PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS
SAN ANTONIO

Amid fog, mist, drizzle, wind and an average temperature of 36°F, Biological Sciences was well represented in San Antonio for Special Libraries Association's Winter meeting. Rita Kane and Susan Gensei attended all Division Cabinet meetings and Joint Chapter-Division Cabinet meetings. Susan also attended all sessions of the Board of Directors.

The major issues facing SLA are reorganization of the Association's internal affairs, finances, proposed increase in dues and fees, and reexamination of the Association-wide publications.

The Board is recommending to the membership in June that the annual dues for regular members be increased from $40. to $55. Other fee structures will be affected. Voting is expected to change the fee for extra affiliations as well as alter the amount of Chapter and Division allotments. Watch for details in an upcoming Special Libraries. I urge you to come to Washington and support this dues increase.

The entire Publishing program of SLA is under examination by the Association's Executive Director and Editor. To that end, a questionnaire was included in the November issue of Special Libraries, asking the membership's opinion on a wide range of items affecting publishing policy for Special Libraries Association. Although the stated deadline has passed, and had before the issue reached the membership, both Dave Bender, Executive Director and Nancy Viggiano, Editor of Special Libraries, urged us to return the questionnaire as soon as possible.

Further action was taken regarding the Association's publishing program. Both the Division and Chapter Cabinets recommended to the Board that a Publications Committee be established to assist in setting editorial policy for SLA. The Board accepted the recommendation, and such a committee will be appointed following the establishment of a formal charge from the Committee on Committees.

Regarding committee appointments for the following year, President-Elect Jim Dodd appealed to all members of the Association to recommend competent, willing individuals to fill the many posts to be appointed beginning July 1980. Don't be shy about making your own aspirations known.

Finally, Dave Bender has been requested by the membership in San Antonio to provide a summary of Board Actions which will be circulated to the entire membership. A welcome addition, which I know you will all appreciate.
DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee of the Biological Sciences Division submits the following slate of candidates for office for the 1980-81 Association year. Biographical information will appear with the ballot, which will be mailed separately.

Candidates

Chairman-Elect:

John W. Beecher, Agriculture Library, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL
Sara I. Hill, St. Luke's Hospital, Medical Library, Kansas City, MO

Director:

James E. Bobick, Paley Library, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
Ronald R. Sommer, Health Sciences Library, University of Tennessee, Memphis, TN

Secretary-Treasurer:

Twyia Bishop, Mitre Corporation, McLean, VA
Doris Bolef, Rush University and Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Respectively submitted,

Thomas G. Basler
Solange G. Gignac
Cretchen Stephens
Elisabeth B. Davis, Chair

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION, SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

The membership will be asked to vote on the following addition to Article I. Name and Objectives:

Section 3. The scope of this Division encompasses the biological sciences, both pure and applied, and the acquisition, organization, dissemination, and use of biological information in all forms.

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Persons wishing to contribute information or announcements for the next issue should submit material to: Doris Williams, Editor, Biology Library, State University of New York, Stony Brook, New York 11794 by April 30, 1979.
THE WASHINGTON MEETING

We will soon receive our preliminary program for the 71st Annual Conference to be held in Washington, DC June 7-12, 1980. The Conference theme "The Realities of the 80's -- Challenging the Individual" promises a general program not equalled in past years. A full text of the program appears elsewhere in these pages.

To heighten the variety of programs available, the Biological Sciences Division has planned the following challenging program for your individual growth:

For the Biological Historian and Information Specialist:
Monday June 9, 1:30 - 3:00 PM Horace Freeland Judson will discuss his widely acclaimed Eighth Day of Creation, a monumental work which communicates the sense of the creative grandeur and the ironies that marked the struggle to pin down the structure of DNA and to understand the even more difficult mysteries of the way the genetic code worked.* Judson's book covers the richness of the biological revolution from the mid 1930's to the early 70's. An amazing book - an amazing author.

For the Medical Biologist:
Tuesday, June 10 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM Cancer has become the most feared of all diseases and yet, until now, no single authoritative volume existed on the subject. John Cairns, head of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London, has written the most important volume on cancer today. Cancer: Science and Society is written for the general audience, clearly explaining the most technical terms. We will all benefit from the wit, charm and information of Dr. Cairns. Since your President knows this speaker, I promise one of the funniest and most rewarding experiences of your Special Libraries career. Do yourself a favor and read John's book before you hear him speak. Come armed with questions of what you'd always wanted to know about cancer and were afraid to ask.

For the Agricultural and Socially Conscious Biological Information Specialist:
Wednesday June 11 1:30 - 3:30 PM Attend the panel of experts discussing "World Hunger and Agricultural Impact". They are Ellen Haas, Community Nutrition Institute, Pat Zutzner, World Hunger Education Service, and Kathy Lerza, Coordinator National Family Farm Education Program.

Thursday, June 12 is the field trip to Lister Hill National Center as written up in the Fall issue of this Newsletter.

HOSPITALITY BASH - Many social functions are planned for your Washington evenings. There is a Great Hall reception for the entire conference membership at the Library of Congress. The traditional Sunday welcoming reception will be held in the exhibits hall late in the afternoon. As usual, the Cabinets and Divisions meet Tuesday night.

For our own brand of socializing, Biological Sciences will share a suite with the Geography and Maps Division Sunday June 8 from 8:30 - 11:30 PM. Suites in Washington are very costly, and sharing with another division is a cost effective way to make new and special friends.

I am so excited about our program and the events of the conference, I can hardly wait to share them personally with each and every one of you.

Susan Gensel, Chairman

*Publishers Weekly
CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

CE102  Use of Patent Materials
CE103  Newspaper Library Basics
CE104  Automation and New Technology for Newspaper Libraries
CE105  Regulatory Issues for Financial Institutions
CE106  Trends in Geography and Map Librarianship
CE226  Strategic Planning for Library Managers
CE250  Effective Supervisory Skills
CE256  Intercorporate Communications
CE275  Fundamentals of Public Relations for Special Libraries and Information Centers
CE301  Statistical Methods for Special Libraries
CE325  Speech Writing for Effective Oral Presentations
CE401  Audio Visual Archives: Their Management and Safeguard
CE525  Role of Computer in Special Libraries
CE500  Economics of Information

For additional information please contact: Mary Frances Hoban, Manager, Professional Development, SLA, 235 Park Avenue South, New York 10003

Monday, June 9, 2 - 4 p.m.
"THE NATIONAL PERIODICALS CENTER - A LEGISLATIVE MANDATE?"

An update and commentary of the current status of the proposed NPC from the various viewpoints - special librarians both in favor of and opposed to the NPC and the Publisher's reactions to it.

Moderator: Laura Gasaway (Director, Law Library, U of Oklahoma)
Panel:
Audrey Grosch (Professor, U of Minnesota Libraries)
Mary Lou Kovacic (3M Company)
Allan Whitman (Wiley-Interscience Journals)

Wednesday, June 11, 2 - 4 p.m.
"COST CONCERNS OF PUBLISHERS AND LIBRARIES" Joint meeting of the SLA Publisher Relations Committee and the Publishing Division

This panel discussion will focus on the rising cost of book and journal publishing from the publishers point of view and the cost of buying books and periodicals from the point of view of the librarian.

This discussion will be moderated by the Chairperson of the Publisher Relations Committee, James Poteat (Television Information Office). Speakers from the book industry will be John Dill (McGraw-Hill, Professional and Reference Book Division) and Charles Harriett (Howard University Press) with John Berry (Library Journal) and William Begell ( Hemisphere Publishing Corp) representing journal publishers. The librarians on the panel will be Connie Kelly (University of Virginia) and Ron Coplen (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc).
CONFERENCE THEME

"THE REALITIES OF THE 80'S -- CHALLENGING THE INDIVIDUAL"

MONDAY  June 9, 1980  8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
PLENARY SESSION I: KEYNOTE:

PART I. Welcome to Washington - Washington Representative

PART II. The Association President's Remarks and Introductions

PART III. Keynote Speech: The 1980s: A Decade of Crisis and Opportunity

-- By the well-known futurist: Mr. Edward Cornish,
   President, World Future Society, Editor: Futurist

MONDAY  June 9, 1980  10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
PLENARY SESSION II: MANAGEMENT GOALS AND THE INFORMATION PROFESSIONAL

PART I. Marketing and the Information Professional - Odd Couple or Meaningful Relationship. Professor Stanley J. Shapiro, Dean of the Faculty of Management, McGill University, and Professor of Marketing.


TUESDAY  June 10, 1980  8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
PLENARY SESSION III: DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FUTURE


TUESDAY  June 10, 1980  10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
PLENARY SESSION IV: INFORMATION ON THE U.S. FEDERAL LEVEL IN THE 1980'S

Moderator: Andrew A. Aines, Office of the Deputy Director for Research & Development, Department of Defense


PART III. How Governmental Data Bases are Made Available. Melvin S. Day, Director, National Technical Information Service.
SELECTED NEW JOURNALS

BIOLOGICAL TRACE ELEMENT RESEARCH. Volume 1, Number 1 (March 1979). Editor-in-Chief: Gerhard N. Schrauzer. The Humana Press, Clifton, N.J. Subscription price: $55.00, institutions.


DEVELOPMENTAL GENETICS. Volume 1, Number 1, 1979. 4 issues per volume. Edited by John G. Scandalias. Alan R. Liss, NY. Subscription price: $55.00.


BIOCHEMISTRY AND PHARMACOLOGY OF ETHANOL. Volumes 1 and 2. Edited by Edward Majchrowicz and Ernest F. Noble. Plenum Press, New York. v. 1, $47.50; v. 2, $42.50. 1979.


DNA: REPLICATION AND RECOMBINATION. Cold Spring Harbor Symposia on Quantitative Biology, Volume XLIII, Parts 1 and 2. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, New York. $120.00 for the two-part set. 1979.

DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF EXPERIMENTS IN THE ANIMAL AND MEDICAL SCIENCES. By John L. Gill. The Iowa State University Press, Ames. v. 1, $14.00; v. 2, $11.00; v. 3, $7.00. 1978.


GENETIC VARIATION IN HORMONE SYSTEMS. Volumes 1 and II. Edited by John G. M. Shire. CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida. v. 1, $52.95; v. 2, $49.94. 1979.


Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome. $17.00. 1978.

NEUROPHYSIOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES.

PHYTOHORMONES AND RELATED COMPOUNDS: A COMPREHENSIVE TREATISE. Volume 1 (The Biochemistry of Phytohormones and Related Compounds).


REVIEWS IN BIOCHEMICAL TOXICOLOGY. Volume 1.

SPONTANEOUS ANIMAL MODELS OF HUMAN DISEASE. Volume 1.

TOXIC DINOFLAGELLATE BLOOMS. Second International Conference, Key Biscayne, October 31-November 5, 1978.


VASCULAR FLORA OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES. Volume I: Asteraceae.

VOCABULARIUM NOMINUM ANIMALIUM EUROPAE: SEPTEM LINGUIS REDACTUM. Volumes I and II.

TITLE CHANGE

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is the successor to BIORESEARCH INDEX beginning with Volume 18, 1980.

The Editor wishes to thank the staff of The Quarterly Review of Biology for sharing some of the above bibliographic information with our readers.
SLA/CHINA EXCHANGE

Special Libraries Association and the People's Republic of China will jointly sponsor an exchange program in 1980. Toward this end, SLA established the China Fund and to date two generous contributions have been received. John Wiley & Sons presented SLA with $1,000, the first contribution to the fund. The second donor, The American Mathematical Society, presented SLA with $750.

The Chinese extended the initial invitation to members of the Physics, Astronomy and Mathematics Division of SLA. The itinerary for the SLA delegation is already set. In return SLA will sponsor ten distinguished Chinese university librarians and scientific and technical information administrators on a month-long visit to the United States. The Chinese will visit American special libraries to learn information technology, management techniques and use of scientific and technical information. The Chinese delegation will conclude their visit in Washington, D.C. with the SLA 71st Annual Conference. SLA wishes to secure adequate funding for the Chinese delegation before formally accepting the invitation from the government of the People's Republic of China. For additional information on how to contribute to the SLA China Fund and the exchange, write:

SLA China Fund, Special Libraries Association, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10003

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION

YOUR TICKET TO YOUR DIVISION BASH.
BRING YOUR FAVORITE RECORD, A BOTTLE TO SALT THE CELLAR, YOUR FAVORITE INSTRUMENT, A SMILE AND A HANDSHAKE AND HELP US KICK OFF THE 1980 CONFERENCE WITH A BANG!!!!!!!