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Editors' Feedback

In this issue you will find a special "tear out" center section with information on the schedule for Winnipeg. BSD members attending the Annual Meeting should take this section with them.

Please read the report of the Long Range Planning Committee (See p. 2). The report will be a matter of of considerable interest at the BSD Business Meeting. See the Notes from the Chair for her thoughts as to where we have come this year.

There is an article on Winnipeg for you to learn something about the city. For those of us who have never spent much time in Canada, this is a special opportunity to learn about a city of historical and cultural interest (See p. 10).

The Spotlight column this issue has a report on the Kennedy Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction and Bioethics. Send your suggestions for future columns to either Jacque-Lynne Schulman, Associate Editor, or Carolyn Takeuchi, Columnist. The BSD People News column continues. Please send your contributions for this column to the Biofeedback staff: Jean Crampon, editor, Jacque-Lynne, or Carolyn. We want to hear your news. All addresses are on the inside back cover.

Please let the Editors know how you feel about Biofeedback. Do you read the new columns? Do you have any suggestions to improve them? Do you have any suggestions for advertizers?

Please contribute to your newsletter.

The Editor

Notes from the Chair

At the beginning of the year, I established three priorities: membership, long range planning, and the newsletter. I believe that we have met or exceeded goals established for these priorities. Membership has held steady this year, the Division's Long Range Plan is in preliminary form, Biofeedback has successfully expanded its size, and advertising is now accepted for Biofeedback. Additionally, the Division is in excellent financial shape, the student essay contest was again conducted this year, election of new officers is underway, and the annual program for Winnipeg is set. I would like to thank all of the officers, committee chairmen, and committee members who have helped to make this a successful and productive year.

Since we just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Biological Sciences Division, a priority for this year was long range planning to set the Division on a purposeful course for the next five years. John Timour and his committee have been working on a plan intended to be flexible, thereby allowing future BSD chairmen to set priorities and goals which will fulfill BSD's mission statement. The plan is intended to support and complement SLA's overall Long Range Plan. The preliminary Long Range Plan is included in this newsletter and will be a major item of discussion at the annual business meeting. Please take time to read the plan. If you are unable to attend the Winnipeg meeting, please send your comments on the plan to John Timour or myself by May 31, 1985.

By now most members will have made their decision on whether to attend the meeting

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in Winnipeg. Information about the city is included elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. For those who will be at the annual meeting, a convenient "tear out" section is in the center of this newsletter; it summarizes BSD-sponsored meetings and highlights overall Association sessions and events. Please let me know at the meeting if this "tear out" section is useful. I certainly hope that we will have an excellent turnout of BSD members for the meeting.

See you in Winnipeg!

Submitted by: M. Sandra Wood, Chair

Long Range Plan Draft

Following this preface is a draft of the Long Range Plan for the Biological Sciences Division for 1985-1990. This draft is presented for your review and comment; it will be discussed in detail at the 1985 BSD Business Meeting in Winnipeg. The draft was assembled and revised by the Long Range Planning Committee: Karen J. Patrias, Steven Carter-Lovejoy, Nancy S. Selzer, and John A. Timour, Chair.

During an October, 1984, conference call the Committee established the need for a mission statement, and decided to use Elisabeth Davis' 1984 questionnaire summary as the basis for a set of objectives. The initial effort was reviewed by BSD members attending the Philadelphia Midwinter Meeting--Sandra Wood, Beth Paskoff, Karen Patrias, and Gretchen Stephens. The revision was then distributed to the Committee and debated in March, 1985, during a second conference call.

The result is now presented to you, the members. Please consider its usefulness to the Biological Sciences Division and to you as a member of the Division. This is a document in preparation--you may be able to improve it. If you will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please forward your comments to John or Sandy, who will be sure that they get discussed.

REVISED DRAFT Biological Sciences Division Special Libraries Association LONG RANGE PLAN 1985-1990

Mission

The mission of the Biological Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association is to further the objectives of the Association by providing representation and support for those professionals concerned with the provision of information services in the life sciences.

Division Goals

In keeping with the mission and the By-laws, the Division will:

- *Create and maintain a positive climate within the Division which will attract new members and retain present members.
- *Encourage increased student interest in biological sciences librarianship.
- *Facilitate communication among Division members.
- *Provide programming and education for the members.
- *Maintain a sound financial balance between services offered and funds available.

Five-year Objective

1. Form a Programming & Education Committee in the Division.
2. Establish a Publications Committee which will:
 - a. Sponsor a special issue of Special Libraries.
 - b. Explore publication avenues.
3. Poll chapters on the formation of local groups after analyzing members' zip codes to identify "clusters."
4. Plan and publicize willingness to co-sponsor or conduct joint local programming.
5. Continue student stipend to Association's Annual Meeting and co-ordinate with other Divisions offering similar awards.
6. Conduct a membership needs assessment every five years.

Submitted: Long Range Planning Committee
John A. Timour, Chair

BSD People News

Alison Baker, formerly Medical Reference Librarian at the University of Chicago, became Director of the Joan Staats Library, Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME.

Doris Bolef, Director of the Library at Rush University, Chicago, IL, and past-chair of BSD, is the Book Review Editor for the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association beginning in 1985.

Susan Crawford, Director of the Library at the Washington University School of Medicine was co-author of "Evaluating the Impact of Library Services on the Quality and Cost of Medical Care," Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 73(1):43-46, Jan. 1985.

Trudy Gardner wrote a review of The Librarian's Guide to Microcomputer Technology and Applications by Lawrence Woods and Nolan Pope in the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 73(1):73, Jan. 1985.

Barbara Halbrook, the Associate Director of the Library at the Washington University School of Medicine, co-authored "BACS: Evolution of an Integrated Library System Toward Information Management," Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 73(1):9-14, Jan. 1985.

Diane Johnson is now Head of Reference Services at the Engineering and Mathematical Sciences Library, at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Debra Ketchell is now coordinator of the Washington Health Information Service at the University of Washington Health Sciences Library, Seattle, WA.

Bonnie Mack is now Health Science Information Network Coordinator at the University of Wyoming's Laramie Projects Office Library, Laramie, WY. She also published a book review of MASA: Medical Acronyms, Symbols and Abbreviations, edited by Betty Hamilton and Barbara Guidos, Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 73(1):78-9, Jan. 1985.

M. Frances McManimon retired from St. Joseph's Hospital, Milwaukee, WI.

Pamela Puryear is now Director of the Tobacco Literature Service at North Caro-

lina State University, Raleigh, NC.

Britain G. Roth wrote "Moving a Medical Center Library," Special Libraries 76(1):31-4, Winter 1985.

Julie Virgo was elected President-elect of the American Society for Information Science.

Gail Yokote wrote a review of Online Information Systems: Use and Operating Characteristics, Limitations, and Design Alternatives by Brenda Gerrie, Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 73(1):73-4, Jan. 1985.

Please welcome the following new members:

Joyce S. Allen
Indianapolis, IN
Elizabeth J. Berg
Baton Rouge, LA
John D. Burlinson
Austin, TX
Lois O. Clark
Long Beach, CA
Joan A. Clausz
Waukesha, WI
Marsha O. Cole
Kansas City, MO
Joanne Crispin
Evanston, IL
Snowdy Dodson
Van Nuys, CA
Nancy Douglas-Payne
Tucson, AZ
Victoria M. Dziadosz
Pittsburgh, PA
Terry S. Eagle
New York, NY
Howertine L. Farrell-Duncan
Rockville, MD
Rita C. Fisher
Pullman, WA
Janice A. Folen Fisher
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Jennifer J. Gallant
Bay Village, OH
Claude P. Goodrich
Pacific Palisades, CA
James H. Graves
Urbana, IL
Cathy C. Greene
Charlestown, MA

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Madison, WI
Bethany A. Heinlen
Lansing, MI
Ann M. Hoffman
Boulder, CO
Ruth A. Irwin
New Castle, DE
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Harriet P. Schick
Wayne, NJ
Harriet E. Schnoor
Chicago, IL
Rose B. Smith
Whitewater, WI
Rhonda S. Snelson
Downers Grove, IL
Sandra K. Springs
Greensboro, NC
Nora Stamboulieh
St-Laurent PQ, Canada
Marla Stoner
Gaithersburg, MD
Jennifer B. Sutliff
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Chapel Hill, NC
Patricia A. Tomasulo
New York, NY
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New Haven, CT
Deborah C. West
The Woodlands, TX
Pamela A. Zager
Baton Rouge, LA

It has been brought to the Editor's attention that Emma Lue Kopp retired from the University of Kansas Medical Center, not the University of Missouri. Sorry for the error.

Spotlight on

B I O - W H A T ?

A SPECIAL LIBRARY
AND INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM
FOR A NEW DISCIPLINE

One of the first persons to use the term "bioethics" was probably Van Renssalaer Potter, who published the book Bioethics: Bridge to the Future in 1971, and the term is included in the Barnhart Dictionary of New English Since 1963, published in 1973. The latter work defines bioethics as "the study of ethical problems involved in biological research with organ transplantation, genetic engineering, artificial insemination, etc." In fact, the Dictionary referred to the Joseph and Rose Kennedy Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction and Bioethics, established at Georgetown University in 1971 by Andre E. Hellegers, M.D. Since that time the Kennedy Institute, with its Center for Bioethics in particular, has played an important role in the further definition and development of this new interdisciplinary field of study through its scholarly research, teaching program, publication of the award-winning Encyclopedia of Bioethics (Free Press, 1978, 1982), and information activities.

With funding from private and public sources--chiefly the National Library of Medicine; the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation; Georgetown University; and the National Endowment of the Humanities--the Bioethics Library and Bioethics Information Retrieval Project were inaugurated in 1973. Together the Library and Information Retrieval Project staff members have sought to identify, acquire, catalog, index, and make available the literature of this newly-emerging discipline. After more than a decade of work in this area, the Kennedy Institute now houses the world's largest collection of bioethics literature, and offers bibliographic control of the literature through the database BIOETHICS-LINE and its print counterpart, the annual Bibliography of Bioethics. (See p. 9)

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CONFERENCE GUIDE

JUNE 9, 1985 (SUNDAY)

4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. OPEN HOUSE*

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JUNE 10, 1985 (MONDAY)

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ACID RAIN INFORMATION RESOURCES (Cosponsored by Environmental Information, Natural Resources, and Public Utilities Divisions)

Panelists: Frederick W. Stoss, Acid Rain Information Clearinghouse,
Center for Environmental Information, Inc., Rochester, NY
"Searching for Information in a Multi-Disciplinary Subject"

Gloria Canton, Information and Analysis Section, Oak Ridge
National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN
"Acid Precipitation Research Inventory Database"

Doug Leadenham, Environmental Control Systems, Electric
Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, CA
"Emissions Reduction Analysis Model"

Gerald Nobrega, Documentation Center, Department of
Environment, Ste. Foy, Canada
"ACIDOQ, a Bilingual Bibliographic Database"

5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. OPEN HOUSE*, with Environmental Information and
Natural Resources Divisions
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JUNE 11, 1985 (TUESDAY)

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. END USER SEARCHING IN THE SCIENCES (Cosponsored
by Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Divisions)

Speakers: Bonnie Snow, DIALOG Information Services, Inc.
Susan Budavari, Merck & Company
Sara McGarty, DIALOG Information Services, Inc.

The role of the information specialist as search inter-
mediary is changing as library users begin to access
online information retrieval systems directly. This
session will explore future trends and implications for
the librarian as educator and consultant for end user
searchers. Emphasis will be placed on the special needs
of the biomedical, chemical, and pharmaceutical sciences.

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING (DIVISION SUITE)

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. OPEN HOUSE*
Sponsored by BIOSIS

*Open houses are in the Division Suite, the Deluxe Suite, Sheraton Winnipeg

DAILY CONFERENCE GUIDE (continued)

JUNE 12, 1985 (WEDNESDAY)

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. THE STEREOTYPE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL PROBLEMS

Speaker: Pauline Wilson, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Tennessee

A discussion of the major problems of the stereotype, the deprofessionalization of librarians, and the future survivability of librarians as an occupational group in an age of increasing technology.

5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. OPEN HOUSE*

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General Sessions

JUNE 10, 1985 (MONDAY) General Session I: THE HIGH TECH REVOLUTION

JUNE 11, 1985 (TUESDAY) General Session II: THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS VARIETY AND IMPACT

Conference-Wide Special Events

Fundraising Event:

JUNE 9, 1985 (SUNDAY)

6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Folklorama

Field Trips:

JUNE 8, 1985 (SATURDAY)

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Evening Cruise of Winnipeg

JUNE 13, 1985 (THURSDAY)

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visit to Lower Fort Garry National Historic Park

JUNE 13, 1985 (THURSDAY)

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Assiniboine Park and Osborne Village

JUNE 13, 1985 (THURSDAY)

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rural Manitoba Excursion

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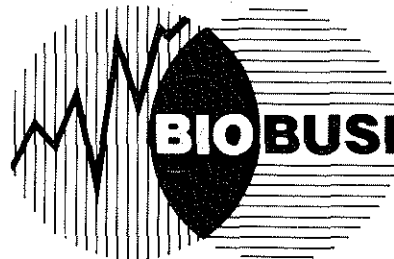
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JUNE 9, 1985 (SUNDAY) 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 10, 1985 (MONDAY) 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(Joint with Environmental Information and
Natural Resources Divisions)

JUNE 11, 1985 (TUESDAY) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(Following 5:00 p.m. Business Meeting in the
Division Suite)

JUNE 12, 1985 (WEDNESDAY) 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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The collections of the Bioethics Library include 10,000 books on bioethics, ethics, and applied ethics; twelve years of over 100 journals that have contributed significantly to the literature of bioethics; and a cataloged document file of 35,000 items. In addition, private donations have made possible the establishment of the Shriver Collection of Christian Ethics and the Kampelman Collection of Jewish Ethics.

Publications of the Library include New Titles in Bioethics, a monthly, classified listing of acquisitions (annual cumulations are also available); and the Scope Notes series, informative bibliographic essays on topics of intense current interest written by Judith Adams (Mistichelli). Recent Scope Notes titles are: "Ethics Committees in Hospitals," "Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs) and the Prospective Payment System," and "Baby Fae: Ethical Issues Surrounding Cross-Species Organ Transplantation."

In addition to supporting the research and teaching programs of the Kennedy Institute and Georgetown University, the Library is open to the general public from 9 to 5 on weekdays and 10 to 3 on Saturdays (when the University is in session). Although materials do not circulate, photocopying is available on-site, and Interlibrary Loan requests for article-length documents or essays in books are accepted. Reference service is available by calling 202-625-2383, or by corresponding with the reference staff.

The second major information activity at the Kennedy Institute--the Bioethics Information Retrieval Project--is responsible for BIOETHICSLINE, a MEDLARS database, and the annual Bibliography of Bioethics. BIOETHICSLINE now contains over 18,000 English-language citations to journal and newspaper articles, analytics, monographs, court decisions, bills, laws, audiovisuals, and unpublished documents appearing since 1973. Approximately 15 to 20 per cent of the citations

are now being annotated. A recent essay in Medical Reference Services Quarterly (Vol. 3, No.3: 1-21, Fall 1984) by Tamar Joy Kahn and Cecily Orr provides an excellent overview of searching BIOETHICSLINE. Although the database currently is available only through the National Library of Medicine, we are exploring the possibility of offering the file through one or more commercial vendors as well.

Beginning with Volume 10, which contains 1,800 citations, the Bibliography will be published by the Kennedy Institute. This step was undertaken in order to lower the purchase price of the work to \$25.00 (the projected price by a commercial publisher for Volume 10 was \$68.00). We think that bibliographic information on bioethics is of interest to a wide audience; at this price individuals, in addition to smaller libraries, will find the volume affordable. Back volumes are available from the two previous publishers: Gale Research Company (Volumes 1-6) and Free Press/Macmillan (Volumes 7-9). Volume 10, published in December 1984, may be obtained (prepaid) from the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BIOETHICS, Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057 or through your jobber. Standing orders are encouraged.

Inquiries concerning our services and publications are welcome. We hope that any of you coming to the Washington area will visit us. The Library is in Room 201B, Healy Building, 37th and O Streets, N.W., and the staff's offices are in Poulton Hall at 37th and P Streets, N.W. Our mailing address is simply Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057.

Submitted by: Doris Goldstein, Director
Library and Information Services
Kennedy Institute of Ethics

Please send comments and suggestions for further "Spotlight on" subjects to the Associate Editor or the Columnist as listed on the inside back page of this Biofeedback issue.

WINNIPEG

Are you coming to Winnipeg? Of course, although most of our schedules will be filled with SLA events, particularly BSD events (see the Center section), there will be some free time. Perhaps you are planning on taking the paddlewheel riverboat cruise Saturday evening, or attending the "Taste of Winnipeg" dinner and special performance Sunday evening, or taking one of the post-conference tours. If you haven't read the article on Winnipeg in the Winter issue of Special Libraries, please do so, but if you have somehow forgotten what the article said, read on for some highlights of Winnipeg.

Where is Winnipeg?

Winnipeg is the capital city of the province of Manitoba. It is located almost midway between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, about 50 miles north of the U.S. border at the junction of two rivers: the Red and the Assiniboine. The name of the city comes from the Cree "win nipee" ("win nipi" is also a spelling used in one source), or "muddy water". The city was named for the lake about 20 miles north, a fishing and resort area.

Background of Winnipeg

Although the Indians were there first, Winnipeg is considered to have been discovered by French explorers in 1738. It has a history of French, English, and Scottish settlers; fur posts; and trade. It is now one of Canada's leading industrial, communications, and commercial centers serving agriculture (flour milling, meat packing, and livestock markets); manufacture (making clothing, furniture, and cotton and fur goods); mining; fishing; and transport. It is served by two major transcontinental rail lines, the Trans-Canada Highway, and one of Canada's busiest airports.

Sightseeing in Winnipeg

Some sights from Winnipeg's history worth seeing include: a reconstructed 2-masted ketch, the Nonsuch, which is

berthed near authentic-looking wooden houses and an inn at the reconstructed 17th Century Thames River Wharf. The Manitoba Centennial Centre includes the Museum of Man and Nature, a planetarium, and a concert hall. The Winnipeg Museum of Fine Arts has the largest collection of Eskimo (Inuit) art in the Western World. Other cultural highlights include the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre, the Manitoba Theatre Centre, and at least a dozen small art galleries.

If you are interested in architecture you might plan to see the Legislative Building; the seemingly topheavy Federal Building, (it is larger on top than bottom); the Cathedrale de St. Boniface; the St. Boniface Museum Building, which is the oldest building in Winnipeg; Louis Riel House, the home of the father of Manitoba; the Winnipeg Mint; and the Fort Garry Hotel, considered the last European Chateau style railway hotel. Winnipeg is also the home of the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba.

Shopping?

Try the Old Market Square Heritage District and the shopping under the intersection of Portage and Main, an underground concourse. Don't try to cross above ground, pedestrians crossing this intersection are fined!

What's the climate in Winnipeg?

The weather in June should be very pleasant. The average temperature range in June is usually from the 50's to the 70's.

What about after you arrive?

For further information, try a local paper. About 20 papers are published in Winnipeg including those in English, Polish, German, Ukrainian, and Icelandic. The city also has about 700 restaurants representing 26 nationalities, so you can take your choice. Bon appetit!

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A final note

Have we forgotten the reason we're in Winnipeg? No. There are many libraries in Winnipeg serving such special interests as agriculture and food processing, fisheries, religious studies, health sciences, law, tourism, and ethnic studies as well as broad scope collections of the universities and a multi-branch public library. You might want to make plans to meet a Manitoba colleague and exchange ideas--always a favorite at an SLA meeting.

Sources: Encyclopedia Britannica and Encyclopedia Americana articles on Winnipeg, Ayer Directory, American Library Directory, and Dallas Morning News article by Jean Simmons as reprinted in Special Libraries.

The Editor

NEW HQ

SLA is certainly on the move. Dr. David R. Bender, Executive Director of the Special Libraries Association, has announced that the Association has completed negotiations for purchase of a new headquarters building at 1700 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. It is expected the Association will complete the move from New York City to Washington, D.C., by the end of the summer.

As you will recall, the SLA Board voted at the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia to extend the search to Washington, D.C., after four years of searching in New York City without success. The Association Office Operations Committee and the Executive Director inspected the property and recommended the negotiations for purchase to begin.

The \$1.4 million price includes the cost for remodeling and refurbishing, which will be completed before headquarters is moved. The new building is a 4-story-plus basement, neo-Georgian townhouse

near Dupont Circle. The purchase will not only protect SLA from inflationary rents, it will fit in with the Association's long range plans. With the current emphasis on government relations, it seems appropriate for SLA to have a greater presence in Washington, D.C. The Association will benefit from interaction with the more than twelve thousand professional organizations and associations already located in Washington.

The building has previously been used as a private residence and the headquarters of the American Psychiatric Association.

For further information, write to Renee Gold, Director, Information Services Department, SLA.

CONTRIBUTORS

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

Remember to send your contributions for 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 your BSD People News to either of the two above or the Editor.

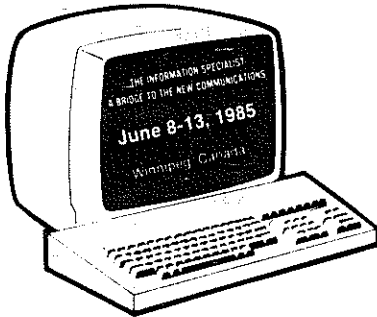
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