

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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ADMINISTRATION

This has been another busy time for the Health Sciences Library. The Budget Office reported our upcoming budget for 1990/91; we have received no increase in operating funds for the upcoming year. The Legislature also made some critical cuts to fund sources that have an impact on the Library, namely, funds for renovation of the Resinol building. I am currently working with Dr. Orlin to pursue other possible alternatives. I know we have been up and down repeatedly over the Resinol project since plans were initially formulated. I don't want to dash any hopes, including mine, but I also want to be realistic as well. We all need to be optimistic, but realistic, too.

In the grant arena, the IAIMS Phase III grant proposal has been submitted to the National Library of Medicine. Dr. Stuart Speedie is the Principal Investigator for this grant. On May 15-16, a team of evaluators will be visiting the campus to review and critique our proposal. HSL will be part of the team presenting what we've accomplished in the past with IAIMS funds, and what we will be doing. Once the team has reviewed the proposal, we should hear by July as to whether or not UMAB gets the grant.

All of you have probably heard much about our current Herculean efforts to complete the Regional Medical Library proposal for the next 5 year period. The outcome of the RAC meeting was a beginning of a needs assessment for the RML and for the region. Our proposal is due June 1, so we don't have much time. Special thanks for all the assistance, either directly or indirectly by all staff. Just covering a desk to allow

another staff member to participate in a meeting is an important help.

Finally, OCLC has sold the LS2K system to Ameritech, as Gary's ELM to you said. We are waiting to see the ramifications of these. One thing we have done is to cancel the contract related to the Blackwell authority upgrade project, since we would potentially have to redo some of that work again if OCLC were out of the picture. We still recognize the need to do it, but it did not seem advisable to go ahead with it now.

One additional comment, the visiting Resource Library Directors commented in the most glowing terms about the quality and capabilities of the HSL staff. You are what makes the HSL what it is, and I just wanted to remind you that others applaud you, too.



SYSTEMS & AUTOMATION

LS/2000

The OCLC Local Systems Division has informed us that OCLC has reached an agreement for the sale of LS/2000 and SC350 to Ameritech Information Systems. We were told that we will be in good hands with Ameritech and we will continue to be served by the same Local Systems staff at the same location.

However, we are all concerned with the uncertain future of the system. A meeting was held to discuss the full authority project and an agreement to stop the project was

reached by all staff involved. We will also speed up our search for a new system.

On February 23, we upgraded the system to Release E.1. The new release offers one major enhancement: our capability to change the circulation parameters without calling the Local Systems Division. We did encounter some problems during the upgrade, which have all been resolved by now.

"HP" Printer - Word Processing

As most of you know, the letter-quality printer for the minicomputer-based word processing system has not been very reliable. Now that most staff members who do a lot of word processing are being trained on Word Perfect, the time has come to dispose of this printer. We will try to give you at least two weeks notice before it is removed. Remember that you can still print on the "systems printer" located in the Resources Management area. If you have documents in the minicomputer word processor which are too long to retype, please talk to either Jessie or Steve about getting them transferred to the MAC. This is a fairly easy process.

Meetings, Workshops

We hosted a Technical Liaison meeting in the Micro Lab on February 14.

On March 15, Gary, Jessie, and Dan attended a Facilitator's Training Workshop offered by the Maryland Library Association .

Jessie attended a LS/2000 D.C. Users Group meeting on March 8.

ILL-BORROWING

Please welcome Diane Novak, our new temp. She will process incoming Interlibrary Loan Borrowing requests during Phyllis Colleton's absence.

During the month of March, the Interlibrary Loan staff participated in two surveys.

An in-house Interlibrary Loan Time Study was conducted March 5 thru March 16, 1990. The study was designed to evaluate time needed to complete various daily tasks. A review of the study will be made by the Acting Director.

Interlibrary Loan Departments throughout the University of Maryland system participated in a survey to evaluate our Courier service as well as our in-house "turn-around time." The survey was conducted March 5 thru March 30, 1990. The University of Maryland Interlibrary Loan Subcommittee will study the findings and make recommendations for future growth and faster service.

On February 27, 1990, the University of Maryland Interlibrary Loan System Workshop was held at the Health Sciences Library, Historical Room. Thirty-two Interlibrary Loan staff members, representing all sites, were in attendance. Our staff was also in attendance.

Gloria attended the Epic Workshop for Beginner Searchers held at the Palinet Office on March 9th. She has also been learning to use the Excel software and WordPerfect on the Mac.

On a lighter note, Vickie and Shirley had an opportunity to speak to the private secretary of the actor, John Cleese of London. He needed to verify material relating to his new book which is forthcoming.

MILESTONES IN MEDICAL HISTORY

In the last issue, we began an overview of the significance which the study of anatomy has brought to medicine throughout history, and we saw how Aristotle advanced the study through his consideration of progressive structural development in animals. In later years, as Roman civilization replaced Grecian, anatomical study reached its next apex at the hands of the venerable Galen of Pergamus. Galen's greatest discoveries focused on the neural system, and he performed numerous public demonstrations dramatizing the nerves of the senses. As a result of authoring an estimated 200 works, Galen remained into subsequent years as the authoritative source of the medieval medical world.

Following upon the founding of the earliest universities, human dissection became a part of the curriculum during the thirteenth century. Among many others teaching during the fifteenth century, Leonardo da Vinci combined a deep scientific curiosity with his unsurpassable artistic skills to produce anatomic drawings which, though never published, represent the first truly accurate illustrations of human dissection known to man.

As the practice of dissection became more widespread, the "art" of grave-robbing became an almost equally-widespread source of bodies. Laws emerged to address the problem, and the universities which managed to legally obtain stamped "official" specimens would set up great anatomical theaters, making grandiose (and lucrative) spectacles of anatomic dissection. It was during this time that the study of anatomy achieved its highest

pinnacle under the direction of Andreas Vesalius, whose *Fabrica* of 1542 truly objectified anatomy for the first time, and disproved many philosophical preconceptions still remaining from Galen. The elaborate woodcuts, coupled also with the concurrent invention of printing did much to bolster Vesalius's worldwide stature.

CIRCULATION

Circulation does not have much to report at this time. We would like, however, to ask you to welcome Michelle Turner in her new position as Library Technical Assistant I - she will have a variety of duties in this capacity, so you may see her only very occasionally in the stacks. Congratulations, Michelle.

We are very happy for Leslie, who has been grinning all week! Now we know why.

As has already been mentioned, the photocopiers have been getting an uplift. Hopefully the rehauling of the machines will eliminate the frustrations of our patrons, as well as the Circulation staff, not to mention Tech Services who have often times been asked to help by the patrons.

HSL STAFF ASSOCIATION

Many things have happened since the last newsletter. First of all, STAFFASSO members were delightfully surprised by the special activity dreamed up by Theresa and Phyllis, and helped by Sandy W. If you recall, each member received a Valentine's Day present, delivered by Cupid's little helpers (in the name of Theresa and Sandy) in their red and white outfits - it certainly was a wonderful uplift in the day! Of course to top it all was the Brown Bag Committee Secret Buddy refreshments hour, where everyone found out (again a surprise) who had been spoiling them during the preceding days.

What fun! STAFFASSO also was able to present a gift to two non-members through a drawing of names, again unexpected!

Everyone had a grand time, and is looking forward to more activities! (Which are forthcoming). A potluck luncheon is scheduled for May 8, 1990, hosted by the STAFFASSO in conjunction with the Brown Bag Committee. This is open to the staff, and anyone who would like to volunteer his/her services to the Potluck Committee, please let M.J. or Rudy know - more about this coming up!

The Nominating Committee is planning for elections of new officers, and has already asked for nominations for the positions open - that of Vice-President and Nominating Committee Chairperson. We are anxiously awaiting results.

The Brown Bag Committee is planning something "different" for April, which will again be a "surprise" type activity, which will please any fun-loving soul!

The Family Picnic Committee has gotten a start on their plans, but nothing final as of this date; July seems to be a possible time.

So - much more, but time and space do not allow me to say it all - JOIN us.

INFORMATION SERVICES

In addition to the usual reference, education and online searching activities, Information Services staff have been involved in the following:

Janet has completed her online training and is now a full fledged searcher. Congratulations Janet!

Diane, Patty, Phyl and M.J. served as facilitators/recorders for the recent Regional Medical Library meeting.

Diane and Sandy have both completed MEDLARS training at the National Library of Medicine.

Phyl did an orientation for a medical products company on how to effectively use the Health Sciences Library.

The Pharmacy faculty were treated to a presentation by Diane, Don, Patty and Phyl concerning online searching options that may be added to the Pharmacy curriculum next year.

Don has been on the road with trips to an EPIC class in Philadelphia at PALINET and to a BRS Users Group meeting in McLean, Virginia.

Pam also attended an EPIC class at PALINET.

The Dental Faculty and Students have had a number of classes taught by Debbie, Janet and Mary Ann.

On March 28, Debbie Thomas left the HSL to become the Manager of the Library at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

M.J. has been named as an academic delegate to the Maryland Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services.

Paula has written a chapter in a book that has just been published entitled, **Public Access CD-ROMS in Libraries: Case Studies**. Paula's chapter is "CD-ROM Tracking Techniques: Instructing PsycLIT Users in a Health Sciences Library."

ACQUISITIONS/SERIALS

As of Friday, April 13, the Kardex is closed. There are no more active cards in it. All active journal titles are being checked in

course in understanding what you see on the screen in LS2K when you are looking at a journal record, please let us know. The Kardex itself may be donated to UMBC or UMCP or some other library in the UMS system. We will have a major celebration when it is rolled out the door!

RML

The RMLS staff is happy to report the success of its joint planning meeting held March 29 and 30. A sincere thank you to each member of the HSL, staff, and especially to those who served as group facilitators and recorders. The meeting went off without a hitch and it is very much thanks to these folks that so many of the ideas generated by the group process have been captured.

The planning groups consisted of the Regional Advisory Council, the RAC's Continuing Education Committee and the region's Resource Library Directors as well as several special guests. On Wednesday evening March 28, all of the attendees were welcomed with a dinner and cruise aboard the Lady Baltimore. This was a very enjoyable affair and was well worthwhile. It gave participants the chance to get to know each other. This proved valuable in making Thursday's full day of group brain storming and idea generating more productive.

On Friday morning the RAC conducted a business meeting off campus to discuss its role under the new contract.

Now the HSL and RMLS staff are working on incorporating the many ideas generated at the meeting into its proposal for the Health Sciences Library to continue to serve as the Regional Medical Library for Region 2. The proposal is due to NLM on June 1.

Meanwhile other business and travel has continued. The Network Membership drive has allowed us to update the database information of 436 of our 727 members. From 1400 letters sent to recruit potential

members only 64 new members have joined the network. We will continue working to encourage other members to update their membership records and trying to gain new members.

Jean Shipman attended a meeting of the D.C. Health Sciences Information Network in D.C. on March 1.

Jean visited NLM for an orientation on March 8 and 9.

Lisa Boyd took the RMLS exhibit to the D.C. Dental Society Annual Meeting on March 22-24.

Faith Meakin and Jean attended a joint meeting of the Tennessee Health Sciences Librarians and the Georgia Health Sciences Librarians in Chattanooga, Tennessee on March 22-24.

Faith attended a meeting of the South Carolina Health Information Network (SCHIN) in Charleston on April 5th and 6th.