

# International award for an information studies student

**K**aren Hilzinger, a part-time student enrolled in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Studies in the Department of Information, Studies at University of Technology, Sydney, has been awarded the 1996 Margaret McKinley Memorial Student Scholarship competition sponsored by the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society for Information Science.

The award is in honour of the late Margaret McKinley who was head of the University Research Library at the University of California, Los Angeles. This competition, established in 1952, was designed to encourage students who are members of ASIS to further their professional development by attending the annual conference in the USA.

Karen, who is Manager of Information Services at Corporate Decisions Executive Information Research, Sydney, presented a submission based on the benefits of participation in the activities of professional societies. In her submission, she spoke of Australia as a 'geographically isolated infocosm', and saw her need to develop a comparative understanding of international issues such as information democracy, freedom of information, information privacy, and information policy.

Karen's prize includes re-imbursement of US \$1000 to attend the annual meeting of the American Society of Information Science in Baltimore, Maryland in October 1996, as well as one year's membership of ASIS and a years subscription to the *Journal of the*



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*American Society of Information Science*, one of the most prestigious journals in the field.

The American Society for Information Science is a non-profit professional association organised for scientific, literary and educational pursuits dedicated to the creation, organisation, dissemination and application of knowledge concerning information and its transfer. It was founded in 1937 as the American Documentation Institute and became the American Society for Information Science in 1968. It has a diverse membership representing a broad array of professionals working in the frontiers of information science and technology. Members work in such fields as computer science, librarianship, management, engineering, chemistry, linguistics and education. Research activities of the Association focus on the search for new and better theories, techniques and technologies to improve access to information through storage and retrieval advances. The Association also contributes to determining new directions and standards for the development of information policies and practices.

## Quiz night a big success

**T**he Northern Territory Library Technicians Section organise a Quiz Night every second year to raise funds, to assist attendance by ALIA Library Technician members in the Northern Territory at the National Library Technicians conference.

This year's event, held on 20 September, raised a record breaking \$1400 due to the efforts of an experienced team of workers. After

a lot of hard work and fundraising the Section will be able to assist technicians attend the 9th national conference in Canberra this year.

Many hours of preparation resulted in a smooth and successful night where fun was had by all. A variety of wonderful prizes were up for grabs including a dinner for two at the MGM Grand Darwin, an overnight package for two at Wildman

River Lodge and two vouchers for one-day courses with Computer Support & Maintenance.

Quiz Master for the night was Ms Clare Martin, Shadow Minister Responsible for Libraries. Ms Martin was presented with a set of posters promoting libraries in the NT. The set of posters paraded the catchy heading *Libraries cover a lot of Territory* and depict various Territory personalities.

Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, e-mail M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

**25/2 The Electronic Public Library: Fact or Fiction? seminar.** Come see, hear, get your hands on and discuss the Penrith experience as an electronic public library. Penrith City Library. 9.30-4.30pm, \$40 includes morning/afternoon teas. Contact: Lorraine Stacker, ph (047) 327 886, fax (047) 327 540, e-mail pclstaff@zeta.org.au.

**10/3-9/6 Monday Mornings: Management of Electronic Records.** Uni of NSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, e-mail M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

**10/3-9/6 Monday Afternoons: Advocacy, Public Programs and Outreach.** Uni of NSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, e-mail M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

### Qld

**4-6/2 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars** Mini Update (4/2), Hot Business Topics (5/2), Introductory Dialog (6/2) Brisbane contact: ph (02) 9212 2867, e-mail krinfo.uts@uts.edu.au.

• **5/2 Qld Branch** *Creating World Wide Web Documents using HTML.* Griffith Uni, Information Services Centre, Nathan Campus. 9-5pm. \$150 ALIA members, \$170 non-members. Contact: Wendy Abbott, ph (07) 3875 7111 ext 8987 — Brisbane or (07) 5594 8987 — Gold Coast, e-mail w.abbott@ins.gu.edu.au. Limit 10 participants.

• **10/2 Qld Special Section** *Balancing Home and Work seminar/workshop.* Metro Inn Tower Mill Hotel, Wickham Terrace. 5.30-9pm. \$15 includes light dinner. Maximum 30 participants. RSVP and prepayment to: Sue Hutley, ph (07) 3405 1124 by 31/1/97.

**20/2 ACLIS Automation Sub-Committee.** *Information Online & On Disc 97' — reviewed.* Speakers will summarise the proceedings of the conference. 1.00 for 1.30-5.00. State Library of Queensland, Metway Theatre, Level 2, South Brisbane. Cost: \$10 ALIA/ACLIS members, \$20 non-members. Contact: Myrl Allison, ph (07) 3239 3125, e-mail allisom@dpi.qld.gov.au.

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