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DIVISION ELECTION

Listed below are the candidates for BSD offices for 1986/87. Ballots have been mailed out to all members of the Division by Michael Kronenfeld, Chair of the Nominations Committee. Enclosed with the ballots are short resumes of all the candidates, including education, job history, professional activities, and publications. All ballots must be returned to Mike by Friday, May 23, in order to be counted. Be sure that yours is among them!

For Chair-Elect:

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Head, Science Libraries
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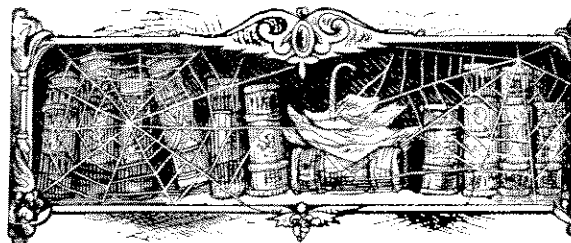
VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

NEW MEMBERS

Special Libraries Association headquarters has informed us of the names of the following new members of the Biological Sciences Division. If any of them are in your area, please be sure to welcome them to the Division and offer your assistance in helping them to become involved with our activities.

Arsenia O. Abetria - New York, NY
Margaret H. Addor - Millbrook, NY
Cynthia D. Brown - Montclair, NJ
Jonathan Alan Carlsen - Chicago, IL
Leslie A. Campbell - Austin, TX
Christine C. Chastain - Wilmington, DE
Dorothy M. Davey - Toronto, Ont, Canada
Melissa L. Dicker - Pennsauken, NJ
Carole M. Duebbert - San Diego, CA
Danute Muraska Gedeika - Hamilton Sq., NJ
Susan E. Hilchey - Argonne, IL
Donna T. Hudson - Charlotte, NC
Frank R. Kellerman - Providence, RI
Daniel McCarty - Ann Arbor, MI
Jeffrey D. Moon - Montreal, PQ, Canada
Monica W. Roberts - Seattle, WA
Kristine M. Scannell - Alexandria, VA
Dorothy P. Sinha - Minneapolis, MN
Robert J. Skarr - Davidsonville, MD
Deborah L. Sparks - Ann Arbor, MI
Tamara Turner - Seattle, WA
Ann M. Willard - San Diego, CA

David Self
Membership Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Elsewhere in this issue you read about the sessions that BSD will be sponsoring for the Boston meeting. We hope that you will find them irresistible and will attend them all! However, don't forget about two other events associated with this meeting: the Division suite and the annual business meeting. The Division suite will be in the Sheraton Boston, the headquarters hotel, and open houses will be held on Sunday afternoon as well as Monday through Wednesday evenings. Please come as often as you can, not only for the free food and drinks but also for the opportunity to meet other members of the Division. Your officers in particular would enjoy the chance to talk with you and hear your opinions about Division matters. Ballen Booksellers and BIOSIS have contributed financial support for our suite and it would be good public relations if as many of you as possible would stop by their booths in the exhibit area and thank them.

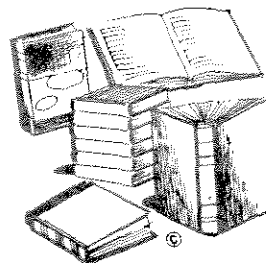
And speaking of Division matters, I urge all of you to make the time to attend the Division business meeting to be held on Tuesday evening. This is your chance to learn something about the workings of the Division and, most importantly, to express your opinion in an official forum. We only have this one business meeting a year and we need to take advantage of this opportunity to meet together as a Division. Your Chair-Elect, Beth Paskoff, and I will be attending the annual Division Cabinet meeting following this business meeting and we would certainly like to feel that we were as aware as possible of your views and interests in order to best represent you.

And speaking of representing you, please note the slate of candidates for next year's officers presented in this issue. Michael Kronenfeld and his Nominating Committee have done a great job in getting good people to agree to run and you owe it to them and to yourselves to vote. After

all, those people who are elected are going to be deciding how to spend your hard-earned money! Seriously, your BSD officers represent your interests to the Association and you deserve someone who is representing you, not just the few (in the past) who have taken the time to vote.

I hope to see you in Boston. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to call me at 301/496-6097 or write to me at the National Library of Medicine.

Karen Patrias



EDITOR'S FEEDBACK...

This is your publication. It should reflect what you, the members of the Division are doing, as well as what the Division as an organization within SLA is doing.

Please share with us. Share what you have done, share what your organization is doing, share reports of meetings by other organizations. Send your contributions to the Editor or the Associate Editor. The addresses are listed on the last page of this issue.

Jacque-Lynne Schulman

BOSTON UPDATE: Meet the Speakers

The Biological Sciences Division (BSD) has worked to provide you with a daily menu of great speakers and events for the Boston meeting. As you will see from the brief descriptions given below, each of these speakers is an expert in his/her own field and promises to give us some interesting and provocative sessions.

Monday, June 9, 2:00-4:30pm

"Socioeconomic Trends and the Provision of Information"

The keynote speaker for this session is Michael Annison, President of the Westrend Group Ltd., Denver. Westrend publishes the Westrend Business and Westrend Health Reports which monitor social, economic, and political change and are designed to assist clients in adapting to the new economy. Prior to forming the Westrend Group, Mr. Annison was Vice-President of the Naisbitt Group, whose research was the basis for the book Megatrends. He is a thought-provoking and dynamic speaker, as those of you who heard his presentation on "Trends: Their Effect on Health and Medical Libraries" at the Medical Library Association meeting in Denver can attest.

This session is being co-sponsored by the Pharmaceutical Division and the Social & Human Resources Section of the Social Sciences Division. They have arranged for the following speakers to succeed Mr. Annison on the program: Thelma Freides, Head of Reader Services at SUNY College at Purchase, NY, will discuss "Cost-Benefit Techniques and Applications" and Naomi Broering, Medical Center Librarian of the Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., will present "Packaging a New Computer Information Service."

Tuesday, June 10, 9:00-Noon

General Session III "Technological Innovations for Excellence"

The Biological Sciences Division has arranged for two of the speakers for this General Session. The first, Harvey Price, is a Harvard-educated attorney who was the founder and first Executive Director of

the Industrial Biotechnology Assn. and is now a private advocate and consultant for commercial biotechnology interests. He lectures frequently on biotechnology topics and has recently served on the Office of Technology Assessment study group on international biotechnology issues. Mr. Price will present "Future Dimensions in Biotechnology."

Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, Director of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University, is the second General Session speaker provided by BSD. He will present "Ethical and Societal Implications of the New Technologies." Dr. Pellegrino received his M.D. from New York University and his distinguished career has included positions as professor of medicine at Yale and president of the Catholic University of America. He is also currently editor of the Journal of Medicine and Philosophy.

Wednesday, June 11, Noon to 2:00pm
Luncheon

Jon Franklin, Pulitzer Prize winning writer for the Baltimore Sun, is our guest speaker. Mr. Franklin is one of the few journalists to have won major awards from both the scientific and journalism communities; the American Chemical Society awarded him the Grady Metal in 1975 and the first Pulitzer ever awarded for feature writing went to Mr. Franklin in 1979 for his dramatic story on brain surgery. In 1985 he won his second Pulitzer for a series of articles for the Sun called "The Mind Fixers," which he wrote to explain the new science of molecular psychiatry. Mr. Franklin's topic for the BSD luncheon is "Trends in Modern Science Journalism."

Thursday, June 12, 8:30am to 6:30pm

Field Trip to Woods Hole Scientific Community

The Natural Resources Division of SLA is the lead group for this trip, which we are co-sponsoring. Woods Hole is a world famous center for marine science and our trip will include the National Marine Fisheries Service Aquarium as well as various laboratories and libraries. It promises to be a great day.

BSD PEOPLE NEWS....

Marilyn Cook, Jo Anne Boorkman, and Erich Meyerhoff were elected to the Nomination Committee of the Medical Library Association.

Ruth E. Fenske is the coauthor of an article entitled "The Use of Jargon in Medical School Libraries", Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 74(1) Jan 1986:12-15.

Rita Fisher is the editor of a three-volume set called Index of Selected Publications of the Washington State University of Agriculture, 1970-1982. It is available from Extension Publications, Washington State University.

Donna B. Flake authored "The National Health Service and Medical Libraries in England in the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 74(1) Jan 1986:6-11.

Jacque-Lynne Schulman and Susan Crawford are co-editors of a symposium "Electronic Publishing and Health Sciences Libraries", Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 74(1) Jan 1986:19-40. JacqueLynne also contributed one of the papers "Electronic Publishing: Implications for Health Sciences Libraries and Librarians" pp. 36-40 of the issue.

Sheryl R. Stevens was appointed Assistant Librarian at the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing Library in Detroit, Michigan.

Mary Edith Wood is the co-author of an article "When Children Die: Death in Current Children's Literature and Its Use in a Library" in Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 74(1) Jan 1986:16-18.

M. Sandra Wood is the editor of Cost Analysis, Cost Recovery, Marketing and Fee-based Services A Guide for the Health Sciences Librarian, Haworth Press, 1985.

1987 CONFERENCE PREVIEW...

At the Winter Meeting in Nashville, we began making plans for the 1987 Annual Conference which will be held in Anaheim. At this point, our plans are to sponsor the following sessions:

Business Aspects of Biotechnology
(with Business and Finance Division
and Pharmacy Division)

Update on Environmental Information
(with Chemistry and Environmental Information Divisions)

Program on pesticides in California
and the implications for the rest of
the country and Canada (with Environmental Information, Natural Resources,
and Chemistry Divisions)

Field trip to Scripps Institute of
Oceanography and/or San Diego Zoo
(with Pharmacy Division)

Possible luncheon program (no topic
yet)

If you have suggestions about possible speakers, or comments about the program, please let me know at 504/388-8511 or drop me a line c/o Middleton Library, LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

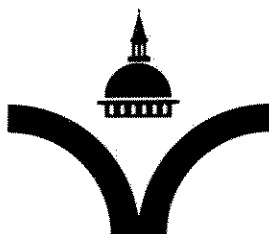
Also, I will be making appointments to Division Committees, including Membership, Public Relations/Career Guidance, Publications, and Professional Development/Program. We will also need a contact in Southern California to serve as Local Arrangements/Hospitality Chair. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please contact me before May 30 at the above telephone/address.

I hope to see many of you at the fine conference planned for Boston.

Beth Paskoff, Chair-Elect

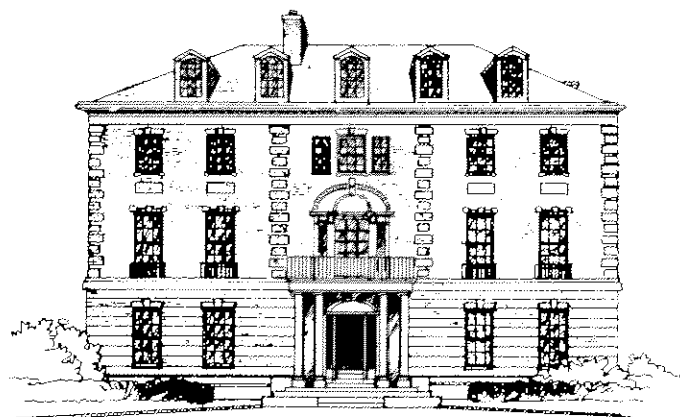
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SPOTLIGHT ON...

PERCY R. HOWE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, FORSYTH DENTAL CENTER, BOSTON

Forsyth Dental Infirmary was founded in 1910 by the Forsyth brothers, Boston businessmen, who were interested in the oral health needs of children. Many adults who lived in the Boston area have childhood memories of their bus trips to Forsyth where they paid a nickel or less to pass through a turnstyle to have their teeth examined, cleaned or repaired.

During the past thirty years, the emphasis has shifted from the clinical areas to research and Forsyth has evolved into the largest independent nonprofit institution in the world devoted to research in oral health. Forsyth is also still involved with the education and patient care related to oral health.

In 1962, the Infirmary changed its name to Forsyth Dental Center to reflect its changing role. The activities of the Center are organized into three parts: The Research Institute which comprises a broad spectrum of basic and applied biomedical research. Some of the areas of current research interest include, bone resorption, the role the immune system plays in periodontal disease, microbial attachment, biogenetics and neurotoxicity testing. A second part of the Center, is the Dental Hygiene School which trains dental hygienists. The third part, is the Forsyth Dental Infirmary, which offers postdoctoral training for dentists interested in pursuing research while furthering their clinical training.

From its inception, Forsyth has been an international magnet for those involved in oral health. In the early years, Forsyth was an international training center for those interested in children's dentistry. More recently the Center has provided postdoctoral training and served as host to visiting scientists and clinicians from countries throughout the world, i.e. Kuwait, France, Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Finland, etc.

The library was established in 1916 to meet the needs of the Research Institute, School for Dental Hygienists, postdoctoral programs and the Dental Infirmary. The second annual report of the infirmary gives a report of the Library and Museum Department, "The present dental and medical library of the infirmary is very complete, consisting of 396 volumes comprising practically all of the standard books upon dental, nose and throat and allied subjects; also several complete volumes of bound dental magazines." Forsyth's first professional librarian began working in 1967. She undertook the reclassification of the collection according to the N.L.M. classification system.

In 1973, the present library was constructed from space that had been used for laboratories and was renamed after Percy R. Howe, Forsyth's second director. The present collection includes 5,000 monographs, and over 12,000 bound periodical titles. We currently subscribe to 200 journals. The collection

contains material in the areas of dentistry, dental hygiene, history of dentistry, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, anthropology, human growth, pharmacology and electron microscopy. The library also has a special collection of rare books and archives, comprised of dental books of early American, English and German authors, the early literature in dental research and a collection of photographs of historically prominent professionals in the dental field. The archives also contains material relating to the history and founding of the Center and some early dental instruments.

We are fortunate to have a formal relationship with Harvard University, through our graduate programs. Harvard's Countway Library of Medicine is located within walking distance and is used heavily to supplement our collection. The library also frequently uses the Regional Medical Library Network to fulfill our borrowing needs.

The library has offered a computerized search service for seven years, using NLM, Dialog, BRS and STN International. The library does not charge back for these services for staff and graduate students at the present time. We also perform computerized searches on a fee basis for outside users. The library has also been advising end-users on purchasing hardware and training them on searching Medline. The library is currently evaluating end-user services such as PaperChase and recently ordered NLM's Grateful Med, a software package aimed at allowing user friendly access to Medline.

The library purchased an IBM PC 2 years ago and upgraded with the addition of a hard disk. We have been working at creating a database for our acquisitions and our serial records, utilizing off-the-shelf database management software. This has been a slow and arduous task because there are no in-house systems analysts. Because of our experience, we are also advising others at Forsyth on the purchase of hardware and software.

The library is open seven days a week to the staff and students. Outside patrons may use the library five days a week and with special permission on weekends.

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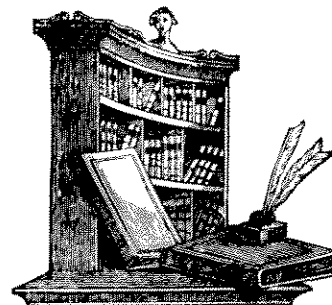
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