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Editors' Feedback

This is the first issue of Biofeedback to run on a calendar year. You may recall that the last volume ran for five issues from Fall 1983 through the end of 1984. When I took the editorship, this change in the newsletter was a promise made to that executive board. The decision was made to have the renamed newsletter run on a calendar year basis in order to save the Division money. In the past the editorship changed every year and moved from city to city for mailing. The bulk mailing fee had to be paid twice each year, January and July. The second change is to get the newsletter out on a more regular basis. Before the name change to Biofeedback, the Special Libraries Association Biological Sciences Division Newsletter was being published two to three times a year. This year there will be four issues dated Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

Among other items in this issue, you will find a report on the Winter meeting and a brief schedule for events at Winnipeg in June by our chair, a letter from our past-chair, a brief look ahead at 1986 in Boston by our chair-elect, and a history of the division from Beth Paskoff. The latter is accompanied by pictures from the 1984 annual meeting as submitted by Doris Bolef. Beth also sent a list of all our past chairs which is printed to honor them during this anniversary year.

The BSD People News column continues. Please send your contributions for this column to the Biofeedback staff (Jean Crampon, editor; Jacqueline-Lynne Schulman, associate editor; and Carolyn Takeuchi, columnist). We want to hear your news.

The Spotlight column gets a strong start with two contributions: one from Mary Jane Gantt on the American Type Culture Collection and one from Vicki Croft on Washington State's Veterinary Medical/Pharmacy Library. Send your suggestions for this column to either Jacqueline-Lynne or Carolyn. All addresses are on the back cover.

The Editor

Notes from the Chair

Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, opened its doors to the Special Libraries Association Winter Meeting, held Tuesday, January 29, through Friday, February 1. The cold weather and sprinkling of snow were overshadowed by the Philadelphia Chapter's hospitality, the historical sites, and the fine food available in the many fine restaurants of the city. The Winter Meeting was followed by SLA's Winter Education Conference February 1 to February 3. The joint scheduling of these two activities allowed attendees of the business meeting to stay over for continuing education courses.

Business conducted at this year's Winter Meeting was both significant and momentous in terms of the future of the Special Libraries Association. Perhaps the most important (and certainly the most surprising) action was the Board's decision to bid on property at 1700 18th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., to serve as SLA's new headquarters. During the Association's building fund drive, which

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has been in progress for several years, the search for property has been limited primarily to a fifty mile radius surrounding New York City. Chapter and Division Cabinet members over the past three to four years have been vocal about extending the search to other geographic areas. Thursday morning the Board voted to extend the search to the Washington, D.C. area, and Friday morning it was announced that a building had been located in Washington, D.C., which suited the Association's needs. David Bender, SLA's Executive Director, had examined the building during ALA's Midwinter Meeting. The building selected is the old American Psychological Association headquarters. SLA plans to use the basement and first two floors, while the third and fourth floors would be rented to another group. If all goes well (the bid accepted and the building renovated), SLA could move its headquarters as early as Summer 1985. More information will be announced in the Specialist.

Another significant item of business was the Board's decision to bring a dues increase before the membership. Proposed increases were \$20 for active and associate members (\$5 retired and \$3 student), for a total of \$75 (\$15 retired and student). Additional chapters/divisions would increase from \$8.25 to \$9.00. A motion for a proposed additional dues increase of \$10 in 1988 was defeated. The proposed dues increase will be discussed by the membership at the annual meeting in Winnipeg. To support the dues increase the Finance Committee presented budget projections for 1985 through 1989, along with an analysis of its effect on Association membership and income. According to the projections, the dues increase is necessary to offset a budget deficit. Budget projections were based on occupancy of a new headquarters after August, 1987, so it is unclear how the Board's actions regarding the purchase of a building in 1985 will affect the budget projections.

Under the chairmanship of Jim Tchobanoff, the Association's Long Range Plan is

now an active document. Jim presented the highlights of the plan to a Joint Cabinet Meeting. Both the presentation, which was accomplished with beautifully produced slides, and the plan itself were well received. Extra copies of the slide presentation will soon be available for loan from SLA headquarters.

Portions of the plan "have been incorporated into action plans and funded for completion in 1984 and 1985. Activities with completion dates of 1986-1989 are plans that may be revised depending on what occurs in the future." The plan involves a mission statement for the Association: "The mission of Special Libraries Association is to advance the leadership role of its members in putting knowledge to work in the Information Society." Five goals are presented, and six issues have been identified and prioritized to achieve the goals: (1) Continuing Education, (2) Public Relations, (3) Membership Services, (4) Finances, (5) Graduate Education and Accreditation, and (6) Chapter and Division programming. Each goal has its own objectives and action plans, along with scheduled dates for implementation and/or completion. The plan will be presented to the Association as a whole, and members will be asked for comments and input at the annual meeting in Winnipeg. A joint Cabinet/Division committee was established to study funding for the Association's Long Range Plan.

Please note, the Division's Long Range Plan is proceeding well. At the Winter Meeting, John Timour, Long Range Planning Committee Chair; Karen Patrias, Chair-Elect; Gretchen Stephens, Director; and myself, met to discuss the Division's preliminary long range plan. John and his committee will be revising the plan before the "final preliminary version" is published in the May Biofeedback. The plan will be discussed at BSD's annual business meeting in Winnipeg.

Another issue which affects BSD members is the vote by the Board to reinstitute sending the Association's Directory to

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all members beginning in 1985. Over the past several years only chapter/division officers and Association officials have received the Directory. A committee to study the publication and distribution of the Directory recommended that it be published as part of Special Libraries and the Joint Cabinet passed this motion; however, while the Board agreed to resume sending it to all members, the methodology was not specified.

Note that, SLA has established a pooled money market fund for chapters and divisions, effective in early 1985. The fund that the Association has selected is the Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust Account Money Market Fund, which is the same that BSD currently uses for its reserve fund. BSD's executive board will investigate whether the new pooled fund has any advantages over the Division's current arrangement and will make a recommendation to the BSD membership at the annual meeting regarding which money market fund to use. Also in the finance area, the Board discussed action at the Fall board meeting which will now require chapters and divisions to submit an unaudited midyear report in June of each year.

The Division Cabinet passed guidelines for the merger and dissolution of divisions, which was in turn passed by the Board. The need for such guidelines was prompted by the concern about several small divisions which had been contemplating either merger or dissolution. Another item of business which caused concern among Division Cabinet members was the Association's proposal for Division Co-sponsored Continuing Education Courses. Under the proposal, the division would develop the course and pay the speaker; the Association would absorb costs such as publicity, room arrangements, and basic AV requirements. "Net" profits would then be distributed 70% to the Association and 30% to the division. The Division Cabinet was concerned that divisions were asked to pay speaker costs "up front" rather than having these costs included in the expenses which determined "net" profits. An additional concern was

the 70-30 split since the course, once developed by the division, was available for use again by the Association, and the split on profits seemed inequitable. Action on Division Co-sponsored CE Courses was tabled until June.

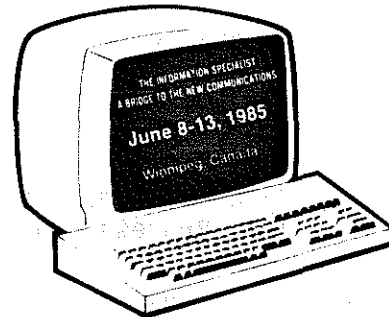
Any Biological Science Division member wishing to comment on the business reported above is invited to contact me. Space precludes a full report of business conducted at the Winter Meeting. Much of the business will also be summarized in the Specialist. I will be happy to provide a more complete report of the business meeting to any BSD member who is interested.

Submitted by: M. Sandra Wood, Chair

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

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Annual Meeting

The Biological Sciences Division plans for the Winnipeg Conference were finalized at the SLA Winter Meeting in Philadelphia. Meetings and open houses are noted below; these plans will be listed again in the May Biofeedback in a convenient "tear out" page. BSD members are reminded that the Division suite is the Deluxe Suite in the Sheraton Winnipeg; you may wish to stay in the same hotel for convenience. The Association was unable to make arrangements with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet; therefore, the Social Event (fundraiser) will be a dinner and

"Folklorama" on Sunday evening. Association-wide field trips are listed below with BSD's program.

Sunday, June 9 4:00-6:30p.m. Open House, Division Suite

Monday, June 9 1:30-3:30p.m. Acid Rain Information Resources
Speakers: Frederick Stoss, Center for Environmental Information; Gloria Caton, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Doug Leadenham, Electric Power Research Institute; and Gerald Nobrega, Quebec Department of Environment
5:00-8:00p.m. Open House in Division Suite

Tuesday, June 11 2:00-4:00p.m. End User Searching in the Sciences
Speakers: Bonnie Snow, DIALOG Information Services; Susan Budavari, Merck and Company; and Sara McGarty, DIALOG Information Services
5:00-6:00p.m. BSD Business Meeting, Division Suite
6:00-8:00p.m. Open house, Division Suite

Wednesday, June 12 3:00-4:30p.m. The Stereotype and Other Professional Problems
Speaker: Pauline Wilson, University of Tennessee
5:00-8:00p.m. Open House, Division Suite

Association-Wide Field Trips:

Saturday, June 8 6:00-10:00p.m. Evening Cruise of Winnipeg

Thursday, June 13 9:00-4:30p.m. Visit to Lower Fort Garry National Historical Park

Thursday, June 13 9:30-1:30p.m. Assiniboine Park and Osborne Village

Thursday, June 13 9:00-5:00p.m. Rural Manitoba Excursion

Hope to see you in Winnipeg!

Submitted by: M. Sandra Wood, Chair

As the former Chair of the Biological Sciences Division, I still remember the many hours I spent planning the annual conference programs.

I quickly found that it was virtually impossible to plan for the BSD alone. For one thing, the costs were beyond our means. Furthermore, our Division alone did not have access to a sufficiently wide variety of speakers, nor could we provide a large enough audience at the annual meeting to make it worth the speaker's time. I soon learned that a group of Divisions gravitated to each other year after year to sponsor joint programs. Among them, there is considerable overlap in areas of interest. For example, in planning programs for last year's annual meeting the following Divisions had no difficulty in finding topics of mutual interest: the Environmental Information, Food and Nutrition, Natural Resources, and Pharmaceutical Divisions.

It seems to me that one or more of these Divisions, and our own, could merge into one Division for our mutual benefit. Such a merger would strengthen our annual conference programs and enable us to offer other programs, due to the increased membership base with an accompanying increase in financial resources. Although problems of jurisdiction and responsibility for equitable attention to differing specialties would arise, I think that organizational structures could be designed and solutions found that would improve the services such an enlarged Division would make possible.

If you have any thoughts on this issue, please write:

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Submitted by: Doris Bolef, Past-Chair



50th Anniversary Reception, NY Hilton, June 1984
 (Left to right) George Ginader, Doris Bolef, M. Sandra Wood, and Fred Roper

History of BSD

When SLA was founded in 1909, there were no subject divisions; it was not until 1923 that "groups" were established. In that year, a Technology Group was organized which represented all aspects of the pure and applied sciences. During the 1934 Annual Conference, 19 medical librarians met to discuss the advisability of requesting that the SLA Executive Board establish a Group "representing their special needs." Their petition, dated June 30, 1934, referred to a Medical Health Section, but the name was later changed to the Biological Sciences Group. A broad interpretation of biological sciences was used, and the Group included all of the fields that are covered in Biological Abstracts. Frank Place, Reference Librarian at the New York Academy of Medicine was selected as the first chair; Josephine Nichols of Cornell University Medical School and Mildred Naylor, Librarian of the Academy of Medicine of Northern New Jersey, were

chosen as Vice-Chair and Secretary, respectively.

At the 1935 Annual Conference in Boston, Biological Sciences Group meetings were held at the Boston Medical Library, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Library, and the Harvard Medical Library. The programs ranged from discussions of book selection and weeding to those three perennial interests: "How to Sell Your Library," "What I Do Different from Standard Practice," and "Economies, Good and Bad." The Group continued to meet at the Annual conferences during the remainder of the 1930's, discussing interlibrary loan of originals v. photostats or microfilm, and offering programs in conjunction with the New York World's Fair.

As in any organization, a few rough spots were encountered in the early years. Anna Holt, the 1937-38 Chair, noted that she was appointed to that position "with-

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out previous consultation and consent." A nominating committee was appointed the following year. In 1939, Estelle Brodman offered two suggestions to "obviate the annual undignified scramble to find individuals capable and willing to take the various offices." It was agreed that the vice-chair would succeed the chair and that an advisory board would be established to improve the situation.

In 1939, with the Group's membership at about 200, the first bulletin, The Group-lighter, was issued. The Group also published Special Collections and Services in Biological Sciences Libraries, with contributions from 163 libraries. The 1943 meeting included a symposium on wartime activities and ideas for post-war streamlining of scientific publications. The war, however, was not the only problem that confronted the Group at this time. A request had been made in 1938 to form a hospital medical library section within the Group, and a similar suggestion was made in an early issue of The

Grouplighter. In 1944, a new Hospital and Nursing Libraries Group was established in spite of objections from the chair of the Biological Sciences Group. At the Annual Conference the troubled history of the Group was discussed, new officers were elected, a general policy for programs was decided upon and, in accordance with SLA's new policies that year, the name was changed to the Biological Sciences Division. With this new lease on life the BSD faced its future.

During the 1950's, BSD emphasized the preparation of a good program for each SLA Annual Conference, and the dissemination of advance information and publicity through the bulletin, which was now called The Reminder. Meetings were held in such diverse locations as the Mayo Clinic and Brookhaven National Laboratories. In 1954 a membership directory was published, and a Division Manual of Procedure was prepared. The membership continued to increase, so that by 1958 the BSD was the fourth largest SLA division.



BSD co-sponsored meeting, NY Annual Conference
(Standing left to right) Doris Bolef, Carolyn Mitchell, Alan Hill, and Lawrence Mosher. (Seated left to right) Anne LaBastille and Olivia Kredel

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The Hospital Division (formerly the Hospital and Nursing School Group) held some joint meetings with the BSD, and in 1960 they merged to recreate a larger and stronger *Biological Sciences Division*.

In the 1960's, the Division published another book, Information Sources for the Biological Sciences and Allied Fields, and The Reminder was so successful that it was one of the three SLA publications indexed in Library Literature. The 1970's were a time of stability and maturity for the Division. [In 1973 the Special Libraries Association Biological Sciences Division Newsletter began. It continued under that name for ten years. In 1983*] the bulletin was renamed, this time as Biofeedback, and a student paper competition was introduced which enabled the Division to sponsor a student member at the Annual Conference.

In looking back over these 50 years, it is clear that it has been committed individuals who have made the Division possible: the original petitioners, the people who have served as chairs, vice-chairs, secretaries, treasurers, and committee members. We owe a special debt to the people who kept the Division together when half the members wanted to dissolve it and to those who brought the Nursing Division back to BSD. Some members have gone beyond the Division in their service to SLA: two members have served as SLA President, Irene Strieby Shreve (1947-48) and Winifred Sewell (1960-61). Mrs Shreve also received the SLA Professional Award in 1956 and was inducted into the SLA Hall of Fame in 1959. Many other members never had their names in the minutes of the meetings, but it was their interest and involvement that brought the Biological Sciences Division through its first 50 years. Commitment of this sort will ensure the celebration of the Division's centennial in 2034.

Submitted by: Beth Paskoff

A condensed version of the paper read by Beth at the 50th Anniversary celebration.

*Editor's correction.

Beth also sent this list of BSD chairs:

- 1934-35 Frank Place, New York Academy of Medicine
- 1935-36 James F. Ballard, Boston Medical Library
- 1936-37 Helen Bayne, New York University Medical School and Bellevue Hospital
- 1937-38 Anna C. Holt, Harvard Medical School
- 1938-39 Irene Strieby, Eli Lilly Research Laboratories
- 1939-41 Estelle Brodman, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York
- 1941-42 Grace Van Nostrand Raschke, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York
- 1942-43 Marion Kappes, Childrens' Memorial Hospital, Chicago
- 1943-44 V.N. Rimsky-Korsakoff, General Foods Corp., Hoboken, N.J.
- 1944-45 Elizabeth Weissinger, Miles Laboratories, Elkhart, Indiana
- 1945-46 Florence Roberts, William R. Warner Co.
- 1946-47 Alice M. Purington, Veterinary College, Cornell University
- 1947-48 Jennie R. Greenbaum, Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago
- 1948-50 James F. Ballard, Boston Medical Library
- 1950-51 Florence Cooksley, Washington Institute of Medicine, Washington, D.C.
- 1951-52 Marjorie Henderson, Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn
- 1952-53 Valborg Jacoby, Anheuser-Busch, Inc., St. Louis
- 1953-54 Eva R. Hawkins, National Health Library, New York
- 1954-55 Marion Patterson, Academy of Medicine, Toronto
- 1955-56 Karl A. Raer, American Pharmaceutical Association, Washington, DC
- 1956-57 Irene Campbell, Kettering Research Lab, College of Medicine, Cincinnati
- 1957-58 Lillian Hamrick, Library of Congress
- 1958-59 Charles C. Colby, Boston Medical Library
- 1959-60 Margaret Hughes, University of Oregon Medical School, Portland
- 1960-61 Ardis Engle, Western Reserve Biological Sciences Library, Cleveland

- 1961-62 Effie B. Lunsford, USPHS Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta
 1962-63 Genevieve Cole, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston
 1963-64 William Beatty, Northwestern University School of Medicine, Chicago
 1964-65 Joan Titley, University of Louisville School of Medicine
 1965-66 Irene Graham, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson
 1966-67 Ethelyn Rafish, Reiss-Davis Clinic for Child Guidance, Los Angeles
 1967-68 Esther E. Norton, Robert A. Taft Sanitary Eng. Center, Cincinnati
 1968-69 Kathryn S. Forrest, Ag Experiment Station, Riverside
 1969-70 Hilda Maclean, National Science Library, Ottawa
 1970-71 Patricia Powell, California State Fisheries Lab, San Pedro
 1971-72 Alberta D. Berton, College of Physicians, Philadelphia
 1972-73 Carroll F. Reynolds, University of Pittsburgh
 1973-74 Caroline Morris, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia
 1974-75 Thomas G. Basler, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta
 1975-76 James H. Parrish, University of Illinois, Chicago
 1976-77 John A. Timour, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia
 1977-78 Tena Crenshaw, University of Florida Health Sciences Library, Gainesville
 1978-79 Thomas Rees, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY
 1979-80 Susan Gensel, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories
 1980-81 Rita Kane, University of California, Berkeley
 1981-82 Sara Hill, St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, MO
 1982-83 Elisabeth Davis, Biology Library University of Illinois, Urbana
 1983-84 Doris Bolef, Rush Medical College Library, Chicago
 1984-85 M. Sandra Wood, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, the Pennsylvania State University, Hershey
 1985-86 Karen Patrias, National Library of Medicine

The 1986 Annual Meeting of SLA will be held in Boston. Preliminary planning sessions for the conference began at the Winter Meeting in Philadelphia. The Biological Sciences Division is considering sponsorship and co-sponsorship of the following topics: Bioethics, discussing such areas as animal experimentation and organ transplantation; a luncheon presentation by the editor of the New England Journal of Medicine, including plans for electronic publishing and free text retrieval; societal and other trends in this country and how they affect libraries; and an update of our successful New York Biotechnology session. If you have any ideas to contribute or recommendations for speakers, call or write: Karen Patrias, Chair-Elect, 301-496-6097, National Library of Medicine

Submitted by: Karen Patrias, Chair-Elect

Spotlight on

This begins the first Spotlight on column. There are two contributions; please send comments and suggestions to the Associate Editor or the columnist listed on the back of this Biofeedback issue.

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The American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) is a private, non-profit research organization dedicated to the collection, preservation, maintenance, and distribution of type and reference strains of algae, bacteria, cell lines, fungi, plasmids, protozoa, and viruses. The "type strain" of a microorganism is the one on which the description of the species is based, the one to which all others of that species are compared. In addition to type strains, the ATCC collects other strains which have interesting or useful characteristics or were isolated from interesting or clinically significant sources. The strains may be isolated from the environment, derived in the laboratory using chemical (or other) mutagens, or constructed by one or more genetic recombination techniques. They are

useful in industry (e.g., production of antibiotics, enzymes, organic acids; brewing; cheesemaking), medicine (e.g., cancer research, drug development, antibiotic sensitivity testing), and agriculture (e.g., biological control of diseases and pests, development of disease-resistant plant varieties, mushroom cultivation), as well as in teaching the next generation of scientists.

The position of Information Scientist was created seven years ago to assist the Managing Editor in the production of the catalogues and to manage the library. The cataloguing task involves abstracting, indexing, editing, and proofreading the data pertaining to the 37,000 strains of microorganisms, viruses, and cell lines in the Collection, (i.e., preparing a printed catalogue of all these non-book materials, as well as creating and maintaining the in-house index-card and computer files used by sales and laboratory staff). Newly accessioned strains come with their complement of deposition forms, correspondence, laboratory data, reprints, and patents. New uses for older strains are cited in the journal literature. Names of organisms change as a result of new major taxonomic treatises.

Significant findings are reported from our laboratories and those of our depositors. All these new data must be reviewed, abstracted into standard format, and manipulated into revised files and updated catalogues and indexes.

The ATCC Donovan Library serves the varied needs of the 120 people on the ATCC staff with material on all aspects of microbiology, cell culture, biotechnology, laboratory safety and management, microbial systematics, cryopreservation, etc. The collection contains an estimated 4,000 books, 130 current serial subscriptions, and large departmental reprint collections. Online search services and several large federal libraries nearby augment local holdings. The library staff consists of one full-time Library Aide, one part-time microfilmer, and the Information Scientist who divides her time between the catalogues and the li-

brary. The library is open to ATCC staff and to outside researchers who have the written permission of the Director.

For more information about the ATCC or for copies of our catalogues and newsletters, write the American Type Culture Collection, 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852.

Submitted by:

Mary Jane Gantt, Information Scientist. Ms Gantt is a member of the BSD and is past chair of the Group in the Washington Chapter.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY'S VETERINARY MEDICAL / PHARMACY LIBRARY

Washington State University's Veterinary Medical/Pharmacy Library is unique in that it is the only non-medical school library which serves the schools of Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine concurrently. This combined library, formerly the Veterinary Medical Library, came into existence in December of 1981 with the absorption of the Pharmacy Departmental Library and transfer of related collections into the newly renovated and enlarged library quarters of Wegner Hall.

The library's 44,000 volumes represent a wide diversity of subject areas and subspecialties. Its nearly 900 journal subscriptions include titles such as JNCI, European Heart Journal, Experimental and Molecular Pathology, Journal of Immunology, Feline Practice, Equine Veterinary Journal, Llama World, Clinical Pharmacokinetics, and Drug Topics. While veterinary titles and basic science monographs and journals comprise readily identifiable parts of our collection, the majority (perhaps 70%) of the total collection consists of human medical materials, (e.g., items falling into "R" classifications).

Although most people find it obvious that a large portion of a pharmacy library would be clinical medical literature, most people fail to appreciate the

importance of the "human" literature to the veterinary field. Because veterinary medicine is basically the application of medicine to animals other than man, veterinary clinicians find it not only convenient, but essential, to draw from the findings and techniques of "human" medicine.

Because of the importance of medical literature to the library's clientele, it should not be surprising that the single most popular database among both the pharmacy and veterinary faculty, staff, and students is MEDLINE. While the veterinary field has its "own" index (Index Veterinarius), and its corresponding database (CAB Abstracts), both of which are invaluable sources in many clinical situations, MEDLINE and Index Medicus claim a good following, especially among researchers. Factors such as cost, ease of use, availability, and, of course, biomedical literature coverage contribute to their popularity. Likewise, pharmacists find MEDLINE and Index Medicus to be extremely useful, although International Pharmaceutical Abstracts can prove to be very useful in many situations. Last year nearly 700 computer search questions were handled by the Veterinary Medical/Pharmacy Library, with the majority being run on the MEDLINE database.

Due to the uniqueness of the library's subject holdings as well as its diverse clientele, the reference questions received are varied as well as unusual. Questions relating to topics such as "French molt," "bumblefoot," or "diets for flying squirrels" are not out the ordinary, nor are queries on the "chemotherapy of leprosy" or "the use of yohimbine (from yams) as an aphrodisiac." Computer search requests for information on "surgical procedures for a gastropexy," "effects of stress on the immune system," or "DNA restriction, enzymes, and herpesviruses" are typical. Among our clientele are practicing veterinarians, clinical pharmacists, attorneys, and local physicians. Of course, the faculty, staff, and students of our own two colleges are frequent library users,

as are a number of biomedical researchers from other parts of the WSU campus.

The University's decision that the College of Pharmacy and the Department of Veterinary Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology would be joint occupants of Wegner Hall, where several common working facilities could be shared, served as the initial impetus for the merger of the two collections. From the library's standpoint, the consolidation has proved to be fortunate, as the faculty, staff, and students of these two colleges do, indeed, share many of the same academic and research interests. However, each college also has its own special interests and needs. The result is a library which has a unique function as a specialized, yet diverse, source of biomedical information.

Submitted by: Vicki Croft, Head
Veterinary Medical/Pharmacy Library
Washington State University, Pullman, WA

BSD People News

JoAnne Boorkman, former Head of Collection Development at the Health Sciences Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is now Public Services Librarian at the Health Sciences Library at University of California, Davis. Donna B. Flake, Head of Reference at the Health Sciences Library of East Carolina University in Greenville, NC, exchanged jobs for six months at the Wessex Medical Library at the University of Southampton, Southampton, England.

Frances Flynn, University of Queensland Health Science Library, was Library Advisor for six weeks to Shandong Medical College, Jinan, Shandong Province, People's Republic of China.

Ruth Grundy, at the University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute is co-editor of Year of the Oceans: Science of Information Handling, the report of the 10th Annual Conference of the International Association of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers held at Woods Hole, MA, October 2-5, 1984.

Carol Hert is now reference and technical services librarian in the Science-Engineering Library, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

Richard Jizba is now liaison librarian for the Agricultural Library at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Emma Lou Kopp has retired from the Clendenning Library, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO.

Jacque-Lynne Schulman, formerly Assistant Head, National Library of Medicine's Reference Section, has been appointed Head of Circulation and Control Services, Reference Services Division.

Terri Singer was appointed Information Services Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Joan E. Stark, formerly at the American Medical Association in Washington, D.C., is now Extension Services Coordinator at McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha.

Please welcome the following new members:

Wanda E. Anderson
Boston, MA

Linda A. Bickham
Palo Alto, CA

Amy M. Debrower
Laurel, MD

Joanna Eickenhorst
Farmington, CT

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Nominations

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for consideration for Biological Sciences Division offices, 1985-86.

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Rita C. Fisher
Librarian
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Director

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Medicine
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Blacker-Wood Library of Zoology and
Ornithology
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Ballots, including candidate information, will be sent out by first class mail in March. The current mailing labels from SLA Headquarters will be used.

If members have any questions or problems, they may write:

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CONTRIBUTORS

Deadline for the next issue is April 19, 1985. All contributors please send copy by this date. Articles, reports, letters, and other materials should be no longer than 2-3 double-spaced pages. Please contribute to Biofeedback. Thank you.

Remember to send your contributions for BSD People News and Spotlight on columns to: Jacque-Lynne Schulman, 5964 Ranleigh Manor Drive, McLean, VA 22101, 301-496-5511 or Carolyn Takeuchi, Owen Science and Engineering Library, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-3200, 509-335-2671.

Send comments, complaints, compliments, and suggestions to the Biofeedback Editor at the address below.

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