
Falk Library of the Health Sciences

Staff Newsletter

February 1992

INTERVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED

As announced previously, Falk is recruiting candidates for the Associate Director for Administrative Services. Ads were placed in the Chronicle of Higher Education, the MLA News, the SpecialList and the University Times. Copies of the position description were also sent to all directors of medical school libraries. Members of the interview committee are: Caroline Arms, Carol Struble, Kathy Schilling, David Ginn, Jeremy Shellhase, Bruce Johnston, Barbara Epstein and Pat Mickelson. It is anticipated that interviewing will begin in March.

BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTED

In response to the University's initiative to involve faculty in planning for the FY93 budget, a budget committee has been appointed to participate in the development of the FY93 Falk Budget. Committee members are: Sally Wilson, Bill Divens, Penny Welbourne, Jill Foust, Caroline Arms, Jeremy Shellhase, David Ginn and Pat Mickelson.

HISTORY OF MEDICINE

On April 9, 1992, the History of Medicine Room will be renamed and dedicated the "Mark M. Ravitch History of Medicine Room". We will also be receiving an excellent collection of books relating to the history of surgery and hernia surgery. The room will be renovated in the next few weeks (new carpeting and new ceiling) in preparation for the dedication. More details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

OCLC INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Falk Library has begun filling interlibrary loan requests through the OCLC interlibrary loan subsystem. Requests are forwarded from Hillman Library's ILL department, where all OCLC ILL requests arrive to the University of Pittsburgh's single OCLC symbol, "PIT".

In the first month of OCLC lending, 104 journal requests and 75 monograph requests were filled.

NOTIS 5.0.1 IMPLEMENTED

On February 4, a new version of the NOTIS software was installed. The new NOTIS software features a complete redesign of the online public access catalog, PITTCAT PLUS.

The new PITTCAT screens were designed by a committee of the University's Libraries' public services staff and will be reviewed over the next few months. Other changes in the public interface include: Library of Congress Subject Heading cross-references, name authority cross-references, a public call number browse function and a reformatting of the display of serial holdings information.

The screen transfer program used to send OCLC records to NOTIS has been replaced by a new program "GTO", Generic Transfer and Overlay. This new program allows the library to use the new OCLC-Prism system for record transfer.

Falk Librarians have participated extensively in the testing and implementation of this new system. Following is a listing of Falk Library personnel who have represented Falk Library in the ongoing process of NOTIS implementation.

Susan Biery	Pittcat Task Force, Subcommittee on Screen Design
Bill Divens	Circulation Task Force
David Ginn	University-wide Database Planning Task Force
Janet Mathers	PITTCAT Task Force
Pat Mickelson	Library Automation Committee
Jeremy Shellhase	Library Automation Committee Acquisitions Task Force Serials Task Force Database Maintenance Advisory Committee
Carol Struble	Database Maintenance Task Force Training Advisory Committee
Sally Wilson	Serials Task Force

IAIMS NEWSLETTER

The IAIMS Newsletter will resume publication with the February, 1992 issue. Four issues of the newsletter were published in 1989-90, but publication was suspended for two years when further grant

funding was not available. Preliminary Phase II IAIMS funding from the National Library of Medicine has made it possible to resume publication. The purpose of the newsletter is to increase awareness of the Integrated Academic Information Management Systems (IAIMS) Program. The goal of the IAIMS program is to provide health care professionals with effective access to a comprehensive range of health-related information, including patient records and the expanding medical literature.

Caroline Arms is the editor of the IAIMS Newsletter. Pat Mickelson, David Ginn, and Dr. Randy Miller (Section of Medical Informatics) form the Editorial Board. Denise Rosenstiel joined Falk Library in January, 1992, and serves as Assistant Editor, helping to prepare the IAIMS Newsletter.

The February issue will include articles about UPMC MEDLINE and the Medical Archival System (MARS). The Newsletter will regularly provide a schedule of training sessions and workshops being held at or taught by Falk Library. If you have a contribution or suggestions for topics you would like to see covered in future issues of the IAIMS Newsletter, please contact the editor, Caroline Arms at 648-8942 or by electronic mail at cra@med.pitt.edu.

MMC NEWS

Novell Network

All of the IBM-compatible computers in the MMC are now on our Novell/Ethernet network, rather than the old StarLAN Network. Chris and Diane have managed to make the switch with as little inconvenience to patrons as possible. There were numerous technical problems to work out, and closing the lab for a week or two to solve the problems was not an option.

Videotapes on Mac Graphics Software

Library staff who are interested in learning about Graphics software for the Mac may want to see some videotapes we have. The series on Pagemaker would be particularly valuable for anyone creating a newsletter or brochure. Watch the first tape before you start and the time spent viewing will probably save you even more time of trial-and-error.

Capturing Images for Videotape and Disk

We have recently installed a Quick Capture board that allows images from videotape or videodisk to be "grabbed" and imported to a Macintosh file. The imported image can then be touched up or manipulated for use in computer-based learning or incorporating into a document. The board was previously used by Dr. Michael Giulian in Neurology for digitizing X-rays and similar images. The board in the MMC can only generate grey-scale images. (CIS has equipment that will capture color images in the faculty TEC Center

and the Advanced Graphics lab.)

Interactive Videodisk

We now have a number of interactive videodisk applications, showing a variety of pedagogical approaches to computer-based instruction. If you would like to see what this technology can do, call Caroline or Diane to set up a convenient time.

HISTORY OF MEDICINE PART OF INFORMATION SERVICES

Effective January 3, 1992, Dr. John Erlen now reports to David Ginn, Associate Director for Information Services. In addition to his responsibilities regarding the services, activities and

collections of the History of Medicine area, Dr. Erlen also helps staff the Reference Desk on a daily basis.

USER EDUCATION UPDATE

UPMC MEDLINE

The Reference Department continues to provide many and varied classes on UPMC MEDLINE. Brief half hour sessions are provided weekdays at the Reference Department public terminals at 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. More extensive, ninety minute sessions are provided Mondays, 3:30 - 5pm and Thursdays, 10am - 11:30 in the Microcomputer and Media Center, and are also taught by Reference Librarians. The longer sessions provide additional information on the use of the Medical Subject Headings, hands-on time, and techniques to most effectively use the system.

In addition to sessions taught at Falk Library, Reference Librarians are also teaching UPMC at remote sites, for specific audiences. Sessions have been held for residents at the Department of Anesthesiology in Children's Hospital, in the Nursing Library Learning Resource Center, at Montefiore for Department of Medicine Residents, in the Department of Pharmacology, and at other UPMC sites. Future sessions will provide instruction at Montefiore for both residents and physicians, at Dental Medicine, and at the Graduate School of Public Health.

Intermediate or advanced UPMC MEDLINE classes are being planned for later this Spring. The Reference Department also expects to begin File Management classes this March.

Call the Reference Desk for additional information on user education, UPMC MEDLINE access or training from remote sites, user assistance or documentation.

User Education and School of Medicine Curriculum Revision

Falk Library is currently participating in the planning process for the revision of the School of Medicine curriculum. The revised curriculum will center on a small-group, problem-based learning approach. The primary focus of the planning thus far has been on the first year, with implementation of the new curriculum scheduled for fall of 1992. A Falk Library proposal has librarians actively participating in the first year as information consultants and instructors for the small groups.

STAFF NEWS

Arms' Article Receives Award

Caroline Arms was recently honored with Online, Inc.'s annual award for the best single feature article in the publishers journals, Online, Database, and CD-ROM Professional. Caroline received her award at the National Online Meeting held in San Francisco in December, 1991. The award-winning article, "A New Information Infrastructure" (Online, 14(5):15-23, Sept. 1990), was also nominated for the UMI/Data Courier Tenth Annual Excellence in Writing Award, as was her article, "Using the National Networks: BITNET and the INTERNET,:" in (Online, 14(5):24-29, Sept. 1990).

Bandemer Named to MLA Academy

Congratulations to June Bandemer, who has been named as a Distinguished Member of the Medical Library Association's Academy of Health Information Professionals. The Academy of Health Information Professionals is a professional development and career recognition program. Through the program, MLA certifies librarians of the basis of professional achievements. The program recognizes and rewards the personal investment of time and effort required for exemplary professional performance and contributions to the association and the profession.

Arms' Presents Paper

Caroline R. Arms presented a paper, "The Impact of Information Technology on Universities in the United States", in Paris, France on December 17, 1991. The paper, "Information Technology: an Emerging Issue for Institutional Management", was presented at a meeting co-sponsored by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation.