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FHSLAlert, published 3 times a year, is the official organ of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association. All comments, letters to the editor, etc., should be addressed to Barbara W. Francis, Editor, FHSLAlert, Health Science Center Library, University of Florida, Box J-206, Gainesville, FL 32610; (904) 392-4012

## KEYNOTES

We have a new editor of the ALERT - Barbara Francis. Barbara is a reference librarian and coordinator of Media /Reserve at the University of Florida Health Sciences Center Library. Inez has done an excellent job as editor and we thank her. Barbara will be the fourth editor and we thank her for her willingness to serve.

Jacksonville will again be the setting for a library meeting. The Medical Library Association/Southern Chapter Fall meeting will be held on November 1-5 at the Omni. FHSLA is one of the sponsoring organizations. Additional information is given elsewhere in the newsletter. We hope to have a large Florida contingent in attendance!

With this issue of the ALERT you will find a new brochure on our association designed by Susan Woods and John Sanderlin. Their efforts are appreciated and I ask each member to utilize this brochure to bring a new member into our organization. Some people may be just waiting for an invitation!

The good news is - our former President, Jo Ann Tibbs, has been selected to serve on the Regional Advisory Council representing basic health sciences libraries. This is a three year appointment. CONGRATULATIONS - JO ANN.

This newsletter is your forum for communication. I hope each of you will share information and ideas. A large number of our members are in one or two person libraries and this newsletter is an excellent means of communicating with the local health science library world.

Bettye Stilley, President

MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/-  
SOUTHERN CHAPTER FALL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 1-5, 1988  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Come join us in Jacksonville for the Fall meeting of the MLA/SC. The theme for this year's meeting is "The Shape of Things to Come". At a luncheon for the hospital library interest section, Dr. Suzanne Montgomery, a psychology consultant, will speak on stress management. See the following column for information on the continuing education courses which will be offered. An open forum on the new MLA credentialing procedure will be chaired by Eloise Foster on Thursday afternoon.

Registration packets were mailed in August. If you did not receive one and would like additional information please contact Susan Woods, Health Sciences Center Library, University of Florida, Box J-206, Gainesville, FL 32610 (904) 392-4012.

CE NEWS

Four CE courses will be offered at the annual meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association. All will be held at the OMNI Hotel, Jacksonville, Fl.

Contact person for all courses is: Judy Rieke, Medical Center Library, Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN 37232 (615) 322-3241

Creating the Future:  
Becoming Innovative.

This action-oriented course covers the process of developing creative ideas for library services and products, prioritizing those ideas, presenting your ideas and gaining support and implementing them. The course consists of equal parts of lecture, group exercises, group discussion, and multimedia presentations. Emphasis is on practical information that can result in action.

Instructor: Mary Moore, Associate Director for Education, Library of the Health Sciences, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Cost: \$75.00 for MLA members; \$100.00 for non-members  
Credit: Applying for credit (.8 CEUs)  
Time: November 2, 1988, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

CE 657 Editing and Producing a Newsletter.

This workshop covers the practical aspects of producing an attractive, cost-effective newsletter. Includes: defining audience and goals for a newsletter; gathering news and features; writing and editing effectively; selecting production methods, including type, paper, graphics; designing the layout, fitting copy, pasting

up; and marketing and distributing the newsletter. Instructor: Robert Pisciotta, Assistant Director for Technical Services, Dykes Library of the Health Sciences, University of Kansas Medical Center. Cost: \$75.00 for MLA members; \$100 for non-members. Credit: .8 CEUs Time: November 2, 1988, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

BRS Regional Review: Emphasis on Health Sciences Databases. This course will provide a review of the Health Sciences Databases available on BRS. Please Note: Registration for this course should be made by calling 1-800-638-6093. Instructor: Helen Ann Brown, BRS. Cost: \$45.00 (includes \$25.00 free searching time) Credit: Applying for credit (.4 CEUs) Time: November 2, 1988, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hospital Library Preceptorship Course. This course defines the role of preceptor in the health care setting; investigates the basic principles of teaching adults; and teaches library management skills. Instructors: Nancy Nuell, RML Coordinator, University of Maryland Health Sciences Library and Jane Lambremont, Chief Librarian, VA Medical Center, Asheville, NC. Note Prerequisites: must meet the qualifications for a hospital library consultant as recommended by the MLA or provide a letter of recommendation from their consortium or state health sciences library association. Cost: \$75.00 (includes \$35.00 for the Hospital Library Preceptor Manual). Credit: .8 CEUs Time: November 5, 1988, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## PERSONALS

Jo Ann W. Tibbs was nominated to the Regional Advisory Council by FHSLA. Jo Ann has been a Medical Librarian at University Community Hospital for seven years. Offices which she has held in FHSLA are President in 1986/87, Vice-President in 1985/86 and Secretary in 1984/85. She is currently serving as a representative of special libraries on the Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery Advisory Committee of the State Library of Florida, and is working toward a Ph.D. in Instructional Computing at the University of South Florida.

Barbara W. Francis is the newly appointed editor of the ALERT. Since May 1, 1988 she has been an Information Specialist and Coordinator of Media/Reserve at the University of Florida Health Science Center Library. Prior to that she held a visiting appointment in the same library and in another University of Florida library. Barbara was Social Science Librarian at the University of Missouri-Columbia before moving to Gainesville in 1986.

Frank Netter, M.D., the renowned medical illustrator appeared on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" on August 1, 1988. The spot was partially filmed in the Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Library, West Palm Beach. Dr. Netter is a Palm Beach winter resident and has occasionally utilized the Good Samaritan Medical Library to research his famous Ciba anatomy series.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

This is my first attempt at editing a newsletter, so I hope to improve as the year progresses. The CE course on Newsletters is very timely for me! I wish to thank the reporters who sent in material to use in this first issue. Bettye Stilley sent her information on a floppy disc in WordPerfect format which eliminated extra keyboarding.

Barbara Francis, editor

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 6-7, 1988

The Alabama Health Libraries Association announces that the 1988 annual conference will be held October 6-7 at the Holiday Inn/Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama. On October 5 a pre-conference workshop entitled "Budgeting, Planning and Forecasting" will be offered. The theme of the two-day annual meeting is historical and entitled "The Past is Prologue". Among the speakers will be Samuel Eichold, M.D., Professor Emeritus, University of South Alabama School of Medicine, who will deliver a paper entitled "Yellow Fever in Mobile".

Two mini-workshops, "Current Awareness Services in Health Science Libraries" and "History and the Hospital Library" will also be offered. For more information contact A.J. Wright, Librarian, Department of Anesthesiology Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 619 19th Street South, Birmingham AL 35233-1924 (205) 934-6500

October 7, 1988

Florida Chapter Special Libraries Association and Tampa Bay Library Consortium will present a workshop "Managing Computer Software", also sponsored by DISCLOSURE at the Sabal Park Holiday Inn, Tampa, FL from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The workshop is for librarians concerned with fair use, handling, storage of, and access to software. Hardware selection, maintenance, and user support will also be discussed.

Speakers will be Ronald J. Palenski, Vice President of Government and Industrial Relations and General Counsel for ADAPSO; Dr. Sheila S. Intner, Associate Professor at Simmons College, Editor of Library Resources & Technical Services, and editor of The Library Microcomputer Environment: Management Issues; and Jonathan Intner, Computer Systems Manager at the Center for Computing and Information Management Services, Teachers College, Columbia University. For additional information call Pat Boody at (813) 228-1205 or Miguel Menendez at (305) 940-5729.

Cost: \$45.00 for Non-Members of SLA and \$35.00 for SLA or TBCL Members. Make check payable to FLORIDA CHAPTER, SLA. Send to Ms. Pat Boody, Tampa Electric Co. Technical Information Center, 702 North Franklin Street, Tampa, FL. 33602

November 1-5, 1988

Medical Library Association/-Southern Chapter Meeting, OMNI Hotel, Jacksonville, FL. See other articles for more information.

November 4, 1988

Florida Health Sciences Library Association. A planning meeting will be held at 12:15 in the CSX President's Room for the Executive Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, Committee Chairmen, Alert Editor, Historian, and State Union List Coordinator. The CSX building, at 500 West Water St., is across the street from the OMNI Hotel.

## LIBRARIAN'S LOVEBOAT

by Bill Condon

I don't know about you, but the high point of my celebration of St. Patrick's Day occurred at precisely 1:05 p.m. on board the good ship First Lady, one hour out of Jacksonville Landing bound for Blount Island, when a wee, little elf of a man, all gotten up in an ice-cream colored suit, bright green necktie, and a pale green carnation in his lapel, careened out onto the pitching, swaying dance floor clutching a hand-held microphone in one hand and a large black looseleaf notebook in the other.

The wee, little elf of a man, fellow Hibernians, was yours truly, and the occasion was a gathering of 85 members of the Georgia and Florida Health Science Library Associations.

Some months earlier, in a moment of pure lunacy, I had agreed (not without some few, niggling misgivings) to speak to this assembly of dedicated Keepers of the Hippocratic Flame.

I am, as you may know, not averse to public speaking (indeed any kind of speaking--private, semi-private, you name it--I would deliver a discourse to a conclave of Pet Rocks if the price was right), but when the matter of being the luncheon speaker for a boat load of fun-loving librarians seeing Jacksonville for the first time was first broached, I felt small, icy talons clutching at my by-passed heart. The floating

setting, it seemed to me, was less than ideal for the kind of truly mesmeric performance that is my specialty, and I shyly suggested as much to the planners, but I was assured that an appropriate lectern for me to hide behind would be found and battened down, that a sound system worthy of Pavarotti would be at my disposal, and that, finally, my oratorical and comedic skills were such that I could, if I desired, transform a state funeral into a riotously funny happening, or make the inmates at Raiford glad, glad, glad that they were there.

In short, I blushingly accepted, and at the appointed hour, 11:45 a.m. on the 17th, I reported for duty on board the First Lady.

Lunch (two saltines and a small blueberry) was served smartly at 12:00 sharp and a two-person band, using the sound system discarded by Warner Brothers after the filming of the original Jazz Singer, struck up and made dismal, murky sounds for 45 minutes, interrupted every five minutes or so by the 1st mate who described city hall, the jail, the school board building, the Jacksonville Shipyard and sundry other flora and fauna along the shores of the St. Johns.

So at 12:45, the woman in charge of the Flame Keepers summoned the First Lady's hostess to inform her that Demosthenes, here, was in place and raring to go.

"Can't be done," said the hostess. "Sound system carries all over the First Lady."

Next deck up are 47 members of the 3rd Baptist Church of Gainesville who are enjoying the 1st mate's descriptions of the sights, and we have never done this before. And no, where did we get the idea there was a 'lectern?'"

I thought the hostess had several good points, but the arrangements had been made by someone, the hostess had been misinformed, and the lady in charge of Flame Keepers prevailed, so whether the 47 members of the 3rd Baptist Church up on the 2nd deck were ready or not, Jacksonville's gift to the world of library science was about to burst into full-throated, silver tongued speech.

It was an experience I shall never forget (or be able to repress). Holding my notebook of notes in one hand and the hand-held microphone in the other, I made my way out to the center of the heaving, swaying dance floor (6'x6' at the max). Twenty feet in front of me was one of the two bars that grace the First Lady, and there the two-person band, looking rather surly I thought, was hunkered down with several other gloomy passengers.

Directly over my head I saw a huge elliptical cutout in the deck that revealed six of the Gainesville 3rd Baptists leaning over a railing, peering down at me with puzzled expressions on their faces.

The dance floor pitched and swayed, the deisel engines roared like some gigantic, mortally wounded prehistoric beast and visions of Hieron-

ymus Bosch and Dante's Inferno danced in my head, but pride (which, as you know, always goeth before a fall) took hold and, opening my notebook with my teeth, I blew into the microphone, instantly resolved never to blow into a microphone again, and welcomed the 85 Georgia and Florida Health Science Librarians, as well as the 47 members of the 3rd Baptist Church of Gainesville, and said two or three things ....I don't remember clearly what...things suddenly became fuzzy, and the next thing I knew it was dusk. I was stretched out on my favorite lawn chair, and Jane was stroking my brow with a damp sponge and crooning softly, "You're as mad as a hatter, Billy Boy, as daft as the Ancient Mariner, but I love you baby, love you just the same."

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#### RAC APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS

The next semiannual meeting of the Southeastern/-Atlantic Regional Medical Library Services (SE/A RMLS) Regional Advisory Council (RAC) will meet in Baltimore at the University of Maryland Health Sciences Library on October 21, 1988. The nine newly appointed RAC members are:

Jo Ann Bell, East Carolina University School of Medicine

Deborah Gilbert, District of Columbia Health Sci-

ences Information Network  
William Headley, M.D.,  
General and Vascular Surgeon,  
Milledgeville, GA

Susan Pulsipher, Associ-  
ation of North Carolina Health  
Sciences Librarians (ANCHSL)

Ada Seltzer, University  
of Mississippi Medical Center

F. William Summers, School  
of Library and Information  
Studies, Florida State Univer-  
sity; and current President of  
the American Library Associ-  
ation

Terry Thorkildson, Uni-  
versity of Virginia Medical  
Center

Jo Ann W. Tibbs, Florida  
Health Sciences Library  
Association (FHSLA)

W. Lamar Weems, M.D.,  
Division of Urology, Univer-  
sity of Mississippi Medical  
Center

The new members are  
appointed to serve from 1988-  
1991. Barratt Wilkins, State  
Librarian of Florida, is also  
on the Council until 1989. A  
hearty "thank you" goes to Ted  
Srygley, Director, University  
of Florida Health Science  
Center Library, who is leaving  
the RAC at the end of his term  
of service. We all have  
appreciated his help in  
keeping us informed of RAC  
activities.

Summaries of the April  
28, 1988 RAC meeting and the  
May 21, 1988 RML Directors  
meeting are included in the  
July/August issue of SE/A  
Currents. If you would like a  
copy of the complete minutes  
for either meeting, contact Jo  
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## CONSORTIA NEWS

### MIAMI HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

The MHSCLC is celebrating  
its Tenth Anniversary this  
year (1988). In honor of the  
occasion, an exhibit is being  
displayed throughout the year  
for a 2-week time period at  
each of the member institu-  
tions. It features marketing  
of health science libraries  
and shows a listing of the  
Consortium members.

Also in honor of the  
anniversary, MHSCLC member  
librarians were treated to a  
dinner party at Las Tapas  
Restaurant in Coral Gables on  
May 12, 1988. The Consortium  
is a hard-working bunch of  
people who work closely  
together to make the organiza-  
tion active and successful.  
The dinner was a nice reward  
for ten years of hard work.

### PALM BEACH COUNTY HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

The PBCHSLC held its  
quarterly meeting on July 13,  
1988 at Boca Raton Community  
Hospital Health Sciences  
Library. Topics discussed  
were CD-ROM for hospital  
libraries and DOCLINE.

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