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EARLY LIFE: Grew up outside of Philadelphia. Lived in Atlanta for nearly 20 years with a brief stint in Houston.

FAMILY: Immediate family lives in Southwest Florida. One sister who's a family practice physician.

EDUCATION: B.S. Villanova University, M.S. Georgia State University

MOST MEANINGFUL CAREER ACHIEVEMENT: Bringing online searching to physicians. My former employer, BRS Information Technologies, pioneered the development of online research for the medical community. I've always been proud of having been part of the start-up group.

WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS: I see library patrons being able to link seamlessly among aggregators. The recent collaboration to integrate OpenURL has been a major step in this direction. I anticipate that most of the technical and organizational issues relating to linking will be resolved.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: Volunteer at the Atlanta Midtown Assistance Center providing emergency help to people who've recently been unemployed. (I've been very busy lately!)

GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS: Become an advocate for the poor and those with special disabilities.

IN MY SPARE TIME I LIKE TO: Play 40s music on piano and organ, practice yoga several times a week with very stringent female teachers.

PHILOSOPHY: Live in the present moment.

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(California Public Interest Research Group) is a nationwide consumer organization with chapters at seven universities around the state. http://cal pirg.org/CA.asp?id=11898&sid=CA

Texas Christian University (TCU) has selected ALEPH 500(tm) as its next generation library management system, together with SFX(tm) as its context-sensitive linking solution. Texas Christian University, located five miles from the heart of downtown Fort Worth, has a total enrollment of approximately 8,200 students. TCU offers 82 undergraduate majors and 16 graduate degrees in 50 areas, including nine doctoral fields. Total faculty and staff number approximately 1,460, of which 382 are full-time faculty. The Mary Couts Burnett Library physically houses more than 1,900,000 items. The library's holdings are greatly augmented by online electronic resources including thousands of electronic books, electronic journals and full-text databases. Outstanding special collections of the TCU Library include the William Luther Lewis Collection of English and American Literature, the Speaker Jim Wright Archives, and the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Archives.

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www.lib.tcu.edu

Maybe some day my day will come and I'll be able to attend The Acquisitions Institute at Timberline Lodge. The upcoming Institute is Saturday, May 15, through Tuesday, May 18, 2004 anc Timberline Lodge, one hour east of Portland, Oregon on the slope of Mt. Hood. Keynote address will be given by Henry Yanle, College Librarian, Penrose Library, Whitman College. Registration is now open and the preliminary program is listed at http://libweb.soregon.edu/events/aiit/Preliminary.pdf.

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