



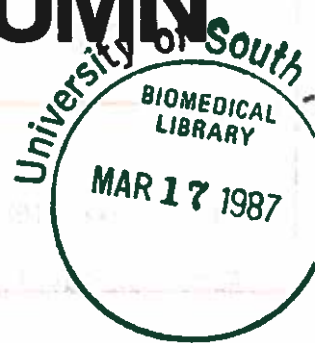
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ALABAMA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



by Maureen Battistella
ALHeLA President

Synapse and ALHeLA's Executive Council welcomes you to 1987!

PROF COLLECTION

Membership ballots have confirmed the nominations for the 1987 officers of the association. Brief biographical statements of the officers are to be found elsewhere in this issue of Synapse.

Thanks to everyone who expressed an interest in working on ALHeLA committees this year. The following committee appointments have been made: Bylaws - Amy Nichols (USA); Exchange - Becky Buckner (Gadsden); Liaison - Mary Ann Donnell (Providence), Chair; Bob Veenstra (Auburn), Out-of-State; Dan Blucker (AUM), In-State; and, Membership - Nancy Clemmons (UAB), Brochure; Barbara Doughty (UA), Recruitment. Program committee appointments will be announced at a later date.

The 1987 Consortium Dynamics meeting and Marketing Workshop held January 22-23, 1987 at AUM were well attended. All those who came were responsive to the speakers and indicated that they had benefitted by their attendance. Thanks to Karen Hackleman for organizing the Consortium Dynamics meeting, to Mary Ann Donnell for organizing the Marketing Workshop, and to Dan Blucker for local arrangements and facilitating the programs. The meetings are reported on elsewhere in this issue.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 25-27, 1987 Georgia Health Sciences Library Association Annual Meeting, "Looking Toward the Future". Macon Hilton, Macon, GA.

CE 637 - Health Information Services for the Layman. Karen Hacklemann from SE/ARMLS in Baltimore will be the instructor on March 25. Contact: Kimberly McInnes, Mercer University School of Medicine Library, 912/744-4056.

April 5-11, 1987 National Library Week.

April 30-May 1, 1987 Florida Health Sciences Library Association's 25th Anniversary Meeting, Miami, Florida.

May 5-7, 1987 National Online Meeting, New York City.

May 15-21, 1987 Medical Library Association's 87th Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.

June 6-11, 1987 Special Libraries Association 78th Annual Conference, Anaheim, California.

June 22-July 2, 1987 American Library Association. Annual Conference, San Francisco, California.

September 9-11, 1987 ALHeLA Annual Conference. Sheraton Capstone Hotel, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

October 4-9, 1987 American Society for Information Science. Annual Conference, Boston, Mass.

May 20-26, 1988 Medical Library Association's 88th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

1987 ALHeLA OFFICERS

- PRESIDENT** - Maureen Battistella has been Acquisitions/Collections Development Librarian at the Lister Hill Library, AUB, since 1983. She currently serves as Co-Coordinator of the Alabama Biomedical Union List of Serials (ABULS), and as Chair of the Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association's Membership Committee.
- PRESIDENT-ELECT** - Lisa Rains Russell is the Chief Medical Librarian at the University of Alabama Health Sciences Library in Tuscaloosa. She has been in this position since 1983. Lisa plays an active role in consortia development, consulting with and speaking to librarians and administrators across the State. She presented a paper on this topic at the 1986 SC/MLA conference in Nashville. In 1984 Lisa traveled to Xian, Peoples Republic of China, as part of a team advising Xian Medical College on hospital administration curriculum.
- SECRETARY** - Pat Hall is the Director of the Medical Library Department at Mobile Infirmary in Mobile, Alabama. Pat has served the institution in this role and as medical librarian for two years. She is a storyteller, doing story time specials for the public libraries in the Mobile area. Teaching children's Sunday school and studying classical Greek are additional interests. A favorite activity is frequent trips to the beaches.
- TREASURER** - Marlyss Giles has been Administrative Assistant for Medical Staff Services at St. Margaret's Hospital in Montgomery since 1972. She was a charter member of the Alabama Hospital Library Managers Group and served as its chair in 1983/84. Marlyss is currently working on a degree in Business Management at Troy State University. See also her latest promotion in the "peoples" column in this issue of Synapse.
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE** - Daniel Blucker is Head of Reference and Instructional Services at Auburn University in Montgomery Library. Before accepting this position in 1985, Dan was awarded a M.S. in Management from Boston University/Vrije Universiteit, Brussels. From 1979-84 he was a medical librarian at the King Fahd Armed Forces Hospital in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Dan has been instrumental in the development and continued success of the Montgomery Health Information Consortium. He currently serves on ALHeLA's Liaison Committee.
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE** - Robert Veenstra is the Head of Auburn University's Veterinary Medical Library. His most recent publication is "One-year journal use study in a veterinary medical library" which will appear in a forthcoming issue of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Bob developed an exhibit for the 1986 MLA Poster Session on his work to organize a faculty publications program for the library. He currently serves on the ALHeLA Liaison Committee.
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE** - Amy Nichols joined the staff of the Biomedical Library of the University of South Alabama in 1984 after previous service in various hospital libraries in Louisiana. Amy has served as an Information Services Librarian at the USA Medical Center branch library since joining the staff, but by the time you read this she will have been transferred to the Biomedical Library's campus operations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

A combined meeting of the outgoing 1986 and the incoming 1987 ALHeLA Executive Committee was held at the Sheraton Riverfront Station, Montgomery, on December 8, 1986. Present were Maureen Battistella, Joyce Sims, Lisa R. Russell, Sister Mary Giles Peresich, Pat Hall, and Dan Blucker.

Secretary Pat Hall reported that progress toward finalizing the application for tax exempt status of ALHeLA was on target. We are awaiting the end of the fiscal year; the packet will be mailed to the IRS in early January.

Joyce Sims reminded the committee that the Gremlin software, for mounting the ALHeLA exchange list, was on order but not yet received. In the meantime the journals exchange list would continue to be printed in Synapse.

Lisa Raines Russell, 1987 Program Chair, reported looking into various possible sites for the fall conference. After discussion, the committee decided against a joint Georgia-Alabama meeting in 1987. The option was for a fall conference with certain sites in Alabama being mentioned.

Sister Mary Giles Peresich reported that, inasmuch as the Directory was adopting a biennial publishing schedule, an updating system needs to be established. The committee decided upon having changes printed in Synapse, from which the members could manually update their personal copies.

Dan Blucker, Member-at-large, reported on the ALAHA President's meeting of November 9, 1986. Her further reported on the upcoming marketing workshop and the accompanying consortium dynamics workshop. The committee decided that ALHeLA would investigate having a display at the ALAHA convention in Birmingham, 1986.

Maureen Battistella adjourned the meeting with the understanding that there would be an informal meeting in Montgomery on January 23, 1987, in conjunction with the marketing workshop.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Remember when you checked **MARKETING** as a workshop interest on your ALHeLA membership form? On January 23, 1987, "Marketing and Relationship Strategies" met this need.

Despite bad weather in the northern half of the state, eleven members met at Auburn University in Montgomery to learn from Dr. Don Self of the AUM Marketing Department. The workshop helped participants understand the four basic personalities and how to market in order to meet the needs of each.

This MLA accredited workshop was planned and arranged by Dan Blucker, AUM Library, and Mary Ann Donnell, Providence Hospital, Mobile.

CONSORTIUM DYNAMICS WORKSHOP

by Lisa Rains Russell

"Creative Changes in a Competitive Workplace" was the theme of a program held January 22, 1987 at Auburn University in Montgomery. The program was cooperatively sponsored by the Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library Services, the Alabama Hospital Association and the Montgomery Area Health Information Consortium. Karen Hackleman, Regional Development Coordinator for SE/A RMLS organized the program and Dan Blucker, Reference Librarian, AUM, was local arrangements coordinator.

The workshop proved to be well worth venturing out in the cold and snow although the snow did prevent some registrants from making it! Speakers in the morning session included our own Maureen Battistella, Pat Rodgers and Lisa Russell. Russell reviewed consortium development efforts in Alabama by SE/A RMLS since 1984. Battistella and Rodgers discussed resource sharing efforts on the state, regional, and national levels and the implications of these efforts to us in Alabama. Next, Candy Thayer, Coordinator of the Sisters of St. Mary's System Wide Health Information Consortium, St. Louis, Missouri, described electronic resource sharing systems in Missouri on the state and regional level and how the systems were adapted to meet local needs in the St. Louis area. Thayer stressed "piggybacking" on existing systems when implementing electronic resource sharing, especially when the group is small. Jean Williams, who is Associate Director of the Mercer University Medical Library, Macon, Georgia, concluded the morning session by explaining various funding sources and options explored as GAIN, Georgia Interactive Network, based at Mercer, expanded. The afternoon session began with Dick Thompson, Senior Vice President, Alabama Hospital Association, addressing possible new roles for the Alabama Hospital Association in meeting information needs of member hospitals and serving as a resource within the biomedical information network. Thompson also challenged health science librarians to market and sell their special skills. The afternoon concluded with two breakout sessions. One group learned more about MEDLINE and DOCLINE through demonstrations while a second group brainstormed on solving problems in establishing a health science consortium in the Florence/Muscle Shoals area of northern Alabama.



REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

by

Joyce Sims

The Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Regional Medical Library (RML) met November 20, 1986 in Baltimore, Maryland. Dick Thompson of the Alabama Hospital Association and Joyce Sims of St. Vincent's Hospital, Birmingham, are our representatives to the RAC.

The committee members discussed their roles as a conscience for the region, as a sounding board, and as a vehicle for two-way communication between the RML and its constituents. The members discussed the RAC's purpose of identifying problems and solutions and recommending policy.

The new Executive Director, Suzanne Grefsheim, gave a report which included having an independent Needs Assessment done, reviewing software and hardware in SEA Currents and a NLN enhancement project going on in West Virginia.

Nancy Nuell, Resource Sharing Coordinator, updated the RAC on Decline, some problems with misuse, and to the future, telefacsimile and its equipment.

Karen Hackleman, Regional Development Coordinator, discussed networking in West Virginia and Mississippi. Chris Jones, VA Medical Center, Biloxi, was elected chairperson of the RAC. Campus-wide computerized conference system (CoSY) was demonstrated and discussed as a potential use region-wide.

The RAC members are forming a Health Professionals Advisory Group. This group will be made up of a wide range of health professionals who play active roles in their state organization and who would be willing to contact the "right people" in those organizations for the RML. These health professionals will encompass dentists, nurses, veterinarians, physicians as well as allied health professionals, dieticians, physical therapists, etc. If you know of someone who would qualify and be interested in serving on this Advisory Council for one year, contact Joyce Sims (205) 939-7830.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

As of mid-January approximately 50% of the 1986 ALHeLA membership had renewed for 1987. If you had not yet renewed, a red star appears on the mailing label of this issue of Synapse. A 1987 membership renewal form is included in this mailing of Synapse. Please renew at once.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS AND ON THE MOVE

VONCEIL DAVIS is the new library manager at the Alabama State Department of Public Health. FRAN EDWARDS has decided to spend more time with her family.

Congratulations to JUDY WILLMON of Arab Hospital. She has just been elected a Board Member to Distric 1, Alabama Hospital Executive Secretary Association.

The 1987 officers of the Jefferson County Hospital Library Association are: MARIAN BRENNAN, UAB Department of Family Practice, President; VIRGINIA FERREL, Medical Center East, Secretary; BOBBY POWELL, Carraway Hospital, Treasurer.

MARY HELEN STRINGER has advised the Lister Hill Library that she will be moving to Memphis with her family. She expects to work until May or June 1987.

DELAINE McCORD is the new contact person at Humana Hospital, Florence, replacing TERRI McABEE. McCord is also Director of Medical Records.

MARLYSS GILES has assumed an expanded role at St. Margaret's Hospital, Montgomery. She now is at the Department Head level, managing two medical practice facilities in Wetumpka, in addition to her responsibilities as Medical Staff Services Administrative Assistant.

Its musical chairs at the University of South Alabama's Biomedical Library. Effective March 9, BARBARA SHEARER will assume the role of Coordinator of Public Services-USAMC at the library's hospital branch operation. At the same time AMY NICHOLS will rotate from the hospital branch operation to the main campus where she will serve as Information Services Librarian.

MARIAN BRENNAN became the librarian for the new UAB Department of Surgery library effective February 23, 1987. The library will be located on the 10th floor of the Tinsley-Harrison Building.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

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3. Thatcher, Samuel S. (1987). A literature filing system in obstetrics and bynecology. Obstetrics and Gynecology, 69 (1), 136-140.
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TELEFAX BY THE SEA:
THE MOBILE INFIRMARY EXPERIENCE WITH THE FAX

by

Pat Hall

The scenario revolved around rape. The accused was innocent. A medical staff member would have to lend his reputation and judgment if the innocence were to be proved. Time was of the essence. The semen analysis report lay subject to dismissal, bogged down in legal technicalities that questioned its credibility.

There was, however, laboratory technique to identify the semen even at the stage in question, a procedure that could absolve the accused. The expert witness searched for conclusive documentation to support his judgment.

At this juncture, with only one hour to produce documentation, I entered the scenen. First there was a comprehensive computer search. The journals with promising citations were foreign or esoteric to the collection. Even with a medical school library in town, the client and I were not able to provide documentation.

There was one landmark article that was not physically available and yet vital to accrediting the medical reports. I remembered the secretary down the hall speaking of the AT&T fax in the telephone room. I had earlier started collecting articles about telefacsimile and had ordered a fax directory. I assured my client and quickly reported the situation to an executive secretary. Her action resulted in her boss granting approval for me to use the equipment.

At that point I began to work with an evolving protocol. I used voice telephone to contact libraries that were in the directory. I worked westward as the race with time was closing certain time zones to me. Once I explained the emergency to a Louisiana library I gained permission to borrow. Minutes later the needed document lay, full-text, in the basket of my AT&T fax machine!

Two days later the administration placed the fax machine in the library where I share this valuable resource with the medical staff.

Since that initial experience a number of clinical emergencies have been addressed via fax. Using the protocol described in the RML-2 Union List of Serials handbook and making advance voice telephone contact allows us to keep within the lending library's ILL policies. We are pleased that we have been able to reciprocate by responding to requests for demonstrations and by lending.

This technology, which allows you to receive a full-text document within minutes, is affordable at this time.

Joyce Federczko has given me permission to reprint portions of her article appearing in the November 1986 issued of Hospital Section Newsletter. I would like to pass along the research she and Rya Ben-Shir have done on telefax:

"The cost of sending (minimal) is absorbed by the sender. This is the cost of your telephone call to the receiving telefax machine.

"Before you send, be sure that you know the telephone number of the receiving party's telefax machine (including extensions); what kind of machine they have (which generation, see below); does it receive automatically and if not, agree upon a good time for them to receive.

"There are three (3) generations of telefax machines (1, 2 and 3; 3 being the newest). The oldest machines (1) are the slowest, taking up to six (6) minutes per page to send. The newest (3) are of course the most rapid, not only taking 20 seconds to send the same page (longer if there is a lot of dense text) but also having the ability to 'step down' to receive and send to the slower machines (no compatibility problems!). Other attractive features of the newer technology are the ability to receive documents automatically, (overnight!) without having staff there at the machine, and the ability to program the machine to send up to thirty pages (to various locations) overnight.

"The future for telefax is the next generation (4) which will require the use of dedicated data lines for transmission, instead of using regular phone lines. Few of us, if any, will need this technological application anytime soon. More probable for our purposes will be the use of PC/telefax interface, software for which is currently available, but although it has recently dropped in price it is still very expensive at \$1,000.

"Survey of telefax vendors.

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<u>Vendor</u>	<u>3 Yr Lease=Total</u>	<u>Outright Buy</u>	<u>Paper</u>	<u>Install or Serv.</u>
Omnifax G93	\$105/mo=\$3780	\$3700	\$117/6r1	0=lease
Omnifax G38	90/mo=\$3240	2495	117/6r1	0=lease
Canon 220	113/mo=\$4057	3795	195	?
Pitney Bowes	103/mo=\$3708	2995	.05/pg	0=lease

"Questions to ask when evaluating telefax:

- Copy quality
- Rapid dialing capability
- Auto feeder (you'll want up to 30 pages)
- Noise in use
- Grey scale or half tone quality (for pictures, x-rays)
- Speed of transmission class or generation (1, 2, 3, or all)
- Type of paper used (thermal or plain)
- Monitoring (or not) of send and receive
- Is a dedicated telephone line necessary
- Memory size for phone numbers (50 plus = good)
- Most used ubttons; location and ease of use
- Power requirements
- Amount of use"

ALHeLA TO EXHIBIT AT AlaHA

The Alabama Health Libraries Association will be exhibiting at the annual meeting of the Alabama Hospital Association scheduled for Birmingham on June 17 and 18, 1987. Because ALHeLA is an educational body affiliated with the Alabama Hospital Association, paying an annual membership fee, there will be no charge for the exhibit space, as is customary. Several other state health professional associations meet in conjunction with the Alabama Hospital Association.

ALHeLA has requested two data lines for the exhibit and plans to demonstrate MEDLINE/HEALTH and DOCLINE to conference attendees. In addition, there will be health information brochures and Brandon lists (thanks to Majors Scientific Books) available. Individuals interested in staffing the table should contact Maureen Battistella (205/934-2460) before April 1, 1987. The hours of the exhibit area will be June 17, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and 3 to 5 p.m.; June 18, 2 to 5 p.m. Staffing the exhibit will be an excellent opportunity to be professionally visible to your administration.

ALHeLA is also investigating the possibility of exhibiting at the annual conferences of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA), April 23-24, 1987, Wynfrey Hotel at Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham; and, the Alabama Nurses Association, in October, 1987 in Tuscaloosa. There are exhibit space charges assessed at these two meetings.

The ALHeLA Executive Committee is interested in membership response to the concept of exhibiting at annual meetings of various Alabama health professionals.

UNIQUE AND SEMI-UNIQUE ABULS HOLDINGS REPORTS

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library has produced two collection management reports which will be of interest to ABULS participants. One report lists the titles held by only one library in the union list; the other lists titles held by only two libraries.

Lister Hill and South Alabama have the largest collections in the state and are most often the unique or semi-unique holders. However, several other union list participants also have unique or semi-unique holdings.

Libraries which have the only run of a title within the union list should think twice before dropping the subscription or withdrawing volumes. The local availability of the title permits speedier and less costly ILL fulfillment.

The full ABULS unique and semi-unique holdings lists may be obtained by contacting Maureen Battistella at Lister Hill, 205/934-2460.

ALABAMA BIOMEDICAL UNION LIST OF SERIALS

CALENDAR

1986-1987

December 5, 1986	Approval copies due from USC for new participants
January 16, 1987	Verified approval copies due to ABULS Coordinators
	Last day to update holdings for production of 3rd edition (old participants)
February 2, 1987	Coordinators send approval copies and holdings updates to USC
April 1, 1987	Holdings updates and ILL statistics due to ABULS Coordinators
April 15, 1987	Coordinators send holdings updates to USC
April 20, 1987 (or thereabouts)	ABULS, 3rd ed., (fiche product) due for distribution
July 1, 1987	Holdings updates and ILL statistics to ABULS Coordinators
July 15, 1987	Coordinators send holdings updates to USC
October 1, 1987	Holdings updates and ILL statistics to ABULS Coordinators
October 15, 1987	Coordinators send holdings updates to USC

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CALENDAR UPDATE

Originally April 1 was set as the date when the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library would produce and distribute the third edition of ABULS. However, because they are busy running a tape to be used to update SERHOLD, Karen Warren, the union list coordinator at USC, asked if ABULS could be produced and distributed later in April. Therefore ABULS will come out later than had previously been announced.

Because USC has to meet the SERHOLD deadline about the same time every year, this will probably be a permanent change to the ABULS calendar.

Maureen Battistella
934-2460

Pat Rodgers
460-7043

FILLING OUT ALA INTERLIBRARY LOAN REQUEST FORMS

Interlibrary loan requests which cannot be filled within a region may be sent by any library to either the National Library of Medicine or to any resource library participating in NLM's Regional Medical Library Program. NLM does stress however, that interlibrary loan requests should be filled within the region if possible, in order to maximize the speed of document delivery and to reduce the load on NLM.

Interlibrary loan requests sent to libraries within the region or to NLM may be sent by (1) teletypewriter, (2) CLASS Ontyme E-Mail, (3) ALA Interlibrary Loan Request Form, typed in triplicate, or (4) on DOCLINE. Each item or item segment (chapter, part of issue, etc.) must be requested separately.

Requests for material to be photocopied must include the applicable statement of conformance to either the U.S. Copyright Law of 1981 (CCL) or Copyright Guideline (CCG). Give the source of verification whenever possible. If you are unable to verify so state and give the bibliographic citation to its source.

Requests must include the signature of the authorizing person at the borrowing library or the authorizing person's name.

Requests that do not comply with the above procedures may not be accepted by the lending libraries and omission of standard citation elements as noted on the ALA form could result in an unfilled request.

Some libraries charge a referral fee when the (non-DOCLINE) interlibrary loan request does not indicate the use of the Region 2 Union List of Serials, or when the list is used incorrectly. Provided that the Region 2 Union List is used correctly, no referral charges are levied for an item a library cannot fill because of the issue requested is not owned by the library, is missing from the collection, or is currently out on loan elsewhere.

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Unabridged CUMULATED INDEX MEDICUS 1963-1969
CUMULATED ABRIDGED INDEX MEDICUS V1-8, 1970-1977
JAMA V160-236, 1956-1976
AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SURGERY V95-130, 1958-1975
ARCHIVES OF SURGERY V80-110, 1960-1975
THE SURGICAL CLINICS OF NORTH AMERICA June 1950-Dec. 1975

Dr. Joseph P. Mudd, Jr.
P. O. Box 67
Jackson, Al. 35245
205-246-2227

Call Dr. J. P. Mudd and make arrangements, please.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham
Reynolds Historical Library/Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences
205/934-4475

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Requests to:

Attn. Kristina Iljin
Lister Hill Library
University of Alabama
at Birmingham
Birmingham, Al. 35294

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY
B139-141(1981), B142-143(1982)

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SURGERY
B139-140(1980), B141-142(1981)

AMERICAN REVIEW OF RESPIRATORY DISEASES
B123-124(1981)

ANESTHESIA AND ANALGESIA
B60(1981)

ANESTHESIOLOGY
B54-55(1981)

ANNALS OF OTOTOLOGY, RHINOLOGY, AND LARYNGOLOGY
B90(1981)

ANNALS OF OTOTOLOGY, RHINOLOGY, AND LARYNGOLOGY. SUPPLEMENT
B78-88(1981)

ANNALS OF SURGERY
B191-192(1980)

ANNALS OF THORACIC SURGERY
B31-32(1981)

ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS AND CHEMOTHERAPY
B21-22(1982)

ARCHIVES OF DERMATOLOGY
B117-118(1981-1982)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE INTERIM, ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHANGES IN ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, PERSONNEL, ETC, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE ASSOCIATION'S QUARTERLY PUBLICATION SYNAPSE.

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University of South Alabama
Biomedical Library
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Mobile, AL 36688
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DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING NOTIFICATION OF DESIRED CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- May 14, 1987 for publication in the June issue of Synapse.
- August 14, 1987 for publication in the September issue of Synapse.
- November 14, 1987 for publication in the December issue of Synapse.
- February 14, 1988 for publication in the March issue of Synapse.
- May 14, 1988 for publication in the June issue of Synapse.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please update your copy of the 1986 Directory of Alabama Health Science Libraries and Handbook of the Alabama Health Libraries Association by penciling in the following changes:

<u>Page:</u>	<u>Appears as:</u>	<u>Change to:</u>
33	MOBILE MOBILE COUNTY United States Sports Academy Library P.O. Box 250 Mobile, AL 36601-0250	DAPHNE BALDWIN COUNTY United States Sports Academy Library One Academy Drive Daphne, AL 36526

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MAJORS SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, INC.
 NEW BOOK RECEIPTS - 12 MONTH STATISTICAL SUMMARY
 January 1 - December 31, 1986

<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Number of Titles</u>	<u>(Numbered Series)*</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Value at List Price</u>	<u>Average List Price</u>
Academic Press	140	(63)	5.1	\$ 8,757.30	\$ 62.55
Addison-Wesley	16	(0)	.6	456.30	28.52
Am. Psychiatric	34	(2)	1.2	674.65	19.84
Appleton	62	(1)	2.3	2,102.75	33.92
Edward Arnold	15	(2)	.5	695.75	46.38
Aspen	105	(6)	3.8	4,165.30	39.67
Brunner-Mazel	24	(6)	.9	725.35	30.22
Butterworth	54	(4)	2.0	2,975.85	55.11
Cambridge Univ.	18	(8)	.7	886.90	49.27
Churchill	179	(57)	6.6	8,500.75	47.49
Cold Spring Harbor	11	(3)	.4	544.00	49.45
CRC	59	(1)	2.2	5,398.50	91.50
Davis	19	(6)	.7	835.75	43.99
Dekker	37	(31)	1.3	2,911.50	78.69
Elsevier	100	(55)	3.7	7,568.65	75.69
Futura	14	(1)	.5	720.00	51.43
Grune	46	(4)	1.7	2,601.70	56.56
Guilford Press	30	(1)	1.1	1,000.90	33.36
Johns Hopkins	12	(0)	.4	432.95	36.08
Jones & Bartlett	12	(0)	.4	335.95	28.00
Kluwer Academic	85	(39)	3.1	6,486.75	76.31
Lea & Febiger	45	(1)	1.6	2,157.40	47.94
Lippincott	59	(2)	2.2	2,153.70	36.50
Liss	78	(51)	2.8	6,167.50	79.07
Little, Brown	53	(1)	1.9	1,413.20	26.66
Macmillan	21	(3)	.8	988.85	47.09
McGraw-Hill	27	(2)	1.0	1,545.10	57.23
Medical Economics	12	(1)	.4	316.40	26.37
Medical Exam	21	(3)	.8	573.00	27.29
Methuen	18	(0)	.7	1,038.10	57.67
Mosby	148	(7)	5.4	7,894.30	53.34
Oxford	80	(18)	2.9	3,109.85	38.87
Pergamon	13	(2)	.5	909.75	69.98
Plenum	141	(67)	5.2	9,067.00	64.31
PSG	49	(7)	1.8	1,614.00	32.94
Raven	76	(21)	2.8	4,756.00	62.58
Saunders	86	(8)	3.2	4,443.70	51.67
Sheridan House	11	(2)	.4	688.45	62.59
Slack	17	(2)	.6	664.50	39.09
Springer	25	(8)	.9	671.80	26.87
Springer Verlag	234	(54)	8.6	15,680.55	67.01
Springhouse	18	(1)	.7	271.10	15.06
Thieme	30	(1)	1.1	1,502.85	50.10
Thomas	20	(0)	.7	783.75	39.19
Van Nostrand	12	(0)	.4	521.25	43.44
Wiley	85	(18)	3.1	3,664.15	43.11
Williams & Wilkins	79	(12)	2.9	4,446.45	56.28
Year Book	121	(42)	4.4	5,864.90	48.47
**Misc.	83	(10)	3.0	3,391.05	40.86
TOTAL:	2,734	(634)*	100.0%	\$145,076.20	\$53.06

* Included in total number of titles received
 ** Receipts of fewer than 10 titles per publisher
 Note: These figures do not include undergraduate titles

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MAJORS STATISTICAL SUMMARY (CONT'D)
 1986 NEW BOOK RECEIPTS
 JAN. 1 - DEC. 31
 SUBJECT CATEGORIES

Subject	No. of Titles	% of Total	Value @ List	Avg. List	Subject	No. of Titles	% of Total	Value @ List	Avg. List
Administration	34	1.6	1342.90	39.50	Medical Education	2	.1	89.00	44.50
Allergy	3	.1	172.40	57.47	Medical Ethics	12	.6	331.20	27.60
Allied Health	83	3.9	2395.05	28.86	Medical Practice	12	.6	300.55	25.05
Ambulatory Med	1	.1	82.50	82.50	Medical Writing	1	.1	38.00	38.00
Anatomy	35	1.7	1013.65	28.96	Metabolic Disease	10	.5	529.35	52.94
Anesthesiology	27	1.3	1183.10	43.82	Microbiology	27	1.3	1417.35	52.49
Bibliography	2	.1	59.95	29.98	Nephrology	13	.6	698.70	53.75
Biochemistry	39	1.9	2422.25	62.11	Neurology	67	3.2	3875.10	57.84
Bioengin & Instr	9	.4	622.75	69.19	Nursing	246	11.7	6116.85	24.87
Bioscience	55	2.6	4681.00	85.11	Nutrition	21	1.0	1117.20	53.20
Cardiovasc Syst	74	3.5	4037.65	54.56	Oncology	39	1.9	2630.20	67.44
Cell Biology	32	1.5	2109.80	65.93	Ophthalmology	37	1.8	2579.40	69.71
Communicat Disord	23	1.1	735.20	31.97	Orthopedics	47	2.2	2750.30	58.52
Data Proc/Medicine	8	.4	294.85	36.86	Otorhinolaryngol	14	.7	1178.40	84.17
Dentistry	40	1.9	2195.20	54.88	Parasitology	4	.2	273.95	68.49
Dermatology	25	1.2	1720.50	68.82	Pathology	35	1.7	2866.20	81.89
Diagnosis	11	.5	336.90	30.63	Pediatrics	37	1.8	1799.70	48.64
Dictionaries/Term	2	.1	113.95	56.98	Pharmacology	61	2.9	3574.60	58.60
Emergency Med.	16	.8	601.35	37.58	Pharmacy	15	.7	1066.00	71.07
Endocrinology	21	1.0	1082.80	51.56	Physical Medicine	9	.4	408.05	45.34
Family Medicine	5	.2	145.15	29.03	Physiology	32	1.5	2172.70	67.90
Gastroenterology	22	1.0	1157.60	52.62	Psych/Behav Sci	205	9.8	6745.60	32.91
Genetics	26	1.2	1165.35	44.82	Public Health	47	2.2	2015.35	42.88
Geriatrics/Geront	18	.9	639.75	35.54	Radiology & Imag	88	4.2	5997.85	68.16
Gynecology/Obst	55	2.6	2709.45	49.26	Respiratory Syst	22	1.0	1059.00	48.14
Hematology	14	.7	634.40	45.31	Rheumatology	10	.5	450.35	45.04
History of Med	4	.2	161.45	40.36	Sports Medicine	7	.3	344.65	49.24
Immunology	27	1.3	1835.80	67.99	Surgery	137	6.5	10919.95	79.71
Infection Control	2	.1	95.95	47.98	Toxicology	13	.6	921.15	70.86
Infectious Disease	20	.9	942.70	47.14	Tropical Medicine	1	.1	16.50	16.50
Internal Medicine	23	1.1	1038.60	45.16	Urology	19	.9	1195.90	62.94
Lab Med & Technol	11	.5	675.15	61.38	Veterinary Med	38	1.8	2096.10	55.16
Legal Medicine	5	.2	160.85	32.17					

TOTAL MONOGRAPHS: 2100 100.0% \$106,141.15 \$50.54

TOTAL CONTINUATIONS:
 (Not included above) 634 \$38,935.05 \$61.41

TOTAL (COMBINED): 2734 \$145,076.20 \$53.06

Note: Above figures do not include undergraduate titles.

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PLANNING TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING? WANT A BUDDY? BE A BUDDY!

The MLA Membership Committee wants to ensure that new members and/or first-time attendees get the most out of this year's annual meeting in Portland and come away wanting to support and participate in the activities of MLA.

In order to do this we will be launching a BUDDY PROGRAM. New members/first-time attendees will be paired with an experienced MLA member from their local chapter. The "buddies" will arrange to meet and attend together the Welcome Reception and Orientation for New Members, First-Time Attendees and International Visitors on Sunday, May 17, 1987, 10 to 11 a.m. "Buddies" may also want to attend a session or have a meal together--the possibilities are endless, but up to the individual members.

ATTENTION: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. BE A BUDDY!

If you will be attending the Oregon Annual Meeting and have always wanted to participate in MLA activities in a more direct way, here is your chance. Please sign up to be a buddy! Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Please send a note or a CLASS Ontyme E-Mail message to Ginny Tanji, Hawaii Medical Library, 1221 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. CLASS Ontyme E-Mail address is HML. Be sure to indicate that you would be willing to serve as a buddy. Deadline for the sign up is April 1, 1987.

ATTENTION: NEW MEMBERS/FIRST TIME ATTENDEES. WANT A BUDDY?

If you would like to be assigned a buddy, please send your name, address, and telephone number to Ginny Tanji at the above address. Be sure to indicate that you are a new member or first-time attendee and would like to be assigned a buddy. Deadline for sign up is April 1, 1987.

We look forward to hearing from you. Anyone who signs up for anything at all will receive an acknowledgment from Ginny Tanji and then a subsequent letter from the Membership Committee Member in your particular geographic area with the name and address of your buddy.

Thank you for all your help. We do realize that many of you are probably already involved informally in this kind of activity. This will simply give more folks the opportunity to participate. Your feedback regarding this program would also be most welcome.