

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 1978

THE SLA WINTER MEETING

The Winter Meeting of the Special Libraries Association was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, February 1-3, 1978. Tom Rees, Chairman-elect, and I represented the Biological Sciences Division.

A variety of topics were discussed or reported on in the joint cabinet/division meetings and in the division cabinet meetings. Among these were the following: the Governors' Conferences on Library and Information Services, yet to be held in most states; the question of boycotting states that have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment in selecting Conference sites after 1981; a session of questions and answers regarding the new copyright law; networking in special libraries; a special meeting for making final plans for the Kansas City June 1978 Conference; a report on the current membership, which showed a significant increase during the past few years; the appointment of a Joint Cabinet Committee to Study Archives, composed of chapter/division cabinet members, to investigate the status of archives in divisions and chapters (I was appointed to serve on this committee); and a presentation was given regarding the 1979 Honolulu Conference.



The Muse of Missouri beckons you to Kansas City. See articles inside!

The chapters and divisions were well represented at the Winter Meeting. Important issues were brought to the attention of the participants. Some of the more controversial issues necessitated seeking the opinions of the entire membership before action could be taken.

by Tena L. Crenshaw
BSD Chairman, SLA

MEMBER NEWS

Dr. Robert F. Clarke has been appointed Chief, Mental Health Literature Support and Director of the Mental Health Student Center Library of the National Institute of Mental Health, Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration. The library is a division of the Public Health Service.

A Captain in the Public Health Service, Dr. Clarke formerly served as Special Assistant to the Director for Biomedical Communication of the Bureau of Drugs, Food and Drug Administration. During his career as a public health officer, he has been stationed at the National Library of Medicine, the National Clearinghouse for Smoking and Health, the National Institutes of Health Library, the Food and Drug Administration, and the National Institute of Mental Health. Dr Clarke is a recipient of the U.S. Public Health Service Commendation medal.

William E. Nielsen has been selected for the position of Audio-visual Program Specialist at the VA Hospital Library in St. Louis. He was formerly with the Milwaukee Regional Medical Instructional Television Station, Inc. and the Paramedic Training Center at Milwaukee County Medical Complex.

Lorraine Schulte, formerly Associate Director of the Norris Medical Library, University of Southern California, has been named Manager of the Technical Library, The Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Harry D. Weitkemper, former medical librarian at the Harry S. Truman Memorial VA Hospital at Columbia, Missouri, has been appointed Chief, Library Service at the VA Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

SCOPE NOTES

The Association has asked all division chairmen to examine the scope of their divisions and determine if the division's scope as previously conceived is still appropriate. The scope of the Division as given in the BSD Bylaws (revised June 1977, Article I, Section 2) is as follows:

"...retrieval and dissemination of knowledge and information in areas such as the physical, biological, technical and social sciences and the humanities..."

The BSD executive board was asked to express their opinion regarding the above definition of scope for our Division to the Chairman. The general consensus of the executive board was that the scope of the Division should be revised to state "...retrieval and dissemination of knowledge and information in areas such as the biological sciences and the health related sciences..."

Members who would like to express their opinions in regard to scope are encouraged to do so. Changes in scope statements must be submitted to the Association Bylaws Committee for approval. In making suggestions, please contact Tena L. Crenshaw, Chairman, BSD, SLA, A. W. Calhoun Medical Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia 30322.

GRANTS-IN-AID AND
STATE-OF-THE ART REVIEWS

The SLA Research Committee has funds available for research projects and is seeking applications from librarians for Grants-in-Aid. The Research Committee will approve as many worthwhile projects as the Fund permits.

The Fund was established in 1974 through gifts and a transfer of some monies from the General Fund of SLA. Additional support was received from Association Chapters, Divisions, individuals and other organizations. The purpose of the Fund was "to support, in whole or in part, research in special librarianship and its related techniques."

Those interested in applying for funds should send proposals to the Association Office. While no special application form is required, one that is recommended by the Committee can be obtained from the Chairman, Lucille Whalen, School of Library and Information Science, SUNY at Albany, Albany, New York 12222. The proposal should include a clear statement of the purpose of the proposed research project and the research methodology to be used; the anticipated completion date for the project; the name(s) of the researcher(s), including a brief resume of their qualifications; and a detailed budget.

The Committee will consider all these factors in evaluating the proposal. Grantees will be selected without discrimination in regard to sex, age, race, creed, color, national origin, or any other.

A majority action of the Research Committee is required to approve, modify, or reject a proposal.

Grantees must expend funds only for the purposes and in the manner stated in the grant letter. Because funds are limited, they may not be used for living expenses, institutional overhead, salary, or tuition support of researchers. Each grantee will be expected to make a final report to the Research Committee, including the results of the study and the expenditure of funds. The Association may, in some cases, choose to have the "first right of review" for publication.

The Committee would also be pleased to receive suggestions for State-of-the-Art Reviews and the names of persons qualified to do them. While Grants-in-Aid usually focus on one small aspect of a problem, a State-of-the-Art Review is usually on a broad topic of more general interest.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please do not send your address changes to the Bulletin Editor! Send them to the membership department at SLA headquarters. Our mailing labels are printed at headquarters from current membership records.

S.J.M.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION assumes no responsibility for the statements and opinions advanced by the contributors to the Association's publications. Editorial views do not necessarily represent the official position of SLA.

PUBLISHER RELATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

In January 1967 the SLA Board of Directors set up a new committee for the purpose of maintaining an on-going dialogue between the Association and the publishing industry. An announcement of the new committee, printed in Special Libraries, March 1967, stressed the point that the committee could reflect the interest of the membership only if individual members communicated their needs to it.

In beginning its tenth year, the Publisher Relations Committee is anxious to reaffirm the importance of that kind of communication. It may be that you as a member do not regularly read the Annual Reports of the committee, but there are probably few of you who do not have some opinions about individual publishers and the publishing industry. Conflicts do arise between librarians and publishers. We are looking for ways to solve these conflicts, and we know from talking with representatives of the publishing industry that publishers are very anxious to maintain good relationships with special librarians.

Here are some of the questions that arise when special librarians and publishers talk: Are publishing houses producing materials in special interest fields that are really useful? Are direct communications between librarians and publishers satisfactory? Do customer service officers of publishing houses respond to special needs? Do librarians make use of the publishers' booths at national conferences? If so, how? If not, why? Are publishers maintaining high standards in their advertising of books? Is bibliographical information in advertisements adequate, especially in regard

to reprints and publication dates? Are there problems in regard to other means of standardization such as the use of the ISBN numbers, order forms, or methods of payment? What about the pricing of books?

The Publisher Relations Committee's responsibility to try to keep lines of communications open between the Association and publishers can be aided immeasurably by your comments. Committee members are listed below. Don't hesitate to send us your opinions, complaints, praise, and suggestions. Let us hear from you.

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MEDICAL LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED IN CALIFORNIA

The Medical Library Scholarship Foundation in Los Angeles, a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation created by the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona, has awarded two scholarships of \$2,000 each. The two winners are currently studying medical librarianship.

Studying at the University of Southern California is Ellen M. Dole, who received her B.A. (Cum Laude) in English in 1977 from the California State University, Northridge (CSUN). At CSUN she was on the Dean's List for three semesters.

Enrolled at UCLA is Joan K. Hishida, who graduated in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, 1976. She received California State Scholarships in 1972-1976, the Jesse Koshland Scholarship and an award from Diablo Valley Scholarships, Inc.

The Scholarship Foundation Secretary-Treasurer, Elizabeth Crahan of the Los Angeles County Medical Association Library, reports that since 1971 the Foundation has provided thirteen scholarships totaling \$26,500. The Foundation's Board of Directors includes representatives from library schools, medical libraries, the health sciences professions, businesses and the community at large. The current President is Lewis T. Bullock, M.D.

TRANSLATIONS

Since the radical changes of the Monthly Catalog of U.S.

Government Publications in July, 1976, the translations prepared by the Joint Publications Research Service can no longer be found alphabetically under that service's name. They are now located under CONGRESS (Y3.J66: 13/no). Surprise! They are still for sale by NTIS

A listing of over 500 journals for which English translations are available, Journals in Translation, has been issued by: The British Library, Lending Division, Boston Spa, Yorkshire, England 2. Most of the journals relate to Russian and Japanese material, but other languages are also covered. In addition to the main alphabetic sequence, there is a KWIC index of English titles.

Please send your contributions on translations to:

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HOSPITALITY SUITE

The Biological Sciences Division will sponsor a hospitality suite at the Muehlebach Hotel during the June SLA Conference in Kansas City. Refreshments will be provided. Our hospitality chairman is Ron Sommer. The hospitality suite will be open as follows: Sunday, 9 P.M.-12 Midnight; Monday, 5 P.M.-7 P.M.; Tuesday, 8 P.M.-12 Midnight; Wednesday, 10 P.M.-12 Midnight. We hope to see you there!!

NOMINATION OF OFFICER FOR 1978-1979

The Nominating Committee of the Biological Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association presents the following candidates for the office of CHAIRMAN-ELECT of the Division.

1. SUSAN L. GENSEL

Susan has been the Head Librarian of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Research Library since 1972. A librarian since 1964, she formerly held positions as Science Reference Librarian and Head of Serials, Technical Processing and Automation at the University of California at Riverside.

She has a B.A. from the University of California and an M.S.L.S. from the University of Southern California. She is a member of the Task Force on Planning Library Development on Long Island, a group chartered by the New York State Education Department.

Susan has served as President of the Long Island Chapter of SLA and Editor of the Biological Sciences Division Newsletter. She is President of the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Library Resources Council and a Director of the New York Library Association's Resources and Technical Services Section. Susan also has memberships in the American Library Association, the Medical Library Association and the Theater Library Association. She has served as an adjunct professor at the C. W. Post Center of the Long Island University Library School.

2. CHARLES LONG

Charles has been Administrative Librarian of the New York Botanical Garden since 1972. A librarian since 1968, he has also held appointments as Librarian of the Arnold Arboretum and Grey Herbarium at Harvard University and as Assistant Director of the Nashua, New Hampshire, Public Library.

He has a B.A. from the University of Toronto, an M.A. from the University of Massachusetts and an A.S.M.L.S. from Simmons. He has served as a library consultant for planning new libraries and collection evaluation.

Charles has served as Oberly Awards Committee Chairman of the Agriculture and Biological Sciences Section of ACRL and on the Administrative Services Committee of New York's METRO Consortium. He is a founder and a director of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries. He is currently book review editor of the journal, Brittonia. He is a member of the Grolier Club and the Archons of Colophon, and is a fellow of the Morgan Library. Charles also has memberships in the American Library Association, the New York Library Association and the Society for Bibliography of Natural History.

Respectfully submitted,

James Bobick
Catherine Brosky
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Margaret Carpenter, Chairman

VISIT TO FAMOUS ZOO
PLANNED IN KANSAS CITY

A visit to the Topeka Zoo completes our preview of institutions to be toured by the Biological Sciences Division in Kansas City. In the Fall issue, the Newsletter described the Museum of Natural History and the Menninger Foundation Clinic.

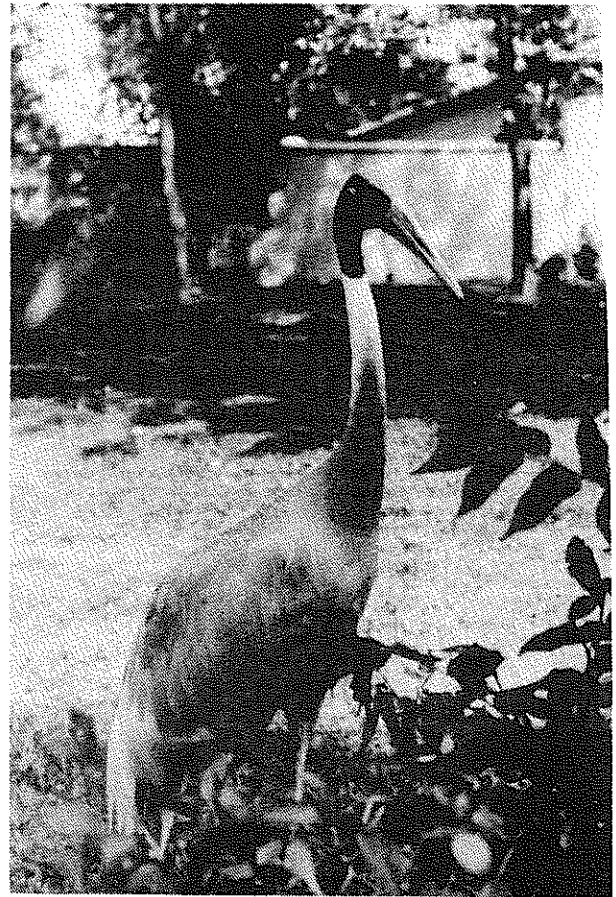
The third site to be visited is described as an "oasis of nature in the capital city of Kansas." The Zoo occupies a beautiful setting in Gage Park and is open daily from 9:00 A.M. to 4:45 P.M.

The Division tour will include a visit to the Tropical Rain Forest. A unique structure devoted to one single ecological concept, the Rain Forest is the ultimate zoo exhibit technique. It combines and inter-relates live plants and animals, habitat settings, climatic conditions, cultural artifacts, visitor participation and audiovisual learning experiences.

Another unique animal exhibit offers the "best night life in Topeka." It is the "Animals of Darkness" building where nocturnal animals are found. During the day the animals are shown under red lights, which appear dark to their eyes. Thinking it is night, they are awake and active. At night, white lights are turned on so the animals think it is day and sleep normally. This reversal of their daily activity cycle provides a fascinating exhibit in animal behavior.

The climax of the Division tour will be a visit to the "Animals and Man" building. This modern structure houses some of the star attractions

of the zoo: Sunflower, the first giraffe born in Kansas; DJakarta Jim, the prize winning orangutan, also known as D. James Orang, Ape Artist; Max and Tiffany, the famous gorillas; and Peka Sue, the "hesitant hippopotamus." Finally, we will be treated to a training session performed by Sunda, the Asian elephant and Tembo, the African elephant.



Topeka Zoo Resident.

The Topeka Zoo participates in exchange breeding programs of rare and endangered species with other zoological institutions. Many animals that are unable to survive in their natural habitat because of man's activities have been placed in the zoo as a conservation measure. The Topeka Zoo is especially proud of its success in propogating such threatened species as the American Golden Eagle and the Bengal Tiger.

The zoo maintains accurate records on all specimens and its staff members present and publish scientific papers. The zoo cooperates in research endeavors

with the Kansas State University Veterinary School, the University of Kansas Department of Zoology, Theracon Research Laboratories, the Menninger Foundation Research Division, Emporia State College and the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians.

Biological Sciences Division members who attend this tour will enjoy the beautiful setting, the educational enrichment and the appreciation of animal life found at the Topeka Zoo.

Sara June McDavid



The Tropical Rain Forest represents a one-half million dollar project that spanned a decade from initial idea to grand opening.

Photos by Emma Lue Kopp

SLA CONFERENCE
BSD DIVISION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Kansas City

The Division is cosponsoring a luncheon on Monday (June 12) with the Public Utilities and Pharmaceutical Division featuring the Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, Charles B. Wheeler, Jr., M.D. Dr. Wheeler is a pathologist who has held a faculty position as Assistant Clinical Professor of Pathology at the University of Kansas Medical School. Dr. Wheeler is Director of the Wheeler Medical Laboratories. He has served as an officer in a number of medical societies as well as having had staff affiliation with several hospitals in the Kansas City area. He also has a Juris Doctor Degree. In addition, Dr. Wheeler is known to be an excellent speaker!

On Tuesday afternoon (June 13), a panel entitled "Food and Drug Additives" has been arranged to cover subjects of interest to the Food and Nutrition, Pharmaceutical, and Biological Sciences Divisions. The BSD has selected as its panelists Donald R. Germann, M.D., who has recently written a book entitled The Anti-Cancer Diet. Dr. Germann is a Clinical Professor of Radiology at the University of Missouri School of Medicine at Kansas City. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Missouri State Chapter of the American Cancer Society and an Associate Radiologist at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City. He is also the author of the book, Too Young to Die: The Case for Staying Healthy and Alive Through Preventive Medicine.

The other panelists are as follows: Robert Morris, Ph.D., Chemist, Eli Lilly, Indianapolis, Indiana; Richard Dowdy, M.D., Chairman of the Human Nutrition, Food and Food Systems Management Department, Uni-

versity of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri; and Cliff Malone, Ph.D., Chemistry Department, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas and advisor to the Food and Drug Administration.

A brunch has been scheduled for Wednesday at 12 noon (immediately following the Association Annual Business Meeting). The speaker will be a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency and will address the current status of our environment regarding water and air pollution problems. The Environmental Protection Information Division will cosponsor this activity.

The BSD Annual Business Meeting will be held Monday afternoon at 4 P.M. at the Muehlebach Hotel, immediately followed by a social in the Division hospitality suite!

We feel sure that you will not want to miss any of these program activities!!

SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

The SLA Scholarship Event will be held Monday evening (June 12) at the Muehlebach Hotel. The program, "Kansas City Jazz and Beer," will give conference attendees an opportunity to hear good music, dance, visit with friends and have a good time!



SEE YOU IN "THE HEART OF AMERICA" AT THE SLA CONFERENCE, JUNE 11-15, 1978!

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