

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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ADMINISTRATION

With the fiscal year now behind us, we launch into another year at HSL. Currently unit heads are finishing up annual reports, so the next issue of the Newsletter should have some detail about our accomplishments for FY89/90.

The continuing problem of space in this building remains a high priority for FY90/91. All of you had an opportunity to discuss both long term and short term suggestions. It is difficult however to define long term and short term! Here is the current status regarding building plans. With the "death" of the Resinol plan, our immediate needs must be addressed. Planning money for our new building is scheduled for FY94 with construction targeted for FY96. What that means is, if all "goes according to Hoyle", doors could open by FY97. That is a long way off, and as we all know, we need to do something now.

I have assimilated all of your suggestions, and the Division/Dept heads are discussing priorities and possibilities. All have agreed that our priorities are as follows: 1. the old Technical Services area, 2. the monograph collection, 3. Circulation, and 4. User space. We are working with Angela Fowler-Young, with Institutional Planning and Research, to define our specific needs in terms of growth rates, additional square footage needed, environmental concerns, etc.

For your information, we have submitted a request for a new building of at least 150,000 square feet. Our first functional requirement is that it must be located in the center of the UMAB campus. We state that we require a NEW building that must provide the concept of maximum flexibility, and we require wide, open levels which would promote efficient operations and movement of materials. We also require there should be NO connections from other buildings "through the middle of HSL"--this was one architect's solution to the competition for space between UMAB and the Hospital. We have other requirements, but we must advocate for at least 150,000 square feet. The old Resinol plan had

some compromises, and I believe we must advocate strongly for adherence to state guidelines. Discussions are still going on as to where we will be located. My best guess is still across the street. UMAB is talking about demolishing the student union and rebuilding one, but we probably will still be across the street. I want you all as informed as possible. The "bottom line" is that our physical space needs are a top priority.

CIRCULATION

The circulation department is enjoying the long summer days. We have been able to attack some of our more troublesome projects. It seems summer is passing quickly but we have enjoyed the company of our evening and weekend staff during the day. They have been able to fill in for the many planned absences of the day staff.

Reserve is busy processing the normal rush of course lists for the fall semester. Instructors are continuously bringing in lists, as they will even after classes have begun. Many instructors are offering bribes to get their lists processed quickly, (as they missed the deadline), but Angie, Peggy & Loie are able to keep up without the enticements. All reserve lists submitted on time should be available about a week before classes begin. The School of Social Work Learning Resource Center (LRC), is busy inputting their course reserve material as well. They will be inputting reprints as well as books. Our patrons will soon notice specific locations for their items. Beverly Bowles, of the LRC, has been to visit the circulation department for some briefing on LS2K.

Credit cards are being welcomed by staff and patrons alike. We have not experienced too many difficulties, but we are still ironing out some of

the tedious paperwork. We are anxious for feedback from the library office and the Financial offices in UMAB Administration. Most charges have taken place in the evenings or weekends. Our largest charge was for a \$91.00 library fine. Oooh that felt good! Patrons are thankful for an option to exact change when buying a copicard.

The shelving division welcomes our newest circulation employee, Beth Prodey. Beth works 1/2 time, you'll see her if you look fast. Wayne and other library assistants are also working on the continuing journal study and a minor shift in the QP section of the second floor stacks. There is some breathing room now, but not for long. The OCE copiers have been rebuilt, we've noticed an improvement in their behavior.

HSL experienced a fire drill, Wednesday July 25th 1990 at 2:45 p.m. Circulation got a great view of our action ascommand central, in the rhyming tradition of HSL -

We floated like a butterfly,
We stung like a bee,
Their hands couldn't hit,
What their eyes didn't see.

In other words, we were poetry in motion. We are continuing our training & refresher courses for staff, especially for the evening and weekend staff.

See You on the Beach!

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SYSTEMS & AUTOMATION

CD-LAN

A contract for the CD-LAN hardware has been awarded to Kramer Systems. We expect the equipment to arrive sometime in August and we hope to install the LAN in September.

HARDWARE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Computer Maintenance Alternatives, Inc. was awarded the contract for maintaining the two minicomputers and their peripheral equipment.

NEW STAFF

Peter LePoer will start work in September as a Systems & Automation Librarian to oversee the operations of the CD-LAN. Peter is currently the Automation Librarian at the Health Sciences Library of the Ohio State University. He has a strong background in microcomputers and programming.

LRC, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

A TV955 terminal and a barcode reader have been set up at the circulation desk at the LRC for Beverly Bowles and her staff to learn the intricacies of the circulation subsystem of the LS/2000. The terminal is currently linked to the training database. An IBM microcomputer will also be linked to the system when an additional phone line is installed.

WORKSHOPS

On July 16 & 17, Steve went to a two-day training course on repairing the Zenith microcomputers in Baltimore.

Jessie attended a workshop on the highlights of the new release of SC350. It was held on July 12 at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physic Laboratory in Laurel.

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ACQUISITIONS/SERIALS

Theresa McLaurin, Rudy Hampton, Steve Ciuchta and Margaret Ward all attended a workshop on the new version (3.0) of SC350 which is supposed to be issued in August. The new version will make check-in and claiming easier by allowing staff to look at check-in records while remaining in the Claiming module. Check-in features include the ability to predict more than the next 3 issues and a larger note field. The new version also provides "Hot Keys" which will help us move around in the system better. Bindery, funds control, and subscription control will all remain the same. We are all hopeful that future versions will continue to be developed and will be as

helpful as this version looks like being.

On the day we were all to attend the workshop, we almost didn't make it. Everyone was so stunned to see Steve Ciuchta in a shirt with a collar and, even more stunning, a TIE!!!! AND he knew how to tie it!!!

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HSL STAFF ASSOCIATION

The Staff Association held its first picnic (and first activity for the year) at Fort Smallwood State Park on Sunday, July 15, 1990. The affair was well attended despite the gloomy weather forecast, although we were spared, and had a beautiful day! The members and their families and friends thoroughly enjoyed themselves, what the company, fun and games, and the beach facilities. The planners were deserving of all the compliments bestowed upon them, and everyone is looking forward to the next one! It is fun (and refreshing) to see staff members gather in a social setting, and to meet their families and friends.

The Social Committee is planning a full slate of activities for the fall and winter. Planned for September is "Sweetest Day", October is a guess, November's projects are in the works, and a "Holiday Party" in December is being investigated.

In addition, trips are being planned throughout the year to places in the area. More to come!

The Brown Bag Committee is also busy planning activities for the year; at least six are planned, and these are open to the entire HSL staff. The survey recently distributed will help formulate more concrete plans.

There are currently 30 members in the Association. For those hesitating to join, don't hesitate too long if you want to be included in some of the activities planned!

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RMLS

Besides saying goodbye to Angie and Lisa, the RMLS has been able to get somethings accomplished. We are missing both of them though.

Faith and Jean travelled to Williamsburg, VA, for a joint meeting of the Tidewater Health Sciences Librarians (THSL) and the Richmond Health Information Group (RHIG) on July 19, 1990. Faith reported on the RMLS and the new contract proposal submitted for the Region. Faith, Colette and Jean went to Cumberland, MD, to meet with the Cumberland Area Health Education Center (CAHEC) staff on July 30 and 31st. We toured numerous hospital, public and community college libraries in addition to meeting with the Project Planning Team for the enhancement grant that CAHEC has with the RMLS. CAHEC is organizing a Western Maryland network of libraries in order to publicize, promote and utilize information sources such as Grateful Med and Medline. They are also trying to systematically identify the unaffiliated health professionals in the tri-state area (MD, VA, PA).

Several projects have been completed. The annual SERHOLD update was completed with 16 computer tapes being submitted to NLM for the Region. The Region 2 ILL Policy Handbook policy verification process is greatly reduced this year due to the Network membership renewal process. We only have to verify around 200 libraries lending policies as compared to the usual 600. Speaking of the Network membership renewal project, we are still attempting to get previous network members to renew their membership. Lisa spent her last hours on the phone calling libraries who have not renewed. We are also sending out letters to numerous libraries. The semi-annual Resource Libraries interlibrary loan statistics report was submitted to NLM as well as copies being sent to each Resource Library. In August, we will test Loansome Doc, the document delivery portion of Grateful Med that NLM is developing, on a daily basis. Region 7, the California, Arizona, Nevada region, will be testing Loansome Doc as a pilot study. Otherwise, we are eagerly awaiting word on the

RFP proposal which will probably consist of numerous questions posed by the review team which will need answering.

So, if you see the RMLS staff looking anything less than coherent, please be kind to them and politely point them in the direction of the RMLS.

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INFORMATION SERVICES

Information Services spent much of the last two months interviewing candidates for the positions vacated by Debbie and Paula. All of the positions have been filled and there will be profiles of the new Information Services staff in a future newsletter.

Starting September 4, Pam will become part-time.

Phyl and the rest of the crew have been busy getting ready for the fall onslaught of classes. Thirty-two classes have been scheduled for the fall and spring semesters. This includes seven new or revised seminars: BEYOND THE BASICS OF COSY, CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION SOURCES, THE JOURNAL ARTICLE PUBLICATION PROCESS: AN OVERVIEW, MICROMEDEX, NLM AT YOUR FINGERTIPS WITH GRATEFUL MED, PRACTICAL LIBRARY USE FOR SUPPORT STAFF, AND PSYCLIT AND NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH LITERATURE ON CD. If you are interested in any of these seminars, stop by the Information Services desk to sign up.

MaryAnn's work with the Dental School was mentioned in the National Library of Medicine News. The Dental School "implemented a practicum designed to teach students how to use online literature searching systems such as MEDLINE to keep current with the literature in professional dentistry. The School's Department of Oral Health Care Delivery, following a successful trial effort in this area, integrated this practicum into its academic program in the fall of 1989."

MaryAnn taught a class for students in the Advanced Dental Education Program on July 2.

MJ and John Zimmerman from the IRMD have been working on a special project funded by the National Library of Medicine to teach dentists how to search Grateful Med.

Phyl and Sandy have been getting the School of Medicine residents familiar with the collections and services of the HSL.

Sandy attended the Special Libraries Association Conference in Pittsburgh from June 9th through the 14th.

On July 17, MJ, along with Gary of Systems, attended a PALINET workshop in Doylestown, PA called "Accommodating Technology: Space Planning for the Modern Library."

Phyl went to Alaska to cool off while the rest of Information Services has been soaking up sun at various Eastern Shore and Florida vacation spots.

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