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world of serials. Each academic department has its own serials (housed in the library, not in each department); like the standing orders, these should be reviewed in the next year.

Nothing Stays the Same

I subtitled this article "On the Brink of Change" for several reasons. Not only will we have a new president who will bring her own style of management, but there will be a search for a new library director in another year. Will we be able to retain our current director, or will it be an "outsider," an unknown? This could drastically change things! We also hear rumors of a new library being built in a few years, which will be exciting, and, hopefully, rewarding. The college is currently undergoing the process of self-assessment in preparation

ping errors, and all of the other delightful idiosyncrasies that make up the

for the new president, and also for re-accreditation with the **Association of Colleges of the South**; changes may come as a result of this process. And last, but certainly not least, are the changes in technology—print versus electronic, easier access to e-journals, the proliferation of free databases—that will impact the library and our users. It will be very interesting to see where we are in a few years.

A Personal Observation

I have the feeling that **Millsaps** is standing on her toes, ready to spring into the future. There is an enthusiasm here that is infectious, and it's exciting to be part of it. When I saw the announcement for this position, I remember thinking, "It's time to go home." And that's exactly how it feels.

And finally, my thanks to **Debra McIntosh**, College Archivist, for her assistance.

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Born: St. Louis, MO in 1957. Effectively grew up in Memphis, TN

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Education: BA in Music History from Rhodes College, 1980; Masters in Library Science from Indiana University, 1981

Summary of job experiences: I worked since the 4th grade in my school library doing processing, so I knew I could always get a job in libraries. Here is a run-down on my career: 1982-83: Reference Librarian at Memphis/Shelby County Public Library; 1983-89: Branch Librarian for U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, in Little Rock, AK 1989-96: Part-time librarian for Sutin, Thayer & Browne law firm, Albuquerque, NM; 1996-98: Temporary reference librarian at OSU College of Law Library; became the Acquisitions Librarian in 1997; 1999 to present: Collection Development Librarian at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS.

I jumped at the job listing at Millsaps, as I knew the college and was ready to return to the world of liberal arts and a small campus. I have always thought of myself as a "generalist" dabbling in various subject areas, and now I have the perfect job: ordering books for all departments.

Family: My husband, David, also a librarian, is currently working at home as an indexer. We have two girls: Laura, 12, and Helen, 8.

Biggest recent surprise: Professionally: that I get paid to look at book catalogs (For a librarian, it doesn't get any better than this.) Personally: finding out that I'm really a Southerner after all

Last book read and literary tastes: *The Accidental Tourist* by Anne Tyler. I read mostly mysteries, and am especially fond of Sue Grafton, John Grisham, and Tony Hillerman.

What I do in my spare time: Working on the house, cooking, gardening, reading

What I'd like to be doing seven years from now: Working in my new office in the new library at Millsaps College, managing a \$750,000 materials budget (it could happen!).

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Or maybe you remember what books were on the bestseller list when you went to library school?

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