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Many college and university libraries offer minority residence programs to help them recruit and retain a diverse workforce and to provide opportunities for new minority graduates of MLS programs. "Our experience as minority residents" offers a thoughtful look into the minority residency experience from the perspective of two librarians who went through such a program together. They highlight the positive aspects of the experience and provide suggestions on ways to improve it.

Social networking sites have soared in popularity in the past year or so, particularly among the teenage and young adult set who are, or will soon be, college students. Always on the lookout for ways to use new technologies, some academic librarians are beginning to experiment with reaching out to their student populations through these sites. In "Do you Facebook?" Brian Mathews shares the results and his insights from undertaking

to use Facebook as a marketing and outreach tool for the library.

In the December 2005 issue, we ran a The Way I See It article, "Losing our minds: The impact of technology on reading and reflection," which dealt with the changes that technology has brought to the higher education environment and examples of ways to deal with these changes. A response to this article, "Reading and technology: The bigger picture," appears in this issue. It focuses on the changing makeup of the student population and the role of the library in meeting that population's needs.

A complete listing of ACRL preconferences, program, meetings, and special events at the ALA Annual Conference (June 22–28, New Orleans, Louisiana) is included in this issue. The pull-out preliminary program can be taken to conference as an easy reference.

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