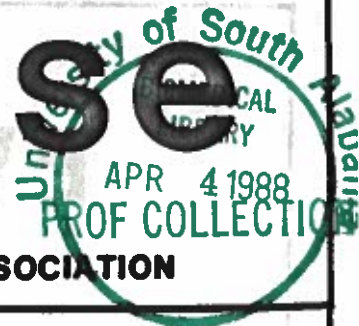




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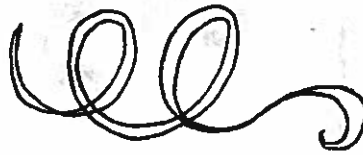
Lisa Rains Russell
President, ALHeLA 1988

Executive Council met in Montgomery on Friday, January 22. Minutes from the meeting are included elsewhere in this issue. It was a very productive meeting. The council decided to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to plan future issues of Synapse. Maureen Battistella volunteered to be on the committee. A. J. Wright suggested that a standing Long Range Planning committee be formed to address the direction of the organization. I think this committee will be of great help to future Executive Councils and benefit the entire membership. A. J. and I will work together to draft a charge for the committee. If you would be interested in serving on either committee, let me know.

Bob Donnell sent a written report because he was unable to attend the meeting. In his report he asked that I begin looking for someone else to serve as editor of Synapse. Bob is willing to continue serving through the next few months. He indicated he had some ideas for changes in the make-up and appearance of Synapse. Therefore, I have asked him if he will participate on the Ad Hoc Synapse Committee. This committee should make the job of the new editor easier. I would like to hear from anyone interested in being the Synapse editor.

I wish all of you could have been at the MASA meeting on February 10. I want to commend Maureen Battistella and all who were involved in the planning and presenting the workshop. I think those attending the meeting now have a very positive image of ALHeLA.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 12-15, 1988

Alabama Library Association Annual Meeting, Montgomery, AL.
Contact: Thomas A. Souter, 103 Hunter St., Troy, AL 36080.

April 13-15, 1988

Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians, Atlanta, GA.
Theme: Networks & Networking in the Delivery of Health Care Information.

April 17-23, 1988

National Library Week.

April 27, 1988

Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) et al will co-sponsor TECHNOCOM, a national teleconference on the topic of CD-ROM technology, airing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CDT.

May 15, 1988

Deadline for June issue of SYNAPSE.

May 20-26, 1988

Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

June 11-16, 1988

Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

July 9-14, 1988

American Library Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

October 23-27, 1988

American Society for Information Science, Atlanta, GA.

November 2-5, 1988

Southern Chapter/MLA Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL.

May 19-25, 1989

Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

1988 ALHeLA OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Lisa Rains Russell is the Chief Medical Librarian at the University of Alabama Health Sciences Library in Tuscaloosa. A full biographical sketch of Lisa and her activities was published in the December 1987 issue of Synapse.

PRESIDENT-ELECT - A. J. Wright, MLS, is Clinical Librarian at the Department of Anesthesiology, University of Alabama at Birmingham and has held that position since August 1983. He has previously worked at Tuscaloosa Public Library, UA's Health Sciences Library and Draughon Library at Auburn University. He has published several articles on aspects of anesthesia history and is a regular columnist for the Anesthesia History Association Newsletter. His most recent article, "Regional and Local Anesthesia in Alabama before World War I", is forthcoming in the Alabama Journal of the Medical Sciences. In his spare time he enjoys epistemological analysis of 1950s science fiction films.

SECRETARY - Barbara Parr Doughty has been employed at the Health Sciences Library at the University of Alabama since August 1973. Originally employed as a graduate assistant, she received her MLS in December 1974 and was hired as Medical Reference Librarian in 1975. Since that time she has been involved with the graduate assistantship program at HSL and has worked with 47 graduate assistants, many of whom have become medical librarians active in the state and region.

Barbara lives in Coker with her husband Julian and son Glen (who recently moved back home to persue a Masters in Engineering). Her hobbies include gardening, woods walking, oil painting, cross stitching, aerobics, and dancing.

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.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE - Barbara Shearer is Public Services Coordinator, Medical Center Branch, of the University of South Alabama's Biomedical Library. Prior to assuming this position in March 1987, she was Online Services Coordinator in the Biomedical Library, USA. Ms. Shearer received her BS degree in Journalism from the University of Illinois in 1974 and a MSLS from the same institution in 1978. While a library school student, Barbara met her future husband, another library school student, in (guess where!) the University of Illinois Map and Geography Library and they have been traveling the map over ever since! Hobbies include crocheting, reading and playing bridge.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE - Daniel Blucker is currently serving as the acting Dean of Library Services at Auburn University in Montgomery Library. Prior to accepting this assignment Dan served as Head of Reference and Instructional Services at AUM's library. Well known throughout health science library circles, Dan has been instrumental in the development and continued success of the Montgomery Health Information Consortium.

Executive Committee

Executive Council Meeting
Alabama Health Libraries Association
January 22, 1988

The first meeting of the 1988 Executive Council was held on Friday, January 22, 1988, in Montgomery at the Village Restaurant. President Lisa Russell presided with the following members present: Bobby Powell, A.J. Wright, Maureen Battistella, Grace Manning, Barbara Shearer, Marlyss Giles, Pat Hall, and Barbara Doughty.

The following reports were presented:

- Tax ID status by Ms. Hall. Council discussed the need for professional advice and consultation on this matter. Tax information will be turned over to the firm or individual hired by February 1.
- Approval of minutes and treasurers reports. (As of December 31, 1987, the balance was \$2,024.38)
- MASA CME meeting agenda and report by Ms. Battistella.
- ALHeLA Annual Meeting report by Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright has been involved with preparations for the program and for convention facilities. The meeting is planned for October 5-7 in Birmingham.
- Workshop report by Ms. Shearer. A tentative date of June 17 was set for the Online Workshop, and Ms. Shearer will contact Jackie van de Kamp to confirm. She will then make the necessary arrangements for reservations, etc.
- Membership. Ms. Russell will appoint a membership chairperson, and the archivist will keep the official records.
- Union List report. Ms. Battistella reported that 13 of the 23 ABULS members have responded positively concerning the change over to OCLC. She said that the 1988 ABULS fiche will be produced.
- Liaison. No report was submitted. Council agreed that ALHeLA should exhibit at the Alabama Hospital Association meeting. Ms. Russell will submit the forms.
- Old business.

The Alabama Hospital Association has requested an article on ALHeLA for its newsletter, Profiles.

Ms. Russell read a formal letter of resignation from Sister Mary Peresich. She will resign as editor of the ALHELA Directory as of January 1,

1989. The association accepts with regret her resignation and extends grateful appreciation to Sister Mary for her dedication and service.

---New business.

Ms. Russell announced the joint meeting of the Georgia and Florida health libraries associations and circulated their brochure.

Council discussed the establishment of a long range planning committee. Ms. Russell and Mr. Wright will prepare the charge for the committee, and Ms. Russell will appoint members to serve. Consideration will be given to changing the bylaws to make the committee a permanent one.

Since MLA will no longer have an exchange program, Ms. Russell suggested that plans for a state wide program be made. She will make inquiries and appoint someone to continue the project which Becky Buckner had begun.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

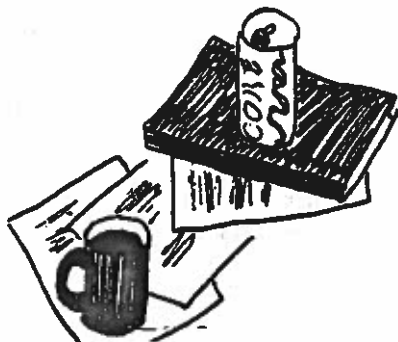
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February 2, 1988



TEAMWORK DOES IT!



Committee Work

Your Liaison Committee is working for you! As you will recall, this hard working Committee published a listing of In-State groups working in the field of health care delivery. This list appeared on pages 8 and 9 of the September 1987 issue of SYNAPSE.

Presented herewith is the Committee's latest effort; a listing of Health Science Library Associations of the Greater South Region.

1. Florida Health Sciences Library Association
President: Jo Ann Tibbs
University Community Hospital
Tampa, FL 33612
2. Florida Medical Librarians
Medical Library
Baptist Hospital for Miami
8900 SW 88th Street
Miami, FL 33176
3. Georgia Health Science Librarians Association
Stephen Foster Dental Library
Emory University
Atlanta, GA 30322
4. Mississippi Biomedical Libraries Consortium
President: Christine Jones
V.A. Medical Center
Health Sciences Library
Biloxi, MS 39531
5. Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET)
Editor of SOLINEWS: Cynthia T. Davis
Plaza Level
400 Colony Square
1201 Peachtree St., N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30361
6. Tennessee Health Science Librarians Association
President: Mary Evelyn Lynn
Health Sciences Library
East Tennessee Baptist Hospital
Knoxville, TN

- 7. **Mid-Tennessee Health Science Librarians Consortium**
 President: Susan Way
 HCA Medical Library
 Hospital Corporation of America
 Nashville, TN

- 8. **Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library Program**
 Executive Director: Suzanne F. Grefsheim
 Health Sciences Library
 University of Maryland
 111 South Greene Street
 Baltimore, MD 21201

- 9. **Consortium of Southern Biomedical Libraries**
 President: T. Mark Hodges
 Medical Center Library
 Vanderbilt University
 Nashville, TN 37232

- 10. **District of Columbia Health Sciences Information Network**
 President: Linda S. Blackburn
 American College of Cardiology
 911 Old Georgetown Road
 Bethesda, MD

- 11. **Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians**
 (an allied group of the Southeastern Hospital Conference)
 Treasurer: Dorothy T. McCallum
 Librarian
 Rex Hospital
 4420 Lake Boone Trail
 Raleigh, NC 27607

Directory

DIRECTORY UPDATES

by

Mary Giles Peresich, RSM

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 change:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Appears as</u>	<u>Change to</u>
14	BIRMINGHAM JEFFERSON COUNTY St. Vincent's Hospital P. O. Box 915 Birmingham, AL 35201	same same P. O. Box 12407 Birmingham, AL 35202-2407

REMINDER: Send Directory update information to:

Mary Giles Peresich, RSM
University of South Alabama
Biomedical Library
Library Bldg., Room 312
Mobile, AL 36688 (205) 460-6276

Deadline for submitting update information for the next issue of Synapse is May 14, 1988.

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SDI - CURRENT ARTICLES OF INTEREST

by

Joyce Sims

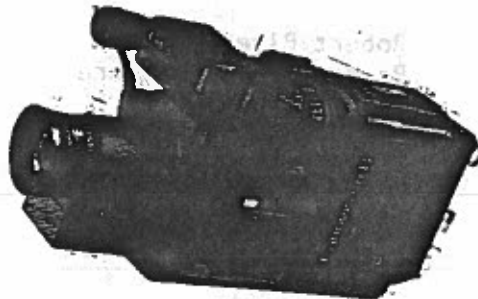
Delman, Bruce S. "The Library: Catalyst for Professional Growth in the Hospital." Hospital Topics 65(4), July/August 1987, 20-22.

Moore, Mary Y. "Fax It to Me: A Library Love Affair." American Libraries January 1988, 57-64.

Rosch, Winn L. "PC's and Fax Get It Together." PC Magazine, June 23, 1987, 255-274.

Colaiani, Lois Ann. "Information Services for the Nursing Profession from the National Library of Medicine." Journal of Professional Nursing, November/December, 1987, 372-5.

Zylke, Jody W. Series of articles on medical libraries and information processing which ran in JAMA, December 1987 - January 1, 1988. (in Medical News and Perspective section).



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE IN PICTURES!

ALHeLA is planning a promotional display at the Alabama Hospital Association meeting to be held in Mobile in June.

We would like to feature hospital libraries and librarians around the state.

Send your 5" X 7" or larger picture of you, your area, patrons and/or projects to Mary Ann Donnell, Providence Hospital, P. O. Box 850724, Mobile, AL 36685 on or before May 23, 1988. If you have questions or just wish to discuss this project, the meaning of life, etc. call Mary Ann at (205) 633-1373.

Microcomputers

COMPUTERIZING THE SMALL HOSPITAL LIBRARY

by

Joyce Sims

There are several software packages available to integrate and computerize library function for the academic or larger medical library. Recently I began an investigation into packages for the small hospital library. Listed below are two programs whose intended user is the smaller hospital or medical library. Both are reasonable in cost compared to the larger systems and both have demonstration disks available. A library manager considering computerizing library functions may want to contact them.

MILS (Micro-Integrated Library System)
c/o Paul W. Kittle, author
Director of Medical Libraries
Loma Linda University Medical Center
P. O. Box 2000
Loma Linda, CA 92354
(714) 796-7311

Robert Piyat, author
Professional Software
21 Forest Avenue
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028
(201) 748-7658

News from RML

RAC

by

Joyce Sims

The RAC met October 9, 1987 in Baltimore, Maryland. An information needs assessment form to use with physicians has been drafted and will be tested with some University of Maryland residents. After the testing, the survey will be sent to select physicians throughout the region. A different survey instrument will be designed to be used with nurses and hospital administrators.

The preceptorship program is being introduced at MLA chapter meetings using the 3rd edition of Organizing and Administering the Small Hospital Library and training preceptors.

Network development progress in West Virginia and Mississippi was detailed. Enhancement to Docline (DOCUSER, etc.) was detailed as was a revised study to be done on level X holdings in SERHOLD. (Docline not being issue/year specific--only titles). In the resource development area, a list of journal titles held by only one resource library will be sent asking for a commitment of retention. The resource development committee will be looking at proposed cancellation of titles held by three resource libraries especially in cases where all three were considering dropping the title.

The education committee is looking into education of hospital librarians and will be compiling computerized data on which courses have been offered and where. A Network Dynamics course will be offered at the Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians in April in Atlanta.

The RAC approved an \$8 maximum allowable ILL charge beginning March 11, 1988. See the January/February 1988 issue of SE/A Currents for further details. There was discussion of the NLM Long Range plan and its impact on academic as well as hospital libraries.

There have been some personnel shifts/changes at the Regional Office. Lisa Boyd will be the resource sharing coordinator (formerly Nancy Nuell's position). Nancy Nuell will be coordinating RMLS consultation and network development. Questions about DOCLINE, SERHOLD, Union lists should be addressed to Lisa Boyd. Questions about preceptorship programs, consulting, network or consortia should be asked of Nancy Nuell. Both may be reached at 1-800-638-6093.

BOOK PRICES

The following report on book prices is reprinted here through the courtesy of our friends at Majors Scientific Books, Inc., P.O. Box 819074, Dallas, Texas 75381-9074; (214) 247-2929. If you've questions, or wish to place an order, give them a call. They would enjoy hearing from you.

MAJORS SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, INC.
NEW BOOK RECEIPTS - 12 MONTH STATISTICAL SUMMARY
January 1 - December 31, 1987

<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	116	(84)	3.8	\$ 7754.05	\$ 66.85
Addison-Wesley	15	(0)	.5	431.35	28.76
Am. Psychiatric	20	(3)	.7	512.55	25.63
Appleton & Lange	60	(11)	2.0	2525.55	42.09
Edward Arnold	14	(4)	.5	709.15	50.65
Aspen	78	(9)	2.5	3240.85	41.55
Brunner-Mazel	27	(4)	.9	806.95	29.89
Butterworth	34	(2)	1.1	1961.90	57.70
Cambridge Univ.	28	(10)	.9	1499.45	53.55
Churchill	165	(56)	5.4	10,287.60	62.35
Cold Spring Harbor	12	(9)	.4	818.00	68.17
CRC	80	(6)	2.6	16,151.60	201.90
Davis	18	(8)	.6	691.65	38.43
Dekker	35	(31)	1.1	3627.95	103.66
Elsevier	132	(91)	4.3	11,617.80	88.01
Futura	21	(0)	.7	1191.70	56.75
Grune	40	(8)	1.3	2400.00	60.00
Guilford Press	33	(8)	1.1	1163.95	35.27
Hemisphere	20	(9)	.7	1095.50	54.78
Johns Hopkins	17	(10)	.6	648.50	38.15
Jones & Bartlett	10	(0)	.3	376.75	37.68
Kluwer Academic	137	(84)	4.5	10,056.35	73.40
Lea & Febiger	46	(1)	1.5	2064.80	44.89
Lippincott	84	(4)	2.7	3244.75	38.63
Liss	119	(101)	3.9	9424.90	79.20
Little, Brown	56	(0)	1.8	2054.80	36.69
Macmillan	38	(4)	1.2	1702.95	44.81
McGraw-Hill	29	(1)	.9	1314.75	45.34
Medical Economics	17	(2)	.6	447.15	26.30
Medical Exam	20	(2)	.7	496.40	24.82
Methuen	17	(3)	.6	916.30	53.90
Mosby	116	(4)	3.8	5850.05	50.43
Oxford	61	(11)	2.0	2515.65	41.24
Parthenon	18	(6)	.6	956.95	53.16
Pergamon	11	(1)	.4	864.00	78.55
Plenum	123	(59)	4.0	8143.95	66.21
PSG	46	(6)	1.5	1666.50	36.23
Quintessence	13	(0)	.4	811.00	62.38
Raven	86	(32)	2.8	5512.50	64.10
Saunders	90	(4)	2.9	5494.55	61.05
Sheridan House	17	(4)	.6	1101.35	64.79
Springer	37	(12)	1.2	1090.80	29.48
Springer Verlag	221	(41)	7.2	18,136.45	82.07
Springhouse	30	(2)	1.0	507.50	16.92
Thieme	22	(0)	.7	1909.25	86.78
Thomas	16	(0)	.5	580.50	36.28
Wiley	92	(24)	3.0	4500.40	48.92
Williams & Wilkins	77	(7)	2.5	4763.20	61.86
Year Book	178	(52)	5.8	9326.65	52.40
**Misc.	266	(24)	8.7	7223.05	27.15
TOTAL:	3,058	(854)*	100.0%	\$182,190.25	\$59.58

* Included in total number of titles received

** Receipts of fewer than 10 titles per publisher

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MAJORS STATISTICAL SUMMARY (CONT'D)
 1987 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	18	.8	663.55	36.86	Medical Educa	6	.3	137.30	22.88
Allergy	3	.1	150.75	50.25	Medical Ethic	9	.4	318.60	35.40
Allied Health	111	5.0	3080.80	27.76	Medical Pract	7	.3	199.75	28.54
Anatomy	9	.4	671.85	74.65	Metabolic Dis	14	.6	737.70	52.69
Anesthesiology	36	1.6	1885.30	52.37	Microbiology	26	1.2	2353.75	90.53
Bibliography	2	.1	126.25	63.13	Nephrology	19	.9	1234.90	64.99
Biochemistry	43	2.0	5301.35	123.29	Neurology	78	3.5	5064.10	64.92
Bioeng & Instr	4	.2	679.50	169.88	Nursing	215	9.8	5695.40	26.49
Bioscience	49	2.2	2806.35	57.27	Nutrition	13	.6	639.75	49.21
Cardiovasc Sys	73	3.3	4046.05	55.43	Oncology	51	2.3	3776.80	74.05
Cell Biology	29	1.3	2311.30	79.70	Ophthalmology	44	2.0	3106.75	70.61
Commun Disord	17	.8	470.20	27.66	Orthopedics	55	2.5	4842.70	88.05
Data Proc/Med	7	.3	251.40	35.91	Otorhinolaryn	22	1.0	1157.85	52.63
Dentistry	42	1.9	2109.05	50.22	Parasitology	3	.1	918.50	306.17
Dermatology	33	1.5	2113.50	64.05	Pathology	38	1.7	4022.50	105.86
Diagnosis	17	.8	411.15	24.19	Pediatrics	47	2.1	2340.60	49.80
Dictionaries	5	.2	102.35	20.47	Pharmacology	46	2.1	3224.20	70.09
Emergency Med	19	.9	872.65	45.93	Pharmacy	9	.4	458.65	50.96
Endocrinology	20	.9	1475.85	73.79	Physical Med	7	.3	317.90	45.41
Gastroenterol	23	1.0	1992.00	86.61	Physiology	35	1.6	2567.80	73.37
Genetics	11	.5	572.80	52.07	Psych/Behavior	241	10.9	8478.75	35.18
Geriatrics/Ger	20	.9	729.85	36.49	Public Health	60	2.7	2265.85	37.76
Gynecology/Obs	61	2.8	3229.35	52.94	Radiology/Imag	123	5.6	10,414.10	84.67
Hematology	17	.8	1565.70	92.10	Respiratory	18	.8	993.55	55.20
History of Med	6	.3	276.90	46.15	Rheumatology	14	.6	957.85	68.42
Immunology	32	1.5	2625.55	82.05	Sports Medic	7	.3	301.35	43.05
Infection Cont	1	.1	26.95	26.95	Surgery	130	5.9	10,229.80	78.69
Infectious Dis	25	1.2	1544.90	61.80	Toxicology	16	.7	1620.65	101.29
Internal Med	32	1.5	1384.40	43.26	Tropical Med	2	.1	47.50	23.75
Lab Med & Tech	23	1.0	1321.05	57.44	Urology	15	.7	1098.45	73.23
Legal Medicine	7	.3	420.30	60.04	Veterinary	39	1.8	1844.55	47.30

TOTAL MONOGRAPHS: 2204 100.0% \$126,586.85 \$57.44

TOTAL CONTINUATIONS:
 (Not included above) 854 \$55,603.40 \$65.11

TOTAL (COMBINED): 3058 \$182,190.25 \$59.58

Note: Above figures do not include undergraduate titles.

CUNNINGHAM FELLOWSHIP

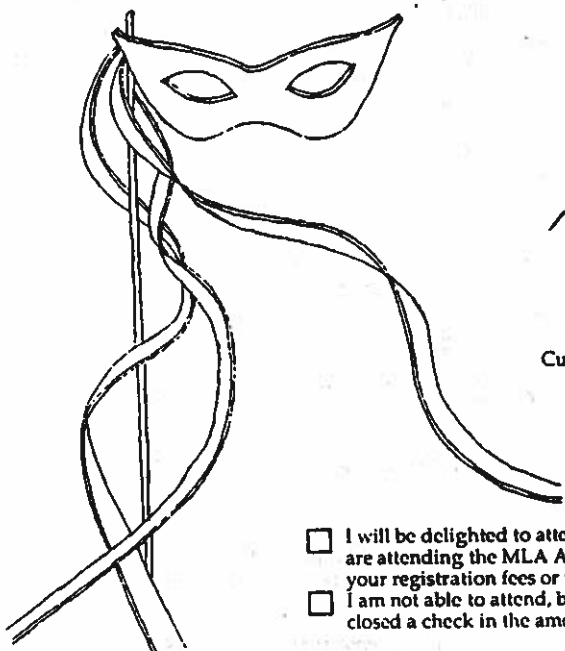
The Cunningham Fellowship is awarded annually by the Medical Library Association to librarians from outside the United States and Canada for six months of supervised work and observation in the two countries. Throughout the existence of the Cunningham, it has brought librarians to the US from such countries as Fiji, Zimbabwe, Australia, India, and China. Many MLA members view the Cunningham as a vital part of our professional responsibility to share our knowledge and expertise with foreign librarians.

The initial endowment for the Cunningham Fellowship has all been spent. The MLA Board of Directors has decided not to finance the Cunningham out of dues income. This means the Cunningham Fellowship will be discontinued in 1988 unless alternative funding can be identified. To continue the Cunningham and to avoid a recurrence of this lack of funds, plans are underway to develop the Endowment Fund for the Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship. It is hoped that this endowment will be large enough to fund the Cunningham from the interest without using any of the principal. The following, reprinted by permission from *MLA News*, announces the start of the fund raising effort for the endowment. If you too feel strongly about the Cunningham, you may want to consider a contribution at this time.

Holly Shipp Buchanan
Cordially Invites You to Attend a Very
Special

Reception and Masquerade Party

to initiate an
Endowment Fund for the
Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24, 1988
Windsor Court Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana

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- I will be delighted to attend, please reserve ___ tickets at \$50 each (if you are attending the MLA Annual Meeting, you may include payment with your registration fees or with this invitation).
 - I am not able to attend, but wish to make a contribution. Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$ _____

Name _____

All contributions are tax-deductible to the amount permitted by law.