Falk Library of the Health Sciences
Staff Newsletter

SABERMENU, SABER METER AND NEW SERVER "FALKLIB"

Sabermenu, a menu program designed for Novell Networks, is now being tested on our new fileserver. Sabermenu is a Menu System designed to run over Novell networks. With Sabermenu, there is only one menu that is run by every user, but it is customized for each user or user group. The menus are built through a special programming language with allows the Network Administrator to easily add, delete, or change Menu Items, or Entire Menus at once. Another useful feature is that many levels of menus are available to use. This allows for a more logical organization of software on the menu, and allows the user to select different options for each software package, such as the printer that output will be sent to.

The Saber Meter program, which is used along with Sabermenu, allows the Network administrators to monitor usage of each software package, and decide upon which packages to buy additional licenses for, and update more frequently. The Saber Meter software will also allow us to comply with the licensing requirements of the CD-ROM database producers, by limiting the number of simultaneous users on each database.

Sabermenu is running on the new fileserver, FALKLIB, which is a 100 user Novell system. The FALKLIB fileserver will soon be the only one that any user will log into, and it will route each user to the application selected. The Server FALKLIB will run Sabermenu, and all CD-ROM applications running on our Meridian CD-ROM tower, such as Sport Discus. The FALKSTAFF server will still contain staff users' file space, as well as applications software such as Wordperfect, Lotus, Dbase IV, and Harvard Graphics. The PITMED Fileserver runs the CD-PLUS databases: MEDLINE, CANCERLIT, NURSING/CINAHL, and HEALTH. In the future, logins to the PITMED and FALKSTAFF fileservers will be disabled, as staff and patrons will be able to access all software from Sabermenu running on the Falklib server.

CALL NUMBER BROWSE IN PITTCAT PLUS

One of the new features of PITTCAT PLUS is the availability of the call number browse in PITTCAT. By using the c= search, one can view a range of call numbers which correspond to items held in the University of Pittsburgh libraries. Both the Library of Congress Classification Scheme (used for books in Falk) and the National Library of Medicine Classification Scheme (used for audiovisuals in Falk and books in WPIC) are indexed in the call number browse search. One can browse both backward and forward in the call number index in order to see all items classified in a particular area, much as can be done by browsing the shelves. One difference, though, is that the call number browse includes all items in the online catalog so materials from all processing units are indexed together. Searching the call number browse index can be a good way to become familiar with the types of materials classified in a certain area.

MFHL A.K.A. MaRC FORMAT FOR HOLDINGS AND LOCATIONS

Technical Services staff are currently testing a NOTIS program which will convert holdings information for multi-volume items from the current volume holdings records to the MaRC holdings format for holdings and locations. When the conversion program is run in production, sometime in early 1993, any information now in a volume holdings record in staff mode, will automatically be converted to a MaRC holdings format record. The conversion will result in some changes in the PITTCAT display. Volume information will display in the same format as it does now, following the LIBRARY HAS label, however, additional labels (such as: SHELVED AS, SUPPLEMENTS, and INDEXES) in the PITTCAT screen display will enhance the holdings information. Another advantage of making this conversion is that our holdings information will be in a standardized format, which will be compatible with other systems and could be machine manipulated. Conversion to the MFHL format must be completed before the new version of NOTIS (5.1) can be installed. MFHL format is currently installed in the demonstration database (ULSD).

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH TO TEST OCLC GATEWAY SERVICE

The University of Pittsburgh Libraries is going to be one of three field test sites for a new OCLC service. The Gateway software from OCLC will provide full access to OCLC services over PittNet. In early January, a telecommunications line will be installed, which will link OCLC's X.25 network to PittNet. A link between TCP/IP communications on PittNet and OCLC's X.25 network will be

installed. Through this link, any PC running a version of OCLC Passport software which is configured for TCP/IP communications, may connect to OCLC's cataloging services. OCLC Reference Services, which are currently accessible over the Internet, will not be accessed through this link, but will continue to be available through Telnet sessions.

Later in January, the OCLC Gateway software will be installed on a Unix machine here at the University. The Gateway software will provide Passport-like features, such as full screen editing, to terminals (IBM 3164 and VT100s) on the network. The software will allow for multiple sessions, such as OCLC and NOTIS services.

The University's libraries will be working closely with OCLC staff to evaluate and modify the OCLC Gateway service. During the field test period, all normal production work will be done using the OCLC Gateway service. The exact methods of using the OCLC Gateway link for record export, currently done through the NOTIS GTO software, has not yet been determined.

During the field test period, the OCLC Gateway software will be in a test mode, subject to changes and modifications based upon our and OCLC's evaluation of the product. All University staff will be contractually obligated to refrain from discussing the OCLC Gateway software with anyone outside of the University.

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Janet Mathers is serving a third consecutive term as Treasurer, Pittsburgh Chapter, Special Libraries Association. Janet was also elected Treasurer, Information Technology Division, Special Libraries Association at the annual conference held in San Francisco in June, 1992.

THE ONLINE JOURNAL OF CURRENT CLINICAL TRIALS

The Online Journal of Current Clinical Trials (OJOCCT) is now available for public access near the Reference Desk. OJOCCT is an electronic, peer-reviewed medical journal, put online in July, 1992 by the American Association for the Advancement of Science and OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc. OJOCCT publishes research reports and reviews of trials of therapies, procedures, and other interventions. Also included are weekly editorials, letters to the editor, and NIH Summary Consensus Statements. OJOCCT will cut two months or more from the time it takes print journals to publish and distribute

accepted reports. The journal is available for searching with an easy-to-use windows interface. It is free of charge and requires no password.

EXPANSION OF CLINICAL MEDICAL LIBRARY PROGRAM

In July, 1992, the Reference Department expanded the Clinical Medical Library (CML) program to include 2 additional days of Morning Report on the General Internal Medicine Service at Montefiore Hospital. The house staff and an attending physician discuss patient care issues at the Report. The librarian serves as a member of the patient care team by providing clinical information to the house staff on the issues and questions asked during Report. Gloria Rosen, Montefiore Hospital Library, has been attending this Report on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for over a year and a half. A reference librarian from Falk is now attending Report on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The reference librarians have been attending Morning Report on the General Internal Medicine Service at Presbyterian University Hospital daily since May, 1988.

THREE NEW DATABASES ADDED TO THE UPMC MEDLINE SYSTEM

Three new databases have recently been made available on the UPMC MEDLINE system: CINAHL (Nursing), CANCERLIT and HEALTH. The databases are briefly discussed in the UPMC MEDLINE Workshops provided at Falk Library.

CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) contains citations from over 330 nursing and allied health journals. It also contains some organization publications, dissertations and theses, and selected chapters from new books. CINAHL dates back to 1983 and contains over 134,620 records. It uses the CINAHL Subject Headings, which are based on MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) but modified to reflect nursing and allied health topics.

CANCERLIT is prepared by the International Cancer Research Data Bank Program of the National Cancer Institute in cooperation with the National Library of Medicine. CANCERLIT covers all aspects of experimental and clinical cancer therapy, and the biology of cancer. The database contains over 540,000 journal article citations dating back to 1984. CANCERLIT uses MeSH, and may overlap in content with the MEDLINE database.

HEALTH (Health Planning & Administration) is the computerized equivalent of the Hospital Literature Index. HEALTH covers journal literature dating from

1975, covering the fields of hospital administration, manpower, finance, personnel, budgeting, marketing, planning, management, etc. HEALTH contains over 606,877 records. MeSH is used for subject searching in HEALTH.

CINAHL AND OTHER UPMC DATABASES AVAILABLE FROM THE NURSING LRC

CINAHL and the other UPMC MEDLINE system databases are now available from two dedicated terminals in the Nursing LRC, across from the Circulation Desk. No ID/passwords are needed to search from these terminals, and complete system documentation is available in the searching area.

CINAHL can also be accessed from four PCs in the Nursing LRC Computing Lab. To search from the LRC Computing Lab, users must have system ID/passwords.

Previously, Falk Library provided access to CINAHL through the SilverPlatter Compact Disk workstation in the LRC. CINAHL on UPMC MEDLINE replaced the SilverPlatter CD, which was removed from the LRC on October 30, 1992.
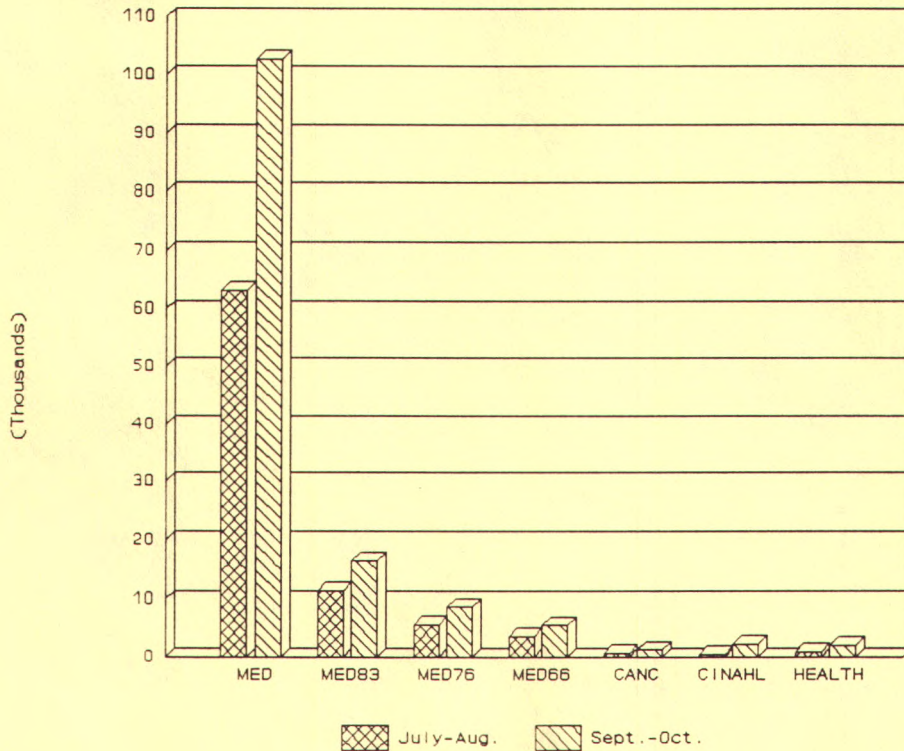
To ease the transition from CINAHL on SilverPlatter to CINAHL on the UPMC MEDLINE system, three faculty training sessions are being held in the Nursing LRC. The sessions will emphasize CINAHL, providing information on search commands, strategies, and differences between CINAHL and MEDLINE.

ASIS TAPES AVAILABLE TO FALK LIBRARY STAFF

Falk Library has purchased tapes of selected presentations from the American Society for Information Sciences 1992 Annual Meeting. Contact Caroline Arms of the MMC at 648-8942 to borrow the tapes.
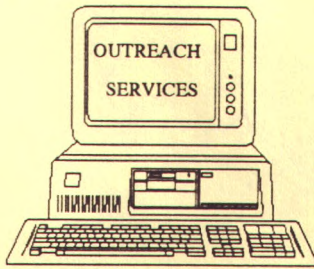
UPMC MEDLINE USAGE BY DATABASE

The following graph summarized the last four months of UPMC MEDLINE searching, by number of sets created. UPMC Medline has offered four databases for the past four months, MEDLINE, Cancerlit, HEALTH and CINAHL.

1 UPMC MEDLINE USE July-October 1992, by number of sets created.

Use of the CINAHL database during the latest two months has increased 424 percent over the first two months of its implementation. Use of the HEALTH database has increased 113 percent in this same period.

It was just over one year ago that the Falk Library Outreach Services project began and 4,203 miles later we're still going. Fortunately, so is Stephanie's car. She has visited hospitals in nearly every Western PA county to demonstrate GRATEFUL MED. As a result of our mailing to doctors last winter, 21 GRATEFUL MED classes were scheduled, and over 240 health professionals attended these classes. This fall we've tried a different tactic by exhibiting at several conferences. In October, Stephanie traveled to Seven Springs for the Annual Hospital Pharmacists Convention and to Lancaster for the Annual PA Veterinary Society Meeting. November brings the PA Nurses Association Meeting, also in Lancaster, and the Western PA Three Rivers Dental Conference which will be here in Pittsburgh. She served as a visiting professor for the Cambria-Somerset Council John H Moyer Visiting Professor Lecture Series and taught a class on GRATEFUL MED to future librarians at SLIS. Interspersed among all this have been several individual training sessions, and continued hospital demonstrations. We have been working in conjunction with the New York Academy of Medicine to plan a Train the Trainer workshop, which will be held here on Nov. 19. Stephanie spoke about our program and its results at the November 6 RAC meeting in New York. Our grant has been extended through the end of January, 1993, so we are working to schedule several more classes with the remaining hospitals in our region.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STAFF

Douglas Beatty has taken the full time Library Specialist Two position in the Serials Department. Douglas was formerly a half-time Library One in Serials.

Mercedes Kersey has joined the Falk Library staff in the Serials Department. Mercedes is in the half-time Library Specialist One position, opened through Douglas Beatty's promotion to the full-time position in Serials.

Amy Allen has been reclassified to a Library Specialist Two, reflecting her new duties as Acquisitions Assistant, working for Cecile J. Roberts.

Laticia Carter has joined the Falk Library Staff in Access Services. Laticia is a Library Specialist One, working in stacks management and circulation during the afternoon and evening hours.

BETA PHI MU

Betty Berger has been initiated into Beta Phi Mu, the International Library Science Honor Society. Membership in Beta Phi Mu is awarded in recognition of highest quality performance in work undertaken for the professional degree. Betty received her Masters in Library Science earlier this year from the University of Pittsburgh School of Library and Information Science.

GPO RECORDS IN NOTIS

On May 30, 1992, GPO cataloging tapes containing all of the GPO (Government Printing Office) records available in machine-readable format were loaded into the NOTIS system. These record were loaded into a new processing unit, D1. These D1 records are only available in NOTIS in staff mode, they do not appear in PittCat. GPO records are identified in staff mode by the process unit code, "D1", which can be found at the end of each line on an index screen, or in the upper left-hand corner of bibliographic and holdings records. Current GPO cataloging tapes continue to be loaded on a regular basis.

In order to improve access to government publications in the ULS Depository Collection, the University Library System has begun a project to catalog government publications in the Hillman Documents Depository. In order to accomplish this, they are using the D1 records to "derive" C1 records for all of the documents they own. The location code for Government Documents at Hillman appear on PittCat as "Hillman Lib Gov Docs" and on NOTIS copy holdings records as "hill,docs". SuDoc call numbers, required for access to the Hillman Government Documents collection, are also included in the records. The derived C1 records are searchable in PittCat. Any "unclaimed" D1/GPO records, GPO records for which C1 records have not yet been derived, can only be seen while in staff mode.

Some government publications, distributed by GPO, are parts of series which are sent to us directly from the respective government agency. While no across-the-board effort is presently being made to retrospectively acquire GPO publications, older publications will be acquired on the basis of individual requests, providing that the titles are still available.

Searching in staff mode, by subject, title, or author, will allow you to view the entire NOTIS database, including GPO records for which no ULS records have yet been created. Contact Penny Welbourne with the titles of any Government publications you find in "staff mode" which you feel should be included in the

Falk Library collection. All GPO items will be ordered on a "rush" basis in order to get them here quickly.

MICKELSON ELECTED TO BOARD

Pat Mickelson has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Library Directors (AAHSLD). AAHSLD is a professional organization of approximately 120 directors. Objectives of the organization are to: (1) create a corporate voice for academic health sciences libraries, (2) identify common problems and articulate solutions relative to medical school curricula, (3) seek improvement of staff, facilities and resources, (4) influence federal legislation, and (5) seek closer cooperation and communication with the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC). AAHSLD held its annual meeting and sponsored a program session at AAMC Annual Meeting held in New Orleans November 6-11, 1992.

ROSEN NAMED TO MLA ACADEMY

Gloria Rosen has been named as a member of the Medical Library Association's Academy of Health Information Professionals. The Academy is a professional development and career recognition program of MLA.

ARMS ELECTED TO AMIA COMMITTEE

Caroline Arms has been elected to the Administrative Committee of the Education Working Group of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA). She will be chairperson of a subcommittee developing a database of software for medical instruction that will be available over the Internet.