

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is a tool designed to obtain information from colleges and universities on student participation in programs and activities that provide for their learning and personal development. In 2004, ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy created a College Student Surveys Project Group charged with identifying potential items to recommend for consideration to the NSSE. This group has submitted 6 new items to NSSE staff for possible inclusion in the 2006 survey. In addition, the group identified 22 items on the current NSSE Web survey that support or relate to information literacy behaviors. The article on page 715 describes the process the group went through to make these recommendations and the implications of information literacy-related items on the survey.

Make sure to read this month's New Publications column, which includes a sidebar by George Eberhart reflecting on his 25 years as

column editor. Times have certainly changed since 1980 but, as always, in some ways they remain the same. Congratulations to George on this milestone!

ACRL's latest publication is its official blog, ACRLog, which made its debut in October. ACRLog is by and for academic librarians, with this focus makes it unique in the blogosphere. A message from the Blog Advisory Committee, with information about this new endeavor and its mission, is on page 725. Get on the blog-wagon and visit www.acrlblog.org today.

The final, approved version of ACRL's "Guidelines for university library services to undergraduate students" can be found on page 730. Developed to be used in conjunction with the "Standards for libraries in higher education," the guidelines supersede "The mission of an undergraduate library: Model statement" (1987).

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