If you are unfamiliar with ALA/ALSSO we are the Associated Library Science Students of Ohio. We work in conjunction with the American Library Association and the Kent State School of Library and Information Science. We have four main goals in our group:
1) Encouraging and facilitating participation in the ALA and promoting scholarly achievement and professional awareness among its members.  
2) Serving as an advocate for the needs of SLIS students.  
3) Working to increase awareness of issues and trends in Library and Information Science.  
4) Actively promoting involvement in professional activities beyond the classroom.

Here are a few of the things we’ve done this 2002/2003-school year:
• Maintain the candy cabinet in the SLIS lounge
• Participated in the Homecoming parade with our “Ban the Bobcats Not Books” float
• Held a year end graduation party for SLIS graduates
• Spread holiday cheer with a Christmas tree and various decorations
• With the ALA, sponsored a student to go to the ALA conference in Toronto
• Supported a GSS initiative to pay for all graduate students to attend the Christopher Reeve event for free
• Publicized the Reach out and Read Program
• Organized ALSSO nights at the Rathskeller.

I’d like to thank the following people for making this year such a success:
To all of our ALSSO officers. Their dedication and effort stand as a testament to what great things people can accomplish together
Dr. Jason Holmes- Faculty Advisor
Hilary Prisbylla- 2002 President
Janna Korzenko- Homecoming Committee chairperson
Michele Allan- For maintaining the candy cabinet
Kevin Ferst- For donating homemade candles to our candle sale.
Joe Dudley- For being a constant inspiration

And last, I’d like to thank all of those who have supported ALSSO and encourage everyone to participate in ALSSO now and in the future.
-- Neil
Congratulations to Dr. Holmes who just recently finished his dissertation. I was able to ask him a few questions about his journey. Read on to find out more.

What is the title of your dissertation?
Measuring the accuracy of four attributes of sound for conveying changes in a large data set.

Are you happy with the outcomes?
Yes, I was able to establish a performance baseline for navigating an information space using sound. Plus, I was able to discover so interesting patterns in the way people chose to search in this new and foreign space.

How long did it take you to complete?

Where did you receive your Doctorate?
The University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

Do you feel any different having attained your Ph.D.?
I do feel a little different. Actually having the degree is validation for a lot of time, thinking, and work. Before I began my Ph.D. studies my friend and mentor, Carol Barry at LSU, told me, “Writing your dissertation will change the way you think.” I believed her, but I didn’t see how it would. Now I do. So not only do I feel different, I think different!

Thanks Dr. Holmes for your time!

We were able to send one lucky SLIS student to the annual ALA conference starting June 19th through the 25th in Toronto, Canada. Have a good time Shawn and remember to send us a postcard!

If you are reading this and want to attend an ALA conference it is not too late. For information about how to register, please visit: http://www.ala.org/events/

Mark your calendars for the week of April 18-24, 2004, because this is National Library Week. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries – school, public, academic and special – participate. For more information visit: http://www.ala.org/pio/nlw/

These past couple of months, you may have heard some ruckus occurring on the third floor. The sounds of drills and hammers are all because of the new Children’s Resource Center, or the Reinberger Room, that is well on its way to being finished. This Children’s Resource Center has been made possible through a $240,000 grant from the Reinberger Foundation of Cleveland. It won’t be long before the contents of the “Everyday Room”, which currently houses many children’s resources, are moved down the hall to the Reinberger Room. The new and improved Children’s Resource Center will feature 24 wireless laptop computers and roughly 7,000 books. If construction continues to run smoothly, the Reinberger Room will be completed in time for fall classes. This resource is definitely going to be a wonderful asset to the School of Library and Information Science and you should really come and check it out once it is completed!