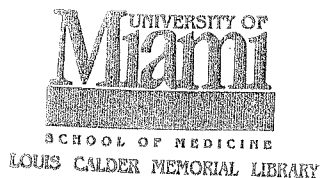


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Hope you all had a good Summer. What with the renewals and new member checks, as of our Annual Meeting in April, our membership now stands at 131 – the most ever.

At about the time of our next ALERT (early 1991), renewals will be sent out. Don't forget to renew.

In April we will be meeting at the Sea Turtle hotel on the beach in Jacksonville. Hope to see you there. Program plans are well under way and I think Pam Neuman (Program Committee Chair) and Janie Jones (Local Arrangements Chair) and their committee members will put together a marvelous program for us all. Scholarships will be made available to members needing such assistance in order to attend. The total number of scholarships available will be determined by the cost of attendance and the total amount made available by the Association. When program plans are finalized, including costs, this will be announced. Remember, you must be a member of FHSLA at the time you apply in order to qualify for a scholarship.

Over the Summer our group made a contribution of \$500.00 to MLA's Cunningham Fellowship Endowment. For those of you not familiar with it, the Cunningham Fellowship provides the opportunity for foreign librarians to come to this country, spending time at several medical libraries and attending the MLA annual meeting.

We are also supporting the Southern Chapter of MLA at its Annual Meeting being held in Atlanta in November by contributing \$200.00 towards a coffee break. For those of you attending, be sure to have a cup on us.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The 28th Annual Meeting of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association was held at the Brazilian Court Hotel, in Palm Beach, FL on April 27, 1990.

The Program Committee set as its goal to make the Annual Meeting interesting, informative and fun while keeping the cost as low as possible. Because the vendors were very generous in supporting the meeting by making donations and gifts in the amount of \$4,250.00, the education programs were offered to the membership at a cost of \$50.00 each and registration fees were reduced. There were sixteen persons enrolled in CE 129: Hospital Library Management and thirty-six persons enrolled in CD ROM: Technology and Applications.

Ten scholarships in the amount of \$135.00 were available for attending the FHSLA meeting this year. One-third of the money set aside for this purpose was used.

Major points discussed include advertisement of scholarships. Cheryl Dee recommended that in addition to the ALERT and word of mouth, a letter could be sent to persons on Sue Felber's hospital library list, and information placed in nursing service newsletters. Henry Lemkau stated the scholarships were not an ongoing project but dependent on money available in the General Operating Fund. The decision whether or not to offer scholarships would be determined by the Executive Committee annually.

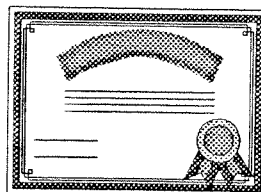
It was decided that scholarships will be made available to members of FHSLA only. Scholarships for our educational programs will also be offered to students of Library Services, but the amount and the criteria of selection will be determined by the Executive Committee.

Naomi Elia would like to step down from the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, but has agreed to stay an additional year to revitalize the committee and to provide continuity. New committee members are needed. Two hospital librarians from each of the regions of the state (North, South, etc), one academic librarian from the western and southern regions, and one librarian from the category of "other health science libraries".

The Strategic Planning Committee meets at the Annual meeting and at a mid-year meeting. The mid-year meeting is to review progress and evaluate "mid-year checklists" and to revise the one year and five year strategic plan. The mid-year checklists have been developed. Anyone interested in volunteering or wanting additional information on this committee should contact: **Naomi Elia**, Orlando Regional Medical Center, (407) 841-5111 ext. 5454 or **Tom Williams**, Calder Memorial Library, (305) 547-5782

Tom Williams presented Honorary Memberships in the FHSLA for the year 1990 to three visitors from foreign countries.

*Frances Groen,*  
President of MLA,  
McGill University, Montreal, Canada  
*Knid Tantavirat,*  
Director of Foreign Affairs,  
former University Librarian,  
Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand  
*Jian-min, Xiong,*  
Shanghai Medical University, Shanghai, China



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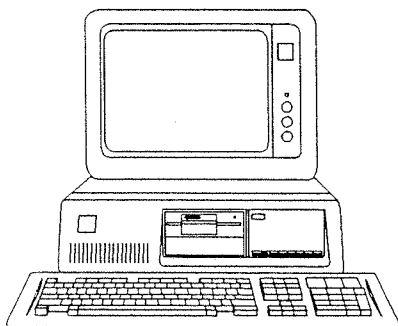
## MEDICAL INFORMATICS LABORATORY ADDS SERVICES

The Medical Informatics Laboratory is now equipped with 17 PS/2 model 55 SX workstations, each with color monitor and printer. Databases on the CD-ROM network include Silver Platter's MEDLINE and CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature). Electronic Drug Reference is also available on the network as is AMA-FREIDA (American Medical Association Fellowship and Residency Electronic Interactive Database Access System).

This summer, the Laboratory initiated telephone access to the CD-ROM network. Selected Health Science Center patrons who already had passwords were asked to participate in a developmental phase where they could dial-in from office, lab, or home to use the system. This fall we opened up telephone access to the whole Health Science Center and to interested campus participants.

Lab orientation is now being incorporated into the Library's education program. This fall the Lab will offer standing courses which cover general lab orientation and instruction in database searching on the network. Later this fall, the Lab will offer other applications including word processing and spreadsheet analysis. For questions about the Lab, call John Sanderlin at 904-392-3854.

*Susan Woods, Health Science Center, University of Florida*



## LIBRARY AWARDED NLM GRANT FOR AIDS INFORMATION NETWORK

The University of Miami School of Medicine is pleased to announce that the National Library of Medicine (NLM) of the National Institutes of Health has awarded a \$242,959 Information System Grant to the Louis Calder Memorial Library for the development of SEFAIN, the Southeast Florida AIDS Information Network. SEFAIN is a prototype of a community-based system for health professionals to directly access the information available locally and nationally to support Southeast Florida's high and ever increasing volume of AIDS patient care and research activities.

During Year 1 of the grant, a database of the hundreds of AIDS care and service providers in Dade, Broward and Monroe counties will be created by the Calder Library and fully integrated with its online public access catalog of books, journals and audiovisuals on AIDS and AIDS related diseases. During Year 2, health professionals in the tri-county area will be trained to directly access the Calder Library's online catalog and AIDS care provider database; the National Library of Medicine's AIDSLINE database of references to the AIDS literature published since 1980; and NLM's DOCLINE system for literature not available locally.

Immediate access to the many sources of information on AIDS is, per the National Library of Medicine, "one of the important aspects of the public health response to the AIDS crisis". With SEFAIN, a unique network of information available locally and nationally will support the efforts of health professionals in Southeast Florida to respond to and stop the AIDS epidemic.

*Suzetta Burrows, Louis Calder Memorial Library,  
University of Miami School of Medicine*

## LIBRARY COMPLETES ASBESTOS PROJECT

Our friends and patrons will be glad to know that we survived the asbestos removal project. At this very moment, the Library is resettling after nearly a year of disruption. Since all librarians love statistics, here are a few numbers which illustrate what our Library staff have doggedly accomplished during this travail. We moved over 61,000 monographs, over 173,500 journal volumes, and nearly 3,700 audiovisuals--twice! Every stick of furniture in the Library--over 2,000 pieces--was also moved twice. This does not take into account every computer that was moved and rewired and then moved back again and telephones that were relocated. Trust us, it was a big job. But we had just the person who could handle it, Esther Jones, our Head of Public Services. Esther is now available to hire out as a consultant to anyone facing a moving project!

We wish to thank our friends and colleagues throughout the state for their patience with us during this disruptive time. Document Delivery is now back in full swing as are our other Library services.

*Susan Woods, Health Science Center, University of Florida*

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## WELCOME TO CALDER LIBRARY MEDLINE

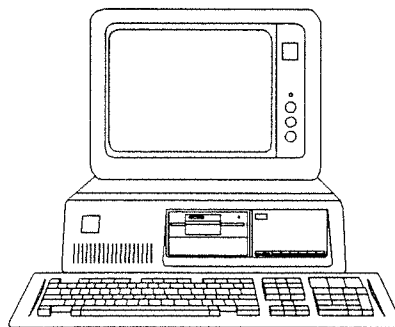
After many years of investigation and planning, the Louis Calder Memorial Library acquired a networked online MEDLINE system: the Plusnet 2 system from CD Plus, Inc. The complete MEDLINE database, 1966 to the present with abstracts and monthly updates, now resides on a high capacity hard drive in the Library's computer room. With a high performance file server, Novell and CD Plus network software and an Ethernet hub, users may now search the Calder Library MEDLINE system on the three microcomputers on the Library's first

floor dedicated to searching or from any IBM compatible with access to UMMEDNET, the School of Medicine's Ethernet LAN. Access via Apple computers and dial access via modem for off-campus patrons will be available in the near future.

The Library is very pleased to offer its patrons ready access to the MEDLINE database for a fraction of the costs previously associated with searches and with easy and elegant search menus not available from any other system or vendor. Whereas an average search on systems such as PaperChase and BRS Colleague takes about 9 minutes and costs 9 dollars or \$1.00 per minute, a search on Calder Library MEDLINE costs \$.25 per minute. Since the response time is faster, printing continues after you disconnect from the system, and there are no royalty, citation or per minute communication costs, the average search is shorter and costs \$2.00-\$3.00.

To maintain this nominal fee, avoid the high costs of billing, and afford patrons budgetary control, passwords are issued like the Library's copycard system. With an interdepartmental requisition, cash or check for \$100, passwords are programmed for 460 minutes (7.67 hours) of search time - 60 minutes of free time and 400 minutes at \$.25 per minute. When the 7.67 hours are used, additional search time may be purchased in the same way. For further information, please contact Tom Williams at 305-547-5782.

*Suzetta Burrows, Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami School of Medicine*



## PERSONALS

Calder librarians participated in the Medical Library Association's 1990 Annual Meeting in Detroit, **Van B. Afes** was named Chairman-designate of the MLA Health Sciences Library Technicians Committee. **Suzetta Burrows** organized the second Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Medical Users group which was held May 21, 1990 and as incoming-chair of the MLA Southern Chapter, attended the meetings of its executive committee. **Vislava Tylman** assumed the chairmanship of the MLA Doctoral Fellowship jury. **Tom Williams** was appointed chair of the Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship jury and, as the representative from the Medical Library Education Section, attended the meetings of the MLA Section Council. Mr. Williams was also appointed to the 1992 National Program Committee from the Section Council and attended the meetings of this Committee.

**Lou Ann Finnucan** has recently joined Lee Memorial Hospital in Ft. Myers as Medical Librarian. She was previously the manager of the Health Sciences Library at Griffin Hospital in Derby, Connecticut. Lou Ann holds both a bachelors and a masters degree in Library Science from Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven. Lou Ann was very active in library organizations in Connecticut, serving as VicePresident of the Connecticut Association of Health Sciences Libraries, Education Chairperson of the North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries, Vice-President of the Southern Connecticut Library Council and Member of the Board of Directors of the Derby Neck Library.

**Jackie Rahman** is the new Chief, Library Service at the Lake City VA Medical Center. She is busy settling into her new role after being Patient Health Education Librarian at the Bay Pines VA since 1983. Jackie replaces **Shirley Marby** who retired in the summer of 1989.

**Janet Schneider** and **Karen Meeks Fields** have recently begun sharing the job of Patients' Librarian at the Tampa VA. Janet has been the full time librarian for many years but recently felt the need to spend more time with her family. Karen received her MLS from the University of Kentucky and has extensive experience in the public libraries. Job sharing is allowing both librarians to remain active in their careers while devoting time to their families.

**Susan P. Thompson** is the new Medical Librarian at the Miami VA Medical Center. A native of New Mexico, Susan recently received her MLS from the University of Arizona Graduate Library School. She was a computer programmer in the Air Force before joining the VA.

**Ann Conlan**, Chief, Library Service at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center returned to work part-time in August after hip surgery earlier this year.

**Nancy Bernal** was named Acting Chief, Library Services at the Tampa VA Medical Center this summer replacing **Iris Renner**. Iris is now an administrative librarian with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, DC.

The Palm Beach Health Sciences Library Consortium extends a warm welcome to **Chris McMahon** the Medical Librarian since June at St. Mary's Hospital. Chris has worked at Stanford University for eight years and has been a data information consultant for the past two years. It is a pleasure to have her in the Consortium.

**Marsha White**, Medical Librarian at the Gainesville VA Medical Center recently resigned to stay home with her infant son. Anyone interested in the position may contact Marylyn Gresser, Chief Library Service for information.

## NEW LIBRARY OPENS

The new **William J. Bailey Medical Library** at Naples Community Hospital in Naples is scheduled for its grand opening shortly after Labor Day. The facility will be named in memory of Dr. William J. Bailey, a well-known Naples surgeon and snakebite expert who was instrumental in establishing a medical library at Naples Community Hospital and served as head of the Medical Library Committee for many years. The library will be a part of the new Telford Center for Continuing Education.

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE (cont. from page 1)

Over the next several weeks we will be making the last of the Committee assignments for the year. Some appointments won't be effective until April, while others will be effective immediately. So, those of you who sent in volunteer forms will be hearing from me. One important appointment has already been made. Maxyne Grimes has been appointed Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Welcome to Jenny Garcia, the new editor of the *ALERT*. And many thanks again to Barbara Francis for doing such a wonderful job as editor for the past three years. Be sure to send any news or any other information appropriate for the *ALERT* by the deadlines indicated. We all would like to hear from you.

Tom Williams

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## KUDOS

Many thanks to Annamarie Dix for her outstanding work setting up the layout of the *ALERT*.

## FHSLA HIGHLIGHTS (cont. from p. 2)

Ted Srygley expressed appreciation to Tom Williams for assuming the presidency at the time of Helene Petty's resignation. He acknowledged the fine job he and his committee had done in hosting the FHSLA meeting. Linda O'Callaghan also received recognition for the time and effort spent with the local arrangements for the meeting.

Thank you all for a great meeting!

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## BRS COLLEAGUE ACQUIRED

This past June, the Library received a computer system and is now online with BRS Colleague. The staff at the Hospital can now be offered MEDLINE searches in addition to other searches.

*Kay Franklin, Naval Hospital Medical Library, Pensacola*

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**Chuck Garrett**, AIDS Information Specialist at the San Francisco VA Medical Center is very ill. FHSLA members will remember Chuck from his days as Library Technician at the Tampa VA and Medical Librarian at the Miami VA. For those who wish to send a card or letter Chuck's address is 82 West Cavour, Daly City, California 94014.

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Just a reminder, that the next deadline for the *ALERT* is January 25, 1991. If you have any upcoming personnel additions, seminars or promotions, new information acquisitions, or interesting memories, please send them in before the deadline.

Jenny Garcia, Editor