pittsburgh conference is fast approaching and is only 3 months away. Amy Van Epps and the program planning committee have come up with a nice program with many outstanding topics of interest to all ELD members. ELD is sponsoring two workshops: *Patents at Mach 2: Technology on the Cutting Edge* and *What Every Librarian Should Know about Assessment Planning* and a Distinguished Lecture on '*Are Engineering Students Typical Millennials?*' by Richard T. Sweeney. Please refer to http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/conf/conf08.php for details on all. There is also a first of its kind *Engineering Librarian's Basics Boot Camp* session that you do not want to miss. Please see Amy's Conference Program Report for the details of the program **on pages 3-6.**

Thanks to Amy and those who contributed in planning and organizing various items for the upcoming conference.

Personally, I have learned something new in every ASEE conference that I have attended so far. In addition to various projects dealing with engineering librarianship our ELD folks are working on, I am also grateful for the warmth and support that I received from several of our members. In that sense, our meetings and conferences are more than just 'Business'; they have given me an unparallel number of opportunities for networking, socializing through a variety of meeting opportunities including ASEE picnic, special interest group meeting, welcome reception, annual banquet, and business meetings, and above all keeping up-to-date with what is happening in the engineering information world through various technical sessions or through informal chats with colleagues. To those who are attending this conference for the first time, I assure you that it will be an unforgettable learning and social experience. As the engineering information world is becoming more complex with more new electronic resources available each year, our students are going to need much more teaching and instruction in utilizing those tools more efficiently. I get many new and creative teaching ideas from our ELD friends and colleagues during the conference; this year will be no exception.

Elections and Voting

Please see Kate Thomes' report on page....for an update on the elections. And, **PLEASE VOTE IN THE ELECTION**. The election will be held online from March 14 - 28**.**

ASEE Elections

Please consider voting in ASEE elections as well. You can read all the candidates' statements at: *http://www.asee.org/about/Elections.cfm* and then vote by March 31, 2008.

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Committees

Following the ELD election, I will be appointing or reappointing Chairs of ELD committees. If you are interested in leading any of the committees listed below please send me a brief statement describing what you would bring to the position. I will discuss the statements with the Executive Committee and make appointments shortly following the announcement of the election results.

Please let me know of your interest in any of the following committees by March 28th:

Development   Liaisons Program   Membership
Publications   Webmaster

See ELD's Officers and Committees web page http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/officers.php

ASEE Publish to Present position

Finally, you must have recently heard about the new ASEE Publish to Present Policy which has now been approved.

Mary Anderson-Rowland, Professional Interest Council IV Chair, provided rationale in for this change as follows:

"The reason behind the "Publish to Present" is to raise the status of the ASEE conference and its proceedings. In the past, conference papers and presentations were not reviewed and therefore in academic circles, efforts by faculty and staff to share their intellectual activity through ASEE and other such conferences without reviews were discounted as nearly worthless. Only journal articles counted. However, as you know, there is much to be gained by an author presenting his/her research or program findings to a live audience of interested and like-minded participants. Ideas can flow, be built on, and created. Most of the papers presented at the ASEE Conference now go through a rigorous review at the abstract, draft, and final paper stage. The Board would like ASEE to be known as a prestigious conference, with all papers and presentations reviewed, and for the conference paper proceedings to have value as well as journal papers. If an author with an accepted paper wishes to present with a poster rather than an oral presentation in a technical session, they may do so.

I represented the Division of Engineering Librarians and we, as a Board, specifically discussed how we could accommodate the engineering librarians and not disturb the conference for their division. Therefore to accommodate the ELD, the Board decided that Panels and Invited Speakers do not have to have an accepted paper. This provision was made so that the Engineering Librarians can continue to do ASEE just as they always have. You can designate a technical session as a Panel Presentation and hold a poster session for librarians with no **accepted paper required. You could even have two "Panel Presentation" sessions.** I assume that you have some papers submitted and accepted and you would have them presented in a technical session as usual. I know that you have a great ASEE organization division and so the intent of the Board is not to disturb your division, but at the **same time to raise the prestige of the ASEE Conference."**
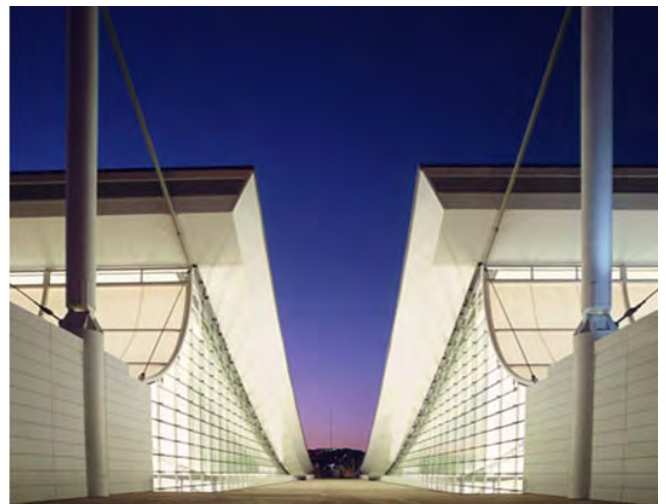
I would like to see more ELD paper submitted and accepted in the proceedings over a period of time. During the conference we will all have a chance to discuss this important development even further. Through collaborative partnerships with fellow ELD colleagues and with the assistance from Papers Review Committee, we can publish more papers through our Annual ASEE Conference Proceedings. Please consider submitting an abstract for the 2009 ASEE conference and publishing your paper in the proceedings.

This will be my 10th ASEE conference, and believe me it is one conference that would not want to miss. Let the team spirit among all the ELD members come alive in Pittsburgh.

Looking forward to see you all in Pittsburgh,

Jay Bhatt

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Conference Program Update
Amy Van Epps

Greetings from the Restaurant at the End of the Universe. Whoops, my error, we haven't gotten there yet, it's just the Panera near campus where I'm eating dinner, again!

A lot has been planned for the conference in Pittsburgh this summer and I hope you're looking forward to it as much as I am. Your colleagues on the program planning committee have been working hard to put together a strong program where everyone can learn something. We have strong representation from among our membership in presentations and papers, and some guest speakers to provide insights as well.

Here's a quick look at what we're traveling toward:

Food and Socializing

Whether the nominal purpose of your trip or not, it is definitely worth getting to these events and sharing in the fun.

The Society Wide Picnic will kick off on Sunday evening at the rooftop terrace of the Convention Center. Come enjoy **"A 'Burgh Block Party"** and if nothing else, it should **provide a great view of Pittsburgh's North Shore. No need** to worry about bus transportation to the event, which is a nice bonus.

Our 1st year director, Linda Whang, has been making arrangements for our Annual Banquet on Tuesday evening, which will be held at the Heinz History Center (http://www.pghhistory.org/), just a few blocks from the **Convention Center. We'll be in the Great Hall and have access to the museum exhibits while we're there. Thanks** for Ei/Elsevier for their continued support of this event. As in the past, this event is free for ELD members and bringing a guest will cost $100. Please RSVP online by March 31, 2008.

Michael White, our 2nd year Director, has been working hard on planning the ELD Welcome Reception, sponsored again this year by IEEE. The reception will be held not at Milliway's but at the Bevier Engineering Library at the University of Pittsburgh, the hippest engineering library

in the known universe. Of course, the level of construction may be sufficient for Kate Thomes, head of **the library and immediate past chair, to think we're witnessing the end of the universe. In fact, we're looking** forward to a return to a more relaxed event this year, with drinks and light refreshments served buffet-style. Unfortunately, state law prohibits the importation of Ameglian Major Cow. It will, however, be the same great time for catching up with old friends, meeting new colleagues and welcoming first-time attendees. The reception is free to ELD members and round-trip shuttle transportation will be provided from the Westin Convention Center Hotel to the library. We greatly appreciate IEEE's generosity in making this event possible. Watch for more details on ELD-L and ELDNET-L. If you have any questions, dietary restrictions or special requests, please e-mail Michael White at michael.white@queensu.ca

Distinguished Lecture

This year ELD will sponsor an address by Richard Sweeney, who will address the question *"Are Engineering Students Typical Millennials?"* The session will begin with a short talk by Mr. Sweeney followed by a panel discussion with 12 millennial age engineering students. During this panel discussion Mr. Sweeney and the audience will ask questions to the panel to prove or disprove the characteristics, preferences and learning styles of these Millennial engineering students.

Pre-Conference Workshops

Sunday provides two opportunities again this year to get some hands-on, in depth work on particularly topics in the form of Workshops. There is a $25 registration fee for each of these events if done in advance, and a $35 fee if you register on-site.

On Sunday morning, 3 of our members, Jay Bhatt, Michael White and Charlotte Erdmann, will be presenting a hands-on workshop titled *Patents at Mach 2: Technology on the Cutting Edge.* The session will be held at the University of Pittsburgh, where the School of Engineering has provided the lab space for attendees to be online and working with the material.

On Sunday afternoon we have the treat of an assessment session, geared particularly to librarians, but taught by an expert in the field of assessment, Gloria Rogers, from ABET, titled *What Every Librarian Should Know about Assessment*. Danianne Mizzy has been working closely with Gloria to ensure that during this workshop, attendees will get concrete ideas and future actions for assessment in their libraries.

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Informative Technical Sessions

While we haven't calculated the question for the answer (42), we will be learning new and exciting things during the technical sessions.

We kick off Monday morning at 10:30, right after the Main Plenary, with the ELD Special Interest Group Meeting. Patricia Kirkwood is organizing this session, which will provide ELD members an opportunity to get to know each other, while discussing issues of particular importance in small groups.

The constellation of sessions after the SIG includes:

(The conference schedule, laid out by day and time can be found at the ELD website: http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/conf/conf08.php)

1. New Tools and Techniques for Information Literacy. Patricia Watkins, Moderator.

We are always looking at new ways to deliver our information literacy to engineering students. In this session we'll get to hear about some interesting applications of technology to particular situations.

◊ William Baer; *Using Videos to Teach the Ethical Use of Engineering Information*

◊ Eric Resnis; *Smart Searching: An Online Information Fluency Tutorial Tailored Specifically to Introductory Engineering Students*

◊ Adriana Popescu; *Exploring, Reading and Writing Scientific Literature in English: A Non-Native English Speakers' Perspective*

◊ Lisa Dunn; *Flexible Information Literacy Strategies for Engineering Design in EPICS: Hitting a Moving Target and Assessing Our Aim*

2. Engineering Librarian's Basics Boot Camp. Donna Beck, Moderator.

This session is a first for ELD. We'll have more presentations than usual in a single technical session's slot, and the goal will be for each presenter to give a quick, but very helpful overview of their topic, and provide handouts and useful takeaways for attendees to remember and implement the knowledge when they get home. There should be tidbits for new and experienced engineering librarians alike in this session.

◊ Scott Curtis; *Finding ASME Technical Papers*

◊ Megan Sapp Nelson; *The Essential Business Information for Engineering Librarians*

◊ Deborah Kegel; *Cultivating Grey Literature – The Care and Feeding of Technical Reports*

◊ John Napp; *Your Students are Pod People, but That's Alright*

◊ Linda Musser; *Where History and Engineering Intersect: Researching the Older Engineering Literature*

3. Educating the Whole Engineer – Building Life Skills. Ed Eckel, Moderator.

A close look at several situations of applied information literacy, where the authors have collaborated on integrating the engineering literature with the curriculum, and the results they achieved.

◊ Amy Kindschi, Patrick Eagan and Paul Ross. *HOTS for Independent Reading and Research in Applied Engineering (IRRAE)*

◊ Christine Drew and Richard Vaz; *Global Projects Preparation: Infusing Information Literacy into Project-Based Curricula*

◊ Ashok Naimpally and Hema Ramachandran; *Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning: Practices and Assessment*

◊ Kate Thomes, Beth Bateman Newborg, Kate Joranson, Dan Budny, Steven Abramowitch, Carol Washburn and Carol Baker; *It Takes the Whole University to Instruct the Whole Engineer: Narratives of Collaboration*

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4. Engineering Resources Off-the-Beaten-Path. Lisha Li, Moderator.

A somewhat more in-depth look at some materials than the Boot Camp will offer. This session should provide some additional learning opportunities for experienced and new librarians alike.

◊   Tracy Gabridge; *Engineering Conference Proceedings at Risk: Results of a Two-Year Study*

◊   Charlotte Erdmann; *Tracking Patent Applications and Issued Patents: Specialized Databases of the United States Patent and Trademark Office*

◊   John Meier; *Engineering Subject Areas Vary in Coverage by Google Scholar*

5. Bio/Med Informatics and Engineering Librarians. Lee Pedersen, Moderator.

We have two ELD members who will be talking about bioinformatics and the impact the advances in this area are having in engineering libraries. We'll also welcome a guest speaker to share a bit more broadly about informatics in general and provide a primer for those of us who haven't kept up on this area of growth.

◊   Sheila Young and Olivia Sparks; *Biomedical Informatics in Engineering: A New Frontier for Engineering Librarians*

◊   Amy Stout; *Bioinformatics and the Engineering Library*

6. One Step Beyond: Taking Collaboration to the Next Level. Amada Werhane, Moderator.

We can thank Amanda for giving our "ELD Technical Papers Session" a new name this year, one which helps reflect the topics grouped in this session.

◊   Megan Tomeo; *Internships as Part of the Education of Engineering/Science Librarians*

◊   Mary Strife; *Collaborative Learning Space and New Roles for Librarian and Staff: Reinventing the Library and Forming New Partnerships When Engineers Are Not the Only Users*

◊   Jill Powell, Jon Corson-Rikert, Kirsten Hensley, Medha Devare, Brian Caruso, Brian Lowe and Nick Cappadona; *VIVO: Promoting Research and Collaboration*

◊   Tom Volkening; *Alternative Uses of Course Management Software*

7. The Professional Issues Forum. Alice Trussell, Moderator

This is a return of an idea from a number of years ago. Leaving a session at the end basically open for discussion of hot topics that have come up since the program planning and paper submission deadlines have marched on. I don't know what Alice has planned, but we've had several issues cross our lists recently that could make an appearance here. So you may expect to discuss 21st century engineering libraries and services, particularly in light of the Henry Petroski articles in the January Prism and author's rights in light of the ASEE policy change to publish-to-present.

ELD Poster Session:

Kathleen "Pix" Fleming is the moderator for this session with only a few posters this year, just 6, but an interesting group of topic**s**. I believe this is due in part to putting more presentations into several of our technical sessions. The ELD poster session will again be during the general poster session on Wednesday morning at 8:30 am. So be sure to get your morning caffeine, be it coffee, tea or soda, and come learn from your colleagues.

Look for the following posters:

◊   Nevenka Zdravkovska, Jim Miller, Robert Kackley and Damon Austin; *From Capstone to Gemstone to Keystone: (and Now Marquee Courses??)*

◊   Caroline Smith and Hema Ramachandran; *Thelma and Louise Do Engineering – and Hope for a Better Ending*

◊   Anne Fullerton and Leeanne Romane; *Enhancing Engineering Graduate Education: Documenting the Place for Information Literacy*

◊   Sasha Gurke; *Use of E-books in Engineering Classroom*

◊   Ileane Smith; *ASTM International's Standards and Digital Library Access for ASEE Librarians*

◊   Larry Thompson; *SAE DRM: What's Happening?*

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Meetings

Annual Business Meeting

First, this meeting is at new time this year. We'll be having the meeting on Tuesday afternoon, in the 12:30 slot, with lunch included. If all goes according to plan, we'll also have tables to eat at instead of having to balance your plate on your lap during the meeting. Please join us! This meeting is for ALL members of ELD, not just officers. We'll be discussing issues related to the working of the division, including, but not limited to the ASEE move to publish-to-present for the Annual conference papers and presentations.

If you're wondering why the meeting is now at lunchtime, ASEE chose to put all sessions identified as business meetings in the session requests into the 'less popular' time slots, trying to maximize the use of the available rooms. Thus, my choices were 7 am or 12:30 pm. Somehow I figured everyone would prefer the lunchtime meeting.

Committee Meetings

We ended up with all the technical sessions we could have wanted this year, and all we could schedule for that matter, so there are no gaps in our schedule where the committees can meet. We have an official time for the committee meetings at 7 am on Tuesday morning, but if that doesn't appeal to your group, some other opportunities to gather occur during the Emerging Trends poster session on Monday afternoon (4:30-6) or during the distinguished lecture time on Tuesday morning (10:30-12).

Extended Executive Committee Meeting

For those of you who are on the EEC, or if you're putting your name into consideration to fill any of the committee chair positions for ELD, remember that we will be meeting on Wednesday afternoon, from 4:30-6:00, so please be sure to make your travel plans accordingly. We're expecting to see you there.

Extracurricular Activities

As always, Mel DeSart will be organizing some events both before and after the conference (the early birds and leftovers) for everyone to enjoy while in Pittsburgh. I know he's already been doing his homework on local brew pubs for possible Saturday gathering spots.

If you haven't looked through it yet, the February issue of ASEE Prism includes some nice pictures of Pittsburgh and ideas on what to do in the area if you're arriving early or staying after the conference, to fill those times when ELD folks won't be getting together.

So that's where we're at for now. I still have my towel and I will travel on to the conclusion of the planning, but first I'm off for a spot of tea. I hope to see you all in Pittsburgh.

Amy Van Epps
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Great place for a sammich!
John J Meier

Great place for a sammich!

For a good overview article on Pittsburgh, check out "A City of 'Firsts'" by Robin Tatu in the February 2008 issue of PRISM. It covers the main neighborhoods around the convention center and the universities and has a short list of eateries around the downtown area. For baseball I would add that besides the Pittsburgh Pirates homestand against the NY Yankees June 24-26, the Toronto Blue Jays are also in town starting the preceding weekend with the famous Zambelli fireworks display that Friday. Also on the North Side just across one of the Three Sisters bridges, near and attached to the ballpark are a number of places to eat on a budget or grab a late night drink.

Committee Reports

Publications Committee
Craig Beard
Publications Committee Chair

As usual, the first part of the year is the most intensely busy for the Publications Committee. That's when we're involved in the peer review of the papers submitted for publication in the Proceedings of the ASEE Annual Conference. It was a pleasure working with Program Chair, Amy Van Epps, and members of the committee who served as reviewers. Each paper was assigned to two peer reviewers and was also read by Amy and me. Each year I am impressed by the thoughtful comments and helpful suggestions offered by those who read the papers. The comments and suggestions always contribute to the quality of the final product.

Recently I was in contact with a member of the Science & Technology Section of the American Library Association regarding creating an engineering version of their brochure for recruiting science majors into librarianship (http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/sciencetech/stspublications/ACRL-STS_Brochure.pdf). Now that the work on the conference papers is done, that will be the next item on our plate.

Many thanks to the members of the committee for all their hard work!.

Liaisons Program Annual Report – 2007-2008
Tom Volkening
Liaison Program Chair

I want to thank everyone who has participated in the program.   You provide ELD with a two-way communications channel to other library organizations and enable us to get our message out to these other groups and to bring back information on what is happening in other organizations that is of interest to our membership as a whole. This will be my last report as I will be stepping down as chair at the end of this term.

I would like to announce our new liaison to the SLA – Engineering Division: Mark O'English, Science, Reference, & Electronic Resources Librarian at the Owen Science and Engineering Library, Washington State University. Mark's term will run for one year, 2008 -2009.   For more information about the Liaison Program please see http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/bylaws.php#liaisons .

News from the SLA Engineering Division
Daureen Nesdill

The 2008 SLA Annual Conference will be held in Seattle June 15-18. One of this year's events will be a mini symposium on cyberinfrastructure/escience. Lucille Nowell, Program Director NSF Office of Cyberinfrastructure will start off by explaining the concept, the work and the future directions cyberinfrastructure may take information professionals. Lucy will also discuss some of the new programs at the Office of Cyberinfrastructure. There will be two sessions on some of the tools of cyberinfrastructure, informatics and electronic laboratory notebooks. Finally, we will hear Lee Dirks, Director, Scholarly Communications at Microsoft and Jim Mullins, Dean of Libraries & Professor, Purdue University talk about the impact of cyberinfrastructure on both corporate and academic librarians.

Other session topics of interest include Maglev: Bridging the Future of Travel, Standards Update, Aeronautics Then, Now and in the Future, and The Science of Coffee. Fun stuff includes the Engineering Division's 40th anniversary celebration the first night of the conference, the All Science Poster Session and Reception followed by a dance party and the conference will close with a kickoff to SLA's 100th anniversary. For those who hang around an additional day, the Engineering Division has planned a field trip to the Museum of Flight Restoration Center, the Boeing Assembly Plant and Future of Flight Aviation Center.

Webmaster Report
Bob Heyer-Gray
ELD Web Committee, Chair

I am happy to announce that UC Davis is now hosting a space for an ELD wiki at http://eldwiki.lib.ucdavis.edu.   Planned for inclusion at this point are wiki pages from the Accreditation and Standards Committee (including three of its subcommittees, the Guide to ABET Accreditation Subcommittee, the Information Competencies Subcommittee and the Benchmarking Subcommittee), the Information Literacy Special Interest Group, and the Mentoring Committee. Stay tuned for messages from these groups for announcements about the availability of their wiki pages. Links to the wiki will be added in appropriate places on the ELD pages as well. Other ELD groups/committees that are interested in creating wiki sections need only set up accounts and start building. The site uses MediaWiki software, the same software used for Wikipedia. The help files have been updated to assist novice users in getting up to speed quickly. Happy wikiing.

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ELD members
> James Van Fleet
> Membership Directory Editor

I have prepared a 2008 update of the Membership Directory. Our Webmaster Bob Heyer-Gray has once again provided a very elegant solution for the distribution of the Membership Directory, and current members should have seen the URL link and password on the ELD listserv.

The updated 2008 Engineering Libraries Division Directory of Members is available in .pdf format, and I will be happy to email a .pdf copy to individual current members of ELD on request. Feel free to email or phone the Directory Editor, especially if you would like to make corrections or changes to your own directory listing.

IMPORTANT: Please be aware that access to the ELD Membership Directory is a benefit of membership. The Directory address and password, and the information contained in the Directory should not be reproduced, copied, forwarded, edited, sold, or distributed. As you value your own privacy, so also shalt thou treat the Directory. Thank you!

JSTOR Task Force Final Report
> Larry Thompson
> Chair- JSTOR Task Force

After working diligently on the project for well over two years, JSTOR has suspended efforts to launch an Engineering Collection. This was a difficult decision for JSTOR, and a disappointment for the Task Force, but one with which we agree.

From the beginning, the Task Force recognized the importance of having a publisher such as ASCE or ASME featured in the collection. When we began the project, neither of these publishers had their back issues available in digital form, and we were hopeful that one of them, or another major publisher, would agree to participate in the JSTOR project. Although there was initial optimism that a strong collection could be built, as negotiations progressed with engineering publishers, it became evident that JSTOR did not adequately meet their needs.

Although JSTOR is no longer actively working on an engineering collection, it has not closed the door completely. It would be open to the idea if a large engineering publisher decided to collaborate with it and the circumstances were right. Also, through this initiative JSTOR has been in contact with some engineering related publishers who expressed interest in digitizing backfiles through JSTOR. It's possible that selected titles from those publishers might be added to existing JSTOR collections on a case by cases basis.

I want to thank the many people who supported the JSTOR Task Force over the past three years. The members of ELD and the JSTOR staff have provided feedback and encouragement as we worked through the various phases of this project. I want to particularly thank those on the task force who reviewed and evaluated the journals we recommended to JSTOR: Jay Bhatt, Robert Houdek, Beth Mohler, Andy Shimp, and Sharon Siegler. The review of nearly two thousand engineering journal titles took weeks of work, and long term dedication to a sometimes daunting task.

ELD Elections — Nominating Committee
> Kate Thomes, Nominating Committee Chair

VOTE Online in the ELD Elections - March 14-28!
The nominating committee is pleased to announce that voting for ELD officers will be held online from March 14th through midnight March 28th. The ballot and candidate statements are located at *http://gemini.lib.purdue.edu/ELDvoting/ballot.cfm*.
The candidates are:

> **Director:**
> > Nancy Linden, University of Houston
> > Linette Koren, Rochester Institute of Technology
> **Secretary / Treasurer:**
> > Bruce Neville, University of New Mexico
> > Bob Heyer-Gray, University of California, Davis

PLEASE VOTE BY MIDNIGHT MARCH 28th.

Many thanks to Amy Van Epps for administering the voting and to Karen Andrews and Andy Shimp for serving on the Nominating Committee.

People & Places

Librarians Join the Staff in the Engineering Library at Stanford University

The Engineering Library at Stanford University has been successful in hiring three new staff as librarians for Outreach, Instruction and Electronic Resources. The Engineering Library is planning a new library to be completed in the spring of 2010. This new facility will be virtually bookless with services and collections presented to and access by users in the new library and via web 2.0 tools. The three new staff are: Sarah Lester, a recent graduate (2006) of the University of Washington Graduate School of Library and Information Science and formerly a User Interface Designer/Software Engineer for Getty Images; Kathleen Gust formerly Research Librarian at the HP Labs Research Library; and Pamela Gore, formerly Content and Communications Team Program Manager, for the HP Labs Research Library.

Article

Joshua Roberts and Jay **B**hatt have published the review of the Synthesis-Digital Library of Engineering Computer Science in the October 2007 issue of the Charleston Advisor.

Roberts, Joshua c., Bhatt, Jay. (October 2007). Synthesis - The Digital Library of Engineering and Computer Science, The Charleston Advisor, 9(2), pp. 46-48(3)

Kate Thomes announces her retirement. After 16 years at the University of Pittsburgh, 14 years as an ELD member, Kate plans to resign her post as Head of the Bevier Engineering Library effective June 30th, 2008. Kate will conclude her term of service as an ELD officer during the 2008 ASEE Annual Conference in Pittsburgh and is thrilled to be able to host the ELD Welcome Reception at the Bevier Engineering Library. This will be an excellent opportunity for ELD members to see the home library of the man our Distinguished Service Award is named after, and to possibly get a peek at Your-New-Job site! Watch the list serve **for posting of Kate's position in the near future.**

In December, Dean Gerald Holder proudly announced that from **here forward Pitt's engineering school will be known as the** Swanson School of Engineering. This comes following the largest single gift from an individual in the history of the University of Pittsburgh. John A. Swanson, alumni of the School, and founder of the ANSYS Corporation (famous for modeling and simulation software for product design processes) donated $41.3 million to the School which will now bear his name. Much of this funding will go toward endowed chairs and scholarships for students, and some of it will go towards the new renovations to Benedum Hall.

Benedum Hall renovations include the construction of a new library space that is expected to be completed in 2009. During the ELD Welcome Reception at the Bevier Engineering Library Kate hopes to have design and construction updates on the new library space to share with visiting ELD members.

This is an exciting time for the Bevier Engineering Library with new space and new leadership to look forward to in the coming year.

MSU in Dubai

In September 2007 Michigan State University announced the formation of MSU in Dubai, a partnership between MSU and Dubai International Academic City (DIAC). MSU will be the first major North American research university to have a presence in DIAC. MSU in Dubai is a not-for-profit school. Classes will begin in August 2008. The University expects an enrollment of approximately **240 students for the first year. MSU will offer bachelor's and master's degree programs selected to meet the needs of Dubai** and the surrounding region. Initial degree options will include bachelors programs in Communications, Computer Engineering, **Construction Management, and Family Community Services. Master's programs will include Retailing, Advertising, Public** Relations, Packaging and Supply Chain Management. Class will be taught primarily by MSU faculty. Classes for the program will be phased in over the next two years.

The building that will house the MSU in Dubai program includes a space for a library. The Library should have space for approximately 2000 print volumes. How the library will be staffed is still under consideration. Options include sending a person or persons from the MSU Libraries or hiring staff locally. We are not sure what services will be available when the library opens in the Fall. MSU bibliographers, including myself, are currently selecting prints titles to support the MSU in Dubai program. I am selecting titles for construction management, computer engineering and reference works for computer science and engineering. The selections should be completed before the end of March. Our e-resources staff are working with publishers to make our MSU electronic resources available to users in Dubai. For more information about MSU in Dubai see their web site at http://dubai.msu.edu/.

Tom Volkening

New Members

Amy G. Buhler is Science and Technology Librarian at University of Florida's Marston Science Library. She started this position in November 2007. Amy handles collection management, library instruction, literature search assistance, and faculty/staff consultations in the areas of Agricultural & Biological Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, & Nuclear and Radiological Engineering. She previously worked as a Reference Librarian at the University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries. Amy holds an MS in Library Science from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and a BA in Anthropology from University of Florida. She is married with a 2-year old daughter.

Alison Bersani is Engineering Librarian for the Carlson Science and Engineering Library at the University of Rochester. Her subject areas are Biomedical, Chemical, Electrical & Computer, and Mechanical Engineering. She started at her current position February 2008. Alison has a BA from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania and an MLIS from Syracuse University. Prior to her current position, Alison worked as a library assistant, also at the Carlson Library, and at a local public library.

Aisa Said M. Jadi is Dean of the Higher Institute of Engineering, Houn - Libya. Aisa Said held prior positions as Member of the Scientific Committee in the Mechanical Engineering department; Director of Studies and Engineering Consultations Department at the Al-jufra Province Technical Experience Bureau; Regional representative for Higher Education Institutions evaluating Committee; and Member of the Joint Committee assigned for considering the new proposed educational system in Libya with UNESCO. Professor Jadi holds a PhD degree from the Silesian Technical University, Gliwice-Poland; a MSc degree from Technical University, Wroclaw – Poland; and a BSc from the Higher Institute of Engineering, Houn – Libya in 1986.

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Great place for a sammich!

Since a number of the hotels affiliated with the conference are in the Oakland area along with the University of Pittsburgh, where ELD will have a welcome reception at the Bevier Engineering Library, I would like to point out a few more eateries in those areas. The three main neighborhoods in this area are Oakland, Shadyside and Squirrel Hill. In all three you can find the best breakfast in da 'Burgh at Pamela's (only open 8am-4pm), but watch out for lines out the door.

In Oakland near the University of Pittsburgh there are many small places for cheap local or ethnic food. You can get sushi, Indian or authentic Mexican or you can just get great burgers and fries at the local Original Hotdog or the chain Five Guys and Fries. One highlight is the Italian restaurant Joe Mama's which serves big family style portions at huge booths or checkered tablecloth tables. If you are craving a variety of Asian noodle bowls, check out the affordable Lulu's Noodles near the Carnegie Museums.

Shadyside is a more residential area bordering Oakland and includes the upscale shopping and dining Walnut St. Walk down the nine short blocks for everything from Crepes Parisiennes to the Thai Place to the Pittsburgh Deli Company, known locally as PDC. At the edge of Shadyside and East Liberty you can find the only Whole Foods market in the city, but minus microbrews and wine. You can also find the only Ethiopian restaurant in the city nearby, Abay Ethiopian Cuisine. One spot not to miss for beer lovers is the Sharp Edge, which has an amazing amount of Belgians and other imports on tap and the longest list of bottles around.

On the other side of Carnegie Mellon University lies the residential neighborhood of Squirrel Hill. The restaurants and delis here are heavily influenced by the Jewish culture in the area, but include other ethnic establishments. If you need your bagel and schmear, this is the place to grab it along with some coffee. There is an affordable place to eat whatever you desire walking down Murray Avenue or the section of Forbes Avenue starting where they corner. One Pittsburgh staple is Gullifty's which has served the best desserts in the city for 23 years running.