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Denver An Introduction

There is a widespread assumption, undoubtedly fueled by football telecasts during early season snowstorms, that Denver is both in the mountains and snowbound for an unremitting six months. Denver *is* a mile high, but sits on a high plain against the spectacular backdrop of the Rockies' front range. Most of the snow falls in the mountains, maintaining Colorado's unsurpassed reputation for winter sports.

In stark contrast with the geologic eons of mountain-building, Denver itself is only 130 years old. Settled after the discovery of placer gold in 1858, Denver was soon eclipsed by the boom towns growing up in the mountains where the real riches lay. In 1870, however, a hard-won transcontinental rail link shaped the city not as a mining town, but as a center of finance, culture and distribution for the mountains and the plains. Denver's ascendancy during the boom years of the 1870's and 1880's is evidenced several blocks from the Conference hotels at Larimer Square, a restored and revitalized late-Victorian commercial block. Gone were the false-fronted frame livery stables, saloons, and general stores of the Old West. Instead, the street was soon lined with two and three story brick buildings with cast iron facades, elaborate cornices and large display windows, all brought in by the railroad. Denver had electricity in the 1880's, but the legislators moving into the new capitol in 1894 insisted on gas lighting "just in case."

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1988-89 Preview

-- Eleanor MacLean, Chair-Elect

I have just returned from the very busy, and enjoyable, SLA Winter Meeting in Williamsburg to the rather startling realization that my term as Chair of the Division begins in less than four and a half months and it's now definitely time to begin thinking about officers, committees and activities for the forthcoming year. I don't have to worry about all the officers and committees since David Self and I just move to the next year of our three year programme. Marianne Doherty continues for another year as Director and Steven Sowell has agreed to continue editing *Biofeedback* for at least another year. Considering the excellent job he did with his first issue, I'm sure you're as delighted about this as I am. However, the Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for Chair-Elect and for Secretary/Treasurer (a two year term). We also need people to chair or to serve on our Division committees:

Government Relations Liaison, Membership, Nominating, Professional Development/Program, Public Relations/Career Guidance, and Publications. If you are interested in any of the above areas, please let me know. I can be reached via phone at 514/398-4744 and by mail at: Blacker-Wood Library, Redpath Library Building, McGill University, 3259 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 1Y1. I've begun thinking about a few projects for some of these committees and I'd very much like to know what you want to suggest the

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Division can do to meet your needs and interests. Send me any ideas you have and we can discuss them during our Division Open Houses and business meeting in Denver. I've been considering two ideas as possibilities for our Publications Committee. One is the publication of a directory of the *libraries* in which our Division members work with particular attention to the size and subject emphasis of the collection. The other is based on an idea that originated in the Sci-Tech Division and which they might reactivate: the publication of a directory of awards in biomedical or life sciences area. We all know the major ones - the Nobel, the Lasker - but what about the rest. What are they, what does the winner get, what are their criteria and who's won them lately. Would such a directory be of any use to you or your users? If so, please let me know.

At the Winter Meeting, David and I decided to follow up on an idea Beth Paskoff tried to start at last year's conference in Anaheim, that of pairing up, as mentors, experienced conference goers with first-time attendees. If anyone is going to be in Denver and is interested in participating in such an exchange, let me know and I'll try to arrange the pairings.

Since Denver is still on the horizon, the New York Conference may seem to be a long way off, but as planner for the Division's conference programme, I assure you, it isn't. We're already looking into some *possible* programmes such as a nature tour of Central Park, a visit to the Sloan-Kettering Institute of Cancer Research, a session on journal pricing (the Publisher Relations Committee, Publications and Sci-Tech Divisions are also already committed on this), a discussion with L.C. Cataloguing on the need to provide subject access by scientific terms, and public education and community relations for the release of genetically-engineered organisms. Please let me know what you think of any of the above suggestions or send me any others you might be interested in. One last reminder: we will need a Local Arrangements Chair for the conference.

Someone on-the-spot to help make arrangements, to assist in resolving any snags that might develop and to help host the Open Houses in the Division Suite during the conference itself. If any of our New York City (or nearby area) members would like to be involved in this way, let me know. If no one volunteers, well, I've already identified a couple of people to be coerced!

At last, this long list of requests is finished. I'll be looking forward to hearing your suggestions on any or all (or even more) topics than the ones I've mentioned.

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1987 Student Stipend Award Essay

Primate Research Center Library University of Wisconsin

Mary Markland was awarded the 1987 Student Stipend to attend the Annual Conference in Anaheim for writing this essay. She is now a reference librarian at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg.

The Primate Research Center Library, established in 1973, is a classic example of a specialized scientific library. The 15,000 volume collection has been built to serve the needs of research staff and graduate students at the Wisconsin Regional Primate Center. The Center is affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health. The clientele and library staff interact directly to develop and maintain the library, making it one of the strongest and most innovative primatology collections in the United States.

The collection contains a wide range of materials on prosimians, monkeys, and apes, which supports the Center's main research areas: behavior, endocrinology, reproductive physiology, veterinary medicine and pathology, and the neurosciences. It includes most major monographs published since 1900, the annual reports of the NIH Primate Centers, and over 300 periodicals, indexes, newsletters, and bulletins. While the primary goal of the library is to support the research of the staff, the collection can be used by anyone interested in the field of primatology.

Two special collections at the Primate Center Library provide unique sources of information. The audio-visual collection is an important reference source of pictures, sounds and behaviors of particular primates. The sound collection's goal is to include the complete vocabulary of all extant species and their major individual, seasonal, and geographic variations. The AV collection also contains television programs, such as *Novas*, and films and videotapes produced by the National Geographic. A slide collection focuses on taxonomic, demographic, behavioral and environmental information.

The second unique source of information, the

reprint collection, consists of over 3,000 reprints of papers and bibliographies on primates. The file is arranged according to an in-house system of subject headings based on those used by the National Library of Medicine. A major goal of the library is to provide access to both the reprint and AV collections through the campus online catalog.

The Primate Center Library interacts with a number of other campus libraries. Though not a part of the university library system, approximately 80 percent of the collection is represented in the university's online catalog system. The library also has borrowing agreements with other primate libraries and participates in regional and national interlibrary loan networks.

The library is staffed by a librarian, three part-time assistants, and two students. The small specialized nature of the library allows for more personalized services. Current awareness services include monthly-updated online searches, xeroxing of *Index Medicus* and *Current Primate References*, and routing of articles, book reviews, and other materials of interest to the staff. A courier service retrieves materials from both on- and off-campus libraries, and from the Primate Library's own collection. Cost recovery online searching is also offered, with MEDLINE being the most heavily used database. The library's bi-monthly publication, *Primate Library Report*, contains information about library activities and acquisitions. It is available upon request to interested primatologists and librarians.

Through the services and resources, the Primate Center Library provides the University of Wisconsin with a strong foundation for advancing primatology research.



BSD People

New Division Members

-- Compiled by Rita Fisher

Deana M. Dryden, Seattle, WA
Diane E. Tucker, Albany, NY
Mary L. Walters, Coatesville, PA
Judith Janes, Lakewood, OH
Debra G. Scarborough, Woodbridge, VA
Kelly H. Boyer, Oakland, CA
Jayashri Nagaraja, Lexington, KY
Bonnie S. Hatch, Las Vegas, NM
Asela G. Ellis, Houston, TX
Mary E. Reiter, Urbana, IL
Ruth S. Scott, Belton, MO
Louise Meldrum, Greenfield Park PQ, Canada
Clay H. Corrick, San Jose, CA
Carol A. Salomon, Babylon, NY
Flora S. Cobb, Austin, TX
Janet A. Lee, Emporia, KS
Arlene G. Bower, Itasca, IL
Lee A. Whiteside, Pompano Beach, FL
Thomas P. Mahoney, Jr., Plainsboro, NJ
Charles D. Lipsig, Albany, NY
Nina Z. Janes, Pueblo, CO
Terry R. Richards, Berkeley, CA
Donna K. Allen, Sunnyvale, CA
Ann M. Chin, Scarborough ON, Canada
Darel Jay Robb, Urbana, IL
Jennifer J. Angier, Seattle, WA
David C. Duggar, Baton Rouge, LA
Anne M. Fagundus, Basking Ridge, NJ
Lisa Martin, Chardon, OH
K. Faith E. Phillips, Pointe Claire PQ,
 Canada

Member News

Beth Paskoff, Past-Chair of the Biological Sciences Division, is a candidate for SLA's Division Cabinet Chair-Elect. Beth has worked hard for BSD. Let's show her our gratitude by supporting her in this year's election!

Elizabeth Davis, University of Illinois, Biology Library, is on sabbatical leave this year. She reported recently on her activities via electronic mail: "My sabbatical research investigates information transfer/networking patterns among nineteenth century California naturalists. I am examining letters, diaries, and manuscripts left by biologists to determine what effects, if any, there were on their subsequent publications from informal contacts with colleagues, peers, etc. The major part of my work is being conducted at Stanford University, but I expect to visit the Huntington and Berkeley Libraries also. My research, so far, has been extremely interesting and I am enjoying being on the front line as a patron rather than a librarian."

E-Mail Directory

Biofeedback will facilitate electronic mail communication among BSD members by publishing in each issue a listing of the e-mail addresses sent to the Editor. If you can send and receive mail by any of the networks (ALANET, BITNET, etc.), send your address for the next issue.

Addresses Received:

Coons, Bill: NJBY@CORNELLC (BITNET);
 15622 (Dialnet).
Davis, Elizabeth: Until 7/30/88:
 X3.A44@STANFORD (BITNET); after 9/1/88:
 EDAVIS@UIUCYMD (BITNET).
Fisher, Rita: FISHER@WSUVM1 (BITNET).
Lake, Susan: ERL@ARIZRYAX (BITNET).
Sowell, Steven: SOWELL@IUBACS (BITNET).

New Member Profiles

-- Compiled by Rita Fisher

Roger E. Beckman

Roger is a Cataloger for the Indiana Newspaper Project in Indianapolis. He has a B.A. in anthropology and a M.L.S. from Indiana University. Roger has been an optometry librarian as well as a consultant to the University of Indonesia Libraries in Jakarta.

Robert F. Clark

Robert is Information Specialist for the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers Council in Montreal. He has a B.A. in history and a M.L.S. from McGill University. When he was Research and Information Officer for Hydrographic Services at the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Robert developed an in-house database for the storage and retrieval of technical report information.

Bill Coons

Bill is currently Senior Assistant Librarian at the Albert R. Mann Library of Cornell University. With a B.S. in environmental resource management from SUNY and a M.A. from the University of Denver, he was previously a reference librarian for Utah State University in Logan. Bill has an extensive publications list, with particular interest in online searching and microcomputers.

Merrill Manke

With a M.L.S. from the University of Maryland and three years experience as Research Librarian for the Systems Planning Corporation of Virginia, Merrill is currently Librarian for the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Merrill is trying to develop a collection to serve the interested layman since the library is next door to the Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University.

Richard S. Moses

Richard has a M.L.S. in medical librarianship from Long Island University. A member of SLA since 1983, Richard has served an internship with Medical Archives, New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

Ada M. Seltzer

Ada is Director, Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center. She was Assistant Director for Public Services, Medical Center Library, University of South Florida before joining Rowland. Ada has a B.S. from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania and two master's degrees from Florida universities. She has held offices in several professional associations, including President of FLA, and has authored numerous publications, particularly on online biomedical database searching.

Frederick W. Stoss

Fred has a B.A. in biology from Hartwick College, a M.S. in zoology from SUNY at Brockport, and a M.L.S. from Syracuse University. He is Manager of Information Services, Center for Environmental Information, Inc. in Rochester. Fred has rejoined BSD after an absence of a couple of years; he is currently Chair of the Environmental Information Division.

Constance P. Wolf

With a B.A. in English from Webster College in St. Louis and a M.S. in library science from the University of Illinois, Constance is Library Director, Missouri Botanical Garden. "When Henry Shaw opened the Missouri Botanical Garden to the public in 1859, his own book collection formed the beginnings of what is now one of the world's finest botanical research libraries."



From the Editor

-- Steven L. Sowell

I have received several comments about my first issue as Editor of *Biofeedback*; I appreciate your feedback. Keep it coming!

Michael Fineman, Assistant Editor, has taken a new job that is not related to the biological sciences. He has resigned as Assistant Editor because of this change. If anyone is interested in taking Michael's place or would like information about the responsibilities, please let me know.

On page 3 you will read the 1987 Student Stipend Award Essay by **Mary Markland**. Winning this contest is one way for a student to get financial assistance to attend the Annual Conference in Denver. If you have not received information about this BSD award through your library school, contact **Steven Carter-Lovejoy** (Virginia Commonwealth University, VCU Box 2033, Richmond, VA 23284, 804/257-0032). The stipend has been increased to \$300.

The next issue of *Biofeedback* is the last one before the Annual Conference. The May issue will include information about BSD activities planned for the conference and about the Denver area. Watch for it and plan to attend. It's going to be an exciting program!

If you want to share with other BSD members any of your ideas that have worked (or not worked), mini book reviews, or reference questions that have you stumped, send them to me. I want to start a column in the next issue that focuses on informal information exchange among members.

Finally, please note the deadline for items for the next issue: **April 15!**

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At the same time, the city was expanding to the southeast where mining, ranching, real estate and banking wealth built homes earning Denver the title "City of Mansions."

Denver today may surprise you if you were last here for the Conference a decade ago. An energy industry boom spurred the transformation of a downtown already bulldozed by urban renewal. Practically overnight, we awoke to a skyline of cranes atop thirty and forty story glass and steel towers. Sixteenth Street was redesigned as a mile-long pedestrian mall with free shuttle buses departing every few minutes. The Tabor Center brought the idea of a festival marketplace to the mall, and the picturesque Tivoli Brewery opened with shops, restaurants and cinemas. The recent energy slump has resulted in a high office vacancy rate, yet it has also bought time for preservationists and planners to look toward downtown Denver's future.

After a fifteen minute, nine dollar cab ride from Stapleton Airport east of downtown, you will find downtown Denver to be pedestrian-friendly. The Conference hotels are only a few blocks from the exhibit areas at Currigan Hall. Denver's humidity is negligible; the sunshine abundant; and the evenings comfortable with a sweater or light jacket. At this time, the Rocky Mountain Chapter is putting its restaurant recommendations to the test. Come to Denver early and stay on to see Colorado. The high country is glorious in June and best of all, you can have a complete change of scenery just minutes west of Denver. Consider half-day trips to Central City or Georgetown, restored Victorian mining towns, or a day trip through Rocky Mountain National Park along Trail Ridge Road. If you have more time, set out for Aspen, explore Anasazi ruins at Mesa Verde or ride the Durango to Silverton narrow gauge railway. There's history, scenery and invigorating opportunity awaiting you in Denver and in Colorado.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 1987
8:00 a.m., Division Suite
Anaheim Hilton Hotel

Attending:

Beth Paskoff, Chair
David Self, Chair-Elect
Cami L. Loucks, Secretary-Treasurer
Eleanor MacLean, Director
Steven Carter-Lovejoy, Public Relations/
Career Guidance Committee
Barbara Montanary, Local Arrangements/
Hospitality
Rita Fisher, Membership Committee
Steven Sowell, *Biofeedback* Editor-to-be
Jean Crampon, Nominating Committee

The meeting was opened at 8:00 a.m. by the Chair, Beth Paskoff. Members present were asked to sign in.

The **minutes** of the previous year's board meeting were approved.

The **treasurer's report** was given by Cami L. Loucks. As of May, 1987, we have \$4,341.90 in the operating account (checking) and \$4,644.07 in the reserve account (Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust Fund).

Committee reports:

Nominating Committee: Steven Carter-Lovejoy asked that in order for overseas and Canadian members to receive ballots, they must be sent early.

Professional Development/Program Committee: Marlene Bobka (chair) and Carolyn Dickerman are conducting a study of the geographic distribution of our division members. Suggestions from their study will be reported at the next annual meeting. This committee was mandated in the Long Range Plan. This committee is seeking additional members, particularly those who would be able to meet at the annual meeting. Eleanor MacLean, Director, will assist this committee.

Membership Committee: Rita Fisher

(chair): The totals for membership are as of May 4, 1987: 616 members.

Career Guidance/Public Relations Committee: Steven Carter-Lovejoy chaired this committee and his committee selected a student to attend the SLA conference based on an essay competition.

Publications Committee: This committee was mandated in the 1985 BSD Long Range Plan. The committee is preparing a bibliography of authors within the Division and plan to honor these authors at the second Division Open House on Monday evening.

Local Arrangements/Hospitality: Barbara Montanary, chair, indicated that she expected 40-50 people at two Open Houses. She estimated expenses at \$115.00.

Biofeedback: Steven Sowell and Michael Fineman have been appointed the new Editor and Assistant Editor.

Chair-Elect Report: David Self reported on program plans for the Colorado conference in 1988. Such programs mentioned were: Energy in the Environment, Insurance Aspects of AIDS, and tours of SOLANGE, SERI, and the Denver Botanical Gardens. There was mention of a joint open house with the Food, Agriculture and Nutrition Division and a tour of the Olympic Training Center.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was carried to create a member directory with employer and geographic indices. A motion was carried to allot \$175.00 to purchase Microsoft Word for Rita Fisher to use in the creation of the member directory. David Self remarked that the Metals, Pharmaceuticals, and Science and Technology Divisions are asking other divisions if they wish to share the expenses of a speaker, Judith Bartwick. The costs would be approximately \$4,000. A budget for the division was suggested. The treasurer was asked to provide instructions for the officers to follow regarding budgeting and the accounting functions of the budget. A motion was carried to increase the student stipend to \$300.00.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:17 a.m.

Cami L. Loucks, Secretary-Treasurer

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