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Our biggest news of late was our Annual Meeting held in Palm Beach on April 26-27, 1990. Based on the evaluations, comments and many letters received, it was a resounding success. Participants seemed to enjoy the program as much as the social events.

Our special thanks to all members of the Program and Local Arrangements committees for their hard work. Extra special thanks to Linda O'Callaghan who was responsible for local arrangements and did such a magnificent job.

This Annual Meeting was the best attended so far in our group's history, 101 registrants. Our vendors were especially generous this year, providing over four thousand dollars in donations and exhibit fees. This enabled us to greatly reduce charges to participants for registration and CE courses. 36 people attended the CD-ROM course taught by Mark Nelson and Erin Sullivan of CD Plus. 16 people attended the hospital management course taught by Anne Fredenburg.

We even came out ahead, making \$526.16 over expenses. Any "profit" will be applied directly to help offset costs for next year's annual meeting. That one will be a great one too, being held on the beach in Jacksonville at the Sea Turtle Hotel. Should be lots of fun and we hope to see you there.

Our overall membership has increased substantially this year as well. As of now, we have 131 paid members - a definite record.

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Personals

Donna Doelling has joined the staff of the University of South Florida Health Sciences Center Library as an Information Services Librarian. She was formerly Assistant Librarian at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center Library. Donna has taken the place of **Paul Cadby** who has returned to Miami to take a position with the Metro-Dade library system.

Chris Fentress, manager of the St. Vincent's Medical Center Library, Jacksonville, retired on April 6, 1990. **Carol Saville** assumed the position as library manager at St. Vincent's in early April.

Barbara Francis, coordinator of Educational Services at the University of Florida Health Science Center Library, has been accepted into MLA's Academy of Health Information Professionals as an Associate Member. Membership at this level requires two years of experience in health information science and evidence of essential knowledge in ten core areas of health information science.

Sharon Henrich has recently joined the staff at the University Community Hospital Library in Tampa. She worked for four years as information specialist with the Low Country AHEC in Walterboro, SC and for five years as librarian with the Tampa Public Library.

Janie Jones of the Borland Division of the University of Florida Health Sciences Library, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Health Sciences Library Technicians Committee of MLA. Responsibilities of the committee are to provide CE activities for technicians and to develop and monitor standards of practice and employment.

Iris Renner, Chief of Library Service at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital will be starting a new job in July as Administrative Librarian for the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, DC.

Ellen Richbourg of the Baptist Hospital Library in Pensacola, just received her second B.A. degree (magna cum laude) in Legal Administration.

Ted Srygley, Director of the University of Florida Health Science Center Library, has been certified as a Distinguished Member in MLA's Academy of Health Information Professionals. Membership at this level requires a minimum of ten years in the profession and 120 hours of professional accomplishments in the past five years.

Gwen Wolff has joined the staff of the University of South Florida Health Sciences Center Library in the newly created position of Education Librarian. She has been previously employed as a business researcher for Lamalie Associates and as the Documentation/User support Coordinator for the Management Information Department of the City of Pinellas Park. Before moving to Florida, Gwen was a hospital librarian at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She will attend the first annual educational and research conference of the American Medical Informatics Association this summer. The meeting, which will be held in Snowbird, Utah, June 20-23, has the dual themes of Computers in Learning and Teaching and also Computers, Molecular Biology, and Medicine.

University of Florida Health Science Center Library has filled the three remaining new positions on its professional staff:

Pia Tollo Brown has assumed the position of User Services Coordinator, replacing **Barbara Francis** who is now the Educational Services Coordinator. Pia brings a variety of skills to this position and her background includes eleven years as Social Sciences & Humanities Reference Librarian at Oregon State University. At the University of Florida she has served at the Education Library, the Reference & Bibliography Department at Library West, and at the Mead Library of P.K. Yonge Laboratory School.

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Southern Chapter of MLA Plans Meeting in Atlanta

"Arrivals and Departures: Making Connections for the 90's" is the theme for the Southern Chapter annual meeting November 3-6, 1990 in Atlanta, Georgia, home of the New Georgia Railroad and the newly revamped Underground Atlanta. The meeting will be held at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center near some of the city's fine restaurants and cultural and historic sites. Co-sponsoring the event are the Health Sciences Center Library of Emory University and the Atlanta Health Science Libraries Consortium.

Meeting registrants may relax and meet their colleagues at a welcoming gathering early Friday evening at the Omni Hotel. Continuing Education courses are planned for Saturday, Nov. 3 and Tuesday, Nov. 6. The Sunday evening banquet in the Freight Room at the Georgia Railroad Depot promises some lively local entertainment as we celebrate the Chapter's 40th Anniversary.

Topics for Sunday and Monday sessions include "Information Connection", "Journals: Whose Business Is It Anyway?" and "I Published and Didn't Perish." Also on Monday, Chapter members will present papers in the areas of Technical Services, Public Services, Hospital Libraries, and Library Management.

Of course there will be ample time for sharing with old and new friends, visiting the exhibits, and exploring Underground Atlanta. Don't get sidetracked! Plan now to join your colleagues and friends in November. Make Atlanta your destination for this exciting professional event. For further information, contact Carol Burns, Health Sciences Center Library, Emory University, 1462 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30322, (404) 727-5820.

Mamie J. Bell, Publicity Co-Chair, Southern Chapter/MLA

Atlantic Beach to be Site of 1991 FHSLA Annual Meeting

The Borland Division of the University of Florida Health Science Center Library and the Jacksonville Area Health Information Libraries (JAHIL) will be sponsoring the 1991 FHSLA annual meeting in Atlantic Beach, Florida. The meeting will be on the ocean at the Sea Turtle Inn on April 11 and 12, 1991. The program committee will be meeting shortly to plan a stimulating program. Tentative plans for the Thursday night Welcome Reception include a cookout on the beach. For those who are interested, we will also plan morning walks on the beach. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this delightful meeting.

Pam Neumann, Chair of the Program Committee.



FHSLA Contributes to Governor's Conference

The Florida Health Sciences Library Association recently contributed \$100 to the Florida Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services to use in setting up the December 1990 conference in Tallahassee. Ms. Lydia M. Acosta, Chair of the Planning Committee, thanked the Association, stressing her particular pleasure at our commitment to improving library services for all of Florida's citizens.

Linda O'Callaghan, treasurer, FHSLA

Calder Library Receives a Major Endowment

The University of Miami School of Medicine and the Louis Calder Memorial Library are pleased to announce that Mrs. Ruth F. Gross has designated her endowed Chair to the School of Medicine as the Ralph H. and Ruth F. Gross Endowment for Medical Library Sciences. Income from the Gross Endowment Fund will be used to purchase books and monographs in the biomedical sciences for the Library.

Mr. Gross' abiding interest in the effects of nutrition on disease led to his extensive use of the Calder Library for research. Henry L. Lemkau, Jr., Library Director, announced that this major gift will, for the first time, enable the Library to make a sustained commitment to the development of a significant monographic collection. Permanent recognition of Mrs. Gross' generosity will be accomplished in many ways. Of particular significance will be the biannual Ralph H. and Ruth F. Gross lectureship to be given at the Calder Library by a prominent scholar and humanist. The first person to hold this lectureship will be Emanuel M. Papper, M.D., a father of modern anesthesiology, Dean of the School of Medicine from 1969 until 1981, and currently a doctoral candidate in English at the University of Miami.

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

Quarterly Meeting of JAHIL

JAHIL (Jacksonville Area Health Information Libraries) met on March 21st at Memorial Medical Center, Jacksonville. Janie Jones, Library Consultant, directed a discussion on "time management".

Carolyn Hall, Borland Library

Taiwan National Librarian Visits University of Florida

Lisa H.C. Chang, Head of the Medical Library at the National Taiwan University, will be visiting the Library for a week beginning June 6th. Ms. Chang is the author of six articles, has edited two books and has authored two books. Ms. Chang, who is also Chairman of the Medical Library Committee of the library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan), is visiting at the invitation of Peggy Hsu, Computer Searching Services Coordinator, who visited Taiwan last fall.

Susan Woods, University of Florida Health Science Center Library



Calder Library Hosts Thai Librarian

Knid Tantavirat, currently a Professor in the Library School at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, and director of the University's Academic Resource Center and Central Library from 1974-1987, visited the Louis Calder Memorial Library from April 11-27, 1990. A graduate of Florida State University's School of Library and Information Studies, Mrs. Tantavirat had hosted Calder Library Director, Henry Lemkau, during his 1988 Bangkok trip and lectureship.

During her visit, Mrs. Tantavirat and the faculty and staff in the Library and Biomedical Communications shared experiences with CD-ROM and fax technologies, library and graphics networks, community and consumer health programs and administrative and professional issues. Mrs. Tantavirat attended the meeting of FHSLA in Palm Beach, April 26-27.

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

MLA Annual Meeting: Impressions of a First-timer

At MLA in Detroit, a special orientation session was held on Sunday morning for first-time attenders and new members, to acquaint us with the workings of the Annual Meeting and the Association. We were seated at tables by Chapters, so we could become familiar with others in our Chapter who were new. The past, current, and incoming Presidents of MLA circulated among the group at breakfast. I felt fortunate to know the former two from our FHSLA meetings. The program chair gave highlights of the program and urged us to take the initiative to attend the business meetings. "You will be noticed because so few show up", he told us. We were also advised to attend the Chapter and/or Section Leadership breakfasts which were set up for anyone who wanted to get to know the officers of those groups.

Sunday afternoon the meeting began in earnest. The keynote speaker was Shoshana Zuboff, Associate Professor at the Harvard Business School speaking on "The Future of Work and Power". She spoke on companies and libraries needing to "informatize", not just "automate". Reorganization will be needed to provide for a learning environment for the staff as well as patrons, with middle managers becoming coaches or educators, developing the skills of those on the front lines. The library must become a place to access information and also to make meaning of it. (Dr. Zuboff has written a book entitled In the Age of the Smart Machine: the Future of Work and Power. N.Y., Basic Books, 1988.)

This was followed by Frances Groen's presidential address and the first session of the Business meeting. A proposed 10% dues increase caused a lot of discussion.

One of the bright spots for me was the "Walk with Majors" on Monday morning at 6:30 A.M. Approximately 50 hearty souls (100 soles)

walked through downtown Detroit before the morning rush hour with several of the staff of Majors Scientific Books & Subscriptions. It was a great way to recuperate from sitting for three days. Rejuvenated, I headed for the poster sessions along with everyone else. Two hours was hardly enough for the variety of ideas presented.

A new feature of the Annual Meeting was the programming on Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. when we attended the "track" sessions, in one of four areas: acquisition and organization, information services, libraries and society, or administration. Dr. R. Brian Haynes, from McMaster University was the keynote speaker for the Information Services Track, speaking on the topic "What Medical Librarians Might Do to Help Clinical End-users in the 1990's". His was an excellent presentation with reaction from three librarian panelists. This was followed by contributed papers, requested papers, and ideas for the future, all on the theme "The Changing Environment of Information Services." This was almost like attending a CE course.

Attending the MLA Annual meeting was for the "first-timer" a chance to meet the leadership of MLA, of the Sections and the Chapter; to participate in the smaller sessions; to get updated on new products and services from NLM and all the other vendors.

It was an opportunity to renew friendships with library school friends and professors, former colleagues, and librarians met at Southern Chapter, FHSLA, or NLM courses and an endless array of chance meetings with other librarians from around the country.

I urge anyone who has not yet attended an MLA Annual Meeting to do so. Then MLA is not just an organization to which you pay your dues and from which you receive the Bulletin. It is a group of people with faces to go with the names.

*Barbara Francis, University of Florida Health
Science Center Library*

Three from FHSLA are Honored at MLA in Detroit

The Awards Luncheon and Ceremony held on May 23rd in Detroit at MLA had three FHSLA members as award recipients.

Van Afes of the Louis Calder Library, University of Miami, was a co-recipient of one of two MLA Research, Development, and Demonstration Project Grants. The award was made to him and Paul Wrynn from the Medical Center Library of New York University for a research project "Title Changes Among Medical Journals."

Cheryl Dee of the Watson Clinic in Lakeland, FL was awarded the Medical Library Association's 1990 Doctoral Fellowship. Cheryl, a doctoral candidate in the School of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University, is presently writing her dissertation on "The Information Needs of the Rural Physician: a Descriptive Study".

Alfred N. Brandon was one of three persons named as Fellows of MLA. These awards are given to members of MLA who are selected for their outstanding contributions to the advancement of the purposes of the Association, and are selected for life.

Barbara Francis, University of Florida Health Science Center Library

President's Page (cont. from p.1)

I've enjoyed working with FHSLA this past year as Chairman of the Program Committee and, since October, as President. I look forward to another successful year for our group. This year I only have to be President. Pam Neumann, President-elect, will be chair of the Program Committee and I know that she and Local Arrangements Chair Janie Jones will organize a superb meeting for us in '91.

Tom Williams

Asbestos Relocates Collection at University of Florida

The University of Florida Health Science Center Library is still operating with relocated collections and personnel due to an asbestos removal project which began last December and will not be completed until early fall. We wish to thank everyone in the state for their patience with interlibrary loan during the time our older journals were unavailable. All collections are once again available but major relocations will continue to take place during the project.

Susan Woods, University of Florida Health Science Center Library

Publications

Iris Renner, Chief of Library Service at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa has recently co-authored three papers with NE Bernal: "Library technology supports resident education." *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association* 1990 May; 80(5):240-2; "CD-ROM Medline's impact on mediated online searches when patron cost is not a variable." *Laser Disk Professional* 1990 Mar;3(2):25-7; and "Computerized databases for resources on the elderly." *Gerontology and Geriatrics Education* 1989; 10(4): (In Press). She and JM Schneider co-authored a book chapter: "Consumer health and patient information services - Department of Veterans Affairs." In: Rees AM, ed. *Managing Consumer Health Information Services*. 2nd ed. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1990: Chap 16.

Lenny Rhine of the University of Florida Health Science Center Library published an article "The Development of Biomedical Databases in the Soviet Union" in the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*, Vol. 78 (2), April 1990.

Regional Leaders Identify Issues for RMLS Future

From March 28 through 30, members of the Region 2 Regional Advisory Council (RAC), the RAC's Continuing Education Committee and Resource Library Directors participated in a regional planning meeting at the University of Maryland Health Sciences Library. The meeting was called to formulate the theoretic future of Region 2 based on the recommendations of NLM Board of Regents' long range plan Improving Health Professionals' Access to Information.

The group of 63 attendees worked in small groups to discuss issues and questions generated by the Health Sciences Library staff relevant to the NLM Request for Proposal. Members shifted between assigned and self-selected groups to have the chance to set priority issues and participate in discussions pertaining to topics they personally felt most important. The participants then met in groups with others from their state to discuss possible outreach projects. Group discussions were facilitated and recorded by HSL staff.

A number of issues were identified during the day-long meeting held on Thursday. Prevalent in all the discussions about extended outreach was the urgent need for more hard information on the groups we want to reach, and the resources already available within the region to do so. To obtain "equal" access to information for all health professionals, it is necessary to invest in both long range activities and in short-term solutions.

Overall the participants were very enthusiastic about the entire process, however they were somewhat frustrated by the lack of time to discuss and develop ideas generated during the meeting. As much of the input as possible will be incorporated into the proposal for the next five-year RML contract, which will be submitted to NLM on June 1. What can't be specifically written into the proposal will be held in an "ideas file" and devel-

oped as enhancement projects in the next five years.

A business meeting of the Regional Advisory Council was held on Friday morning. A complete report on the meeting will be sent to all who attended the meeting, to state associations, and to the National Library of Medicine.

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Southeastern/Atlantic Regional
Medical Library Services

Calder Honors Dr. Edward W.D. Norton

More than 400 friends, colleagues, and patients of Dr. Edward W.D. Norton and friends of the Louis Calder Library attended the gala in Dr. Norton's honor, April 6, 1990, aboard the MS Fantasy. Dr. Norton's numerous outstanding accomplishments were remembered and revered: the establishment of the internationally renowned Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and Anne Bates Leach Eye Hospital, the development of an excellent faculty, teaching and research programs, and the creation of the Mary and Edward Norton Library, the world's finest ophthalmology library.

Proceeds from the luncheon and silent auction of art works will benefit the Calder Library's automation activities.

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

Computer Lab Opens at University of South Florida

In January of 1990, the Health Sciences Library opened a student microcomputer lab. One of the primary goals of the lab is to provide students with the opportunity to become familiar with microcomputer uses, and to make them aware of ways the technology can be used in their future professional lives. Another goal is to provide students with an alternative format for learning course material.

The lab is equipped with IBM compatible PC's with both hard and floppy disk drives and printers. The present equipment was purchased by the Office of Student Affairs in 1987. For some time it had been housed outside the library, with access made available by checking out a key from the circulation desk.

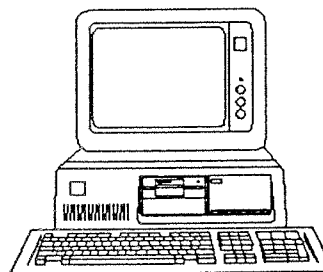
The move of the equipment to the library itself resulted in more student satisfaction almost immediately. Users find equipment loaded with popular software for word processing, database, and spreadsheet applications, as well as a few course-related programs. A growing collection of medical software is also available for checkout.

Future plans for the lab include an increased selection of software related to coursework, provision of quick tip sheets for hardware and software use, a selection of manuals for checkout, and information on classes offered in the area.

Submitted by Inez Tamanaha, H.Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute at the University of South Florida

CD-ROM at Sarasota Memorial

Sarasota Memorial Hospital Medical Library has purchased CD-ROM hardware from Interaction, P.O. Box 5957, Clearwater, FL. CD Plus software was chosen so physicians could do their own searching when the Librarian was not present. Any question, contact Connie Dickinson at (813) 953-1730.



Personals (cont. from p.2)

Trudi DiTrolio is the new Assistant to the Director. Her responsibilities will include personnel, planning, staff development, and data collection and analysis. Before coming to UF, Trudi's work experience included five years as National Librarian of the Canadian Dental Association in Ottawa, Ontario. At UF, she served one and one-half years in the Humanities and Social Science Reference department, with six months of that as Acting Chair. Her BA is from USF and her MLS is from Florida State University, and she worked at USF and Florida A & M years ago.

Ken Sullivan will be the Informatics Lab Librarian, starting in mid June. He comes to us from the Gainesville Public Library where he was an LTA II in outreach and special services for 6 years, and in adult services for the past 3 years. He received his MLS from Florida State University in August 1989 while continuing to work at the Public Library.

