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THE USE AND PROMOTION OF COLLECTIONS

On 28 April 1994, nearly seventy members and guests gathered at the New York Academy of Medicine to attend the ALHHS annual meeting. Following the business meeting, a panel of speakers addressed various issues relating to the use and promotion of history of the health sciences collections. The panel consisted of Stephen Greenberg, National Library of Medicine; Thomas Horrocks, College of Physicians of Philadelphia Library; Elizabeth White, Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library; and Robin Price, The Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine Library. I was the organizer of the session, and served as Moderator.

An article which appeared in the Spring 1993 issue of *The Watermark* was perhaps a stimulus for the session. This was the fascinating essay by Marvin J. Taylor, "Other' uses of History of Medicine Collections." Since then, Marvin has left his position at Columbia University (as Head of Archives and Special Collections, Health Sciences Library) for New York University. However, his paper describing his efforts to promote medical history collections and 'other' uses of medical texts by graduate students and scholars in the humanities and social sciences will be remembered for some time to come. The stimulating article raised many questions in my mind for which I had no clear answers.

Do we know the researchers using our collections? Do we keep statistics on the categories of users (e.g. faculty, students, medical staff, or general public)? Are there any studies on user profile? What are the different forms of use (e.g. in person, by phone or e-mail)? Are certain types of materials used more than others, or what is being used? How do we promote the use of collections? Are there any correlations between use and collection develop-

ment efforts? Can we document the impact of information technology on the use of collections in the history of the health sciences?

When Ed Morman, the immediate past President of the ALHHS, contacted me about a possible session at the 1994 annual meeting, I thought the best approach would be to present case histories. Since there was no pertinent literature to survey and no experts to call upon, I turned to my colleagues for assistance. If we could focus on several types of libraries from different geographic areas and invite their representatives to talk about their activities and experience, we would then begin to gain an understanding of issues relating to the use and promotion of collections.

This issue of *The Watermark* includes the papers of Thomas Horrocks and Robin Price. The readers will have an opportunity to learn about the patterns of use at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia Library (one of the oldest and largest history of medicine collections). In his brief paper, Robin Price describes their efforts to promote the impressive collections at the Wellcome Institute Library and their close ties to the academic programs in the history of medicine. I hope that these papers will mark the beginning of our long-lasting inquiry into the use and promotion of history of medicine collections and lead to further studies on the subject.

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I would like to begin my presentation on the use of the collections of the Historical Services Division of the Library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and a profile of its user population by providing you with a few statistics, both of a general and a specific nature. Currently, we hold some 300,000 (out of a Library's total of 375,000) volumes of pre-1966 books and journals, more than one million manuscripts, and an estimated 20,000 photographs and prints. Use of the Library's historical collections—one of the finest of its kind—has grown considerably during the past decade, most notably in terms of mail, fax, and telephone inquiries. This past year, the reference staff:

- _ assisted 730 readers
- _ answered 215 reference letters/faxes
- _ responded to 507 phone inquiries
- _ paged 3,916 items
- _ served a combined total of 1,452 researchers.

These figures are reflective of a collection and a staff that is heavily consulted. What materials were consulted? Consulted by whom? And for what purpose? Up until very recently, the staff of the Library would have had to go through a very cumbersome procedure to provide the answers to these questions.

This leads us into a discussion of how the staff at the College documents its user population and the materials used by that group. Up until January of this year, we did it by using the information provided by a reader registration card, a paging slip, and a reference/user sheet (combining the information on the registration card and paging slip). At the end of the day, the information on the reference/user sheet

would be filed by date and consulted when each month's statistics were compiled. At the end of the year, the monthly statistics would be added up to give us our yearly statistics, such as those I shared with you at the beginning of this paper.

The way this system was structured, however, at the end of the year we could not easily tell who our researchers were, where they came from, what they were studying, and what collections they were using. The following examples illustrate the difficulties inherent in the system.

1. In last year's annual report, I listed a sampling of the subjects studied by our readers: opium addiction in the United States during the 1920's; diabetic women and pregnancy, 1922-1968; orthopedic surgery in colonial America; mad defendants in early modern England; wood engraving in early American medical publications; the 1793 Philadelphia yellow fever epidemic; and southern medical practice during the Civil War. How did I come up with this information? All the reference staff met, we put our heads together, and we remembered. Together, we came up with the subjects just mentioned. It was much easier than going back over all of the past paperwork.

2. A second example, and one that relates to security, concerns a rare yellow fever treatise which we owned but could not find. We knew, for example, that three or four researchers had used yellow fever material during the past two years and at least two had used the same volume in question. Yet, we could not remember their names, nor the day or the month, or even the year they had consulted the collections,

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or whether the book had been checked back in by our staff after it was used. Granted, the documentation was there to find out what we needed to know, but it was no simple task.

The system I have just described was a useful one in terms of the information it was intended to provide when it was first created. During the past year, we decided that we wanted more detailed information on our readers and on the use of the collections. I asked our main reference librarian, Mr. Kevin Crawford, with the assistance of other staff members, to devise an online database where the data we entered could be used to provide us with the specific information that we required. This was done, and it was up and running by January of this year.

The Patron and Collection Usage Information Manager — as the program is called — is a dBASE IV version 1.1 application designed to store and make available collection usage information gathered from reference statistics. Three main databases form the core of the Information Manager. The first is for on-site usage. This database has fields for inputting the following: information about the researcher; the subject the researcher is investigating; the materials used by the researcher; and the quantity of the different types of material used by the researcher. The second main database contains telephone inquiry records. The information in this database is similar to the first, but does not include counts of source material. The third and last main database is for letter and fax inquiries, and has the same structure as the second database.

In addition to the three main databases, there are four minor databases. The first compiles monthly statistics; the second stores compiled yearly reports; the third contains the monthly and yearly geographic breakdown of researchers; and the fourth is used only by the report programs to generate reports.

The new system will tell us in detail what we have already suspected in terms of who our researchers are and what materials in the collections are consulted. Until we have more concrete evidence than that provided by four or five months using our new system, I will now generalize. Professional historians, particularly historians of medicine and science, and graduate/undergraduate students in these fields, make up a large percentage of our on-site usage. The figure is perhaps as high as 70 percent. The rest of our on-site users are comprised of physicians (many of whom are Fellows of the College), genealogists, literary scholars, and the College staff (the Historical Services Division of the Library houses the College's archives). While histo-

rians make up a large portion of those who consult us by letter or phone, genealogists make up a much higher percentage here than in the on-site group.

In terms of what materials are consulted, our new system will, I believe, pretty much confirm our gut feeling: our extensive journal collections, both American and European, our splendid pamphlet collection, manuscripts and archival material, and our print and photograph collections are the materials consulted most heavily by researchers. Soon, we will have a better idea what other materials are used and for what purpose.

Before I move on to the promotion of our collections, I want to address one more issue regarding use: the impact of technology. Technology, to no one's surprise, has had, and will continue to have, an impact on the use of the collections. Through our participation in the Health Sciences Libraries Consortium (HSLC), our Library was able to convert most of its card catalogue records, say, 75 percent, to machine-readable form; to load the records of our renowned rare book collection into OCLC; and to join the HSLC Shared Library system online catalogue. As a result, a large percentage of our holdings, both modern and historical, is accessible not only to institutions that are part of the Shared Library System and OCLC, but to those libraries that are connected to Internet. Since 1991, as a result of the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries' grant-funded cataloguing project, the Library has been entering its archival and manuscript collections into RLIN. Since our collections have become accessible through the national databases, phone and letter inquiries have grown considerably. We hope, within the next year or so, to obtain funding to put our photograph and print collections online.

I would like to devote the rest of my time to a discussion of how we at the College of Physicians promote the collections of the Historical Services Division of the Library. Outside of the usual public relations materials, e.g. brochures, we publish a bi-annual newsletter, *Fugitive Leaves*, which is comprised of articles that highlight a collection or collections in the Historical Services Division. These articles are prepared by the Historical Services' staff and by researchers. Of course, staff presentations, like this one, are another way we promote our excellent holdings.

Three years ago, we began a support group for the Historical Services Division, called the Samuel Lewis Circle. Named in honor of Samuel Lewis (1812-1890), a nineteenth-century Philadelphia physician-bibliophile, the Samuel Lewis Circle is an exclusive group, limited to twenty-five members who

contribute \$1,000 annually to the Historical Services Division; the members' monetary contributions are dedicated to enhancing the Library's historical collections. Lewis Circle members not only provide vital support, they also actively promote the collections.

The College's membership in the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries provides another venue through which the Library promotes its historical collections. I would be remiss, however, if I failed to mention one of the best ways for any library to promote its collections: entering records of its holdings into the national databases. Through its involvement with OCLC, RLIN, and the HSLC Shared System, the College Library is informing the world of the many rich collections that are available for consultation and research.

Before ending, I would like to mention that the Historical Services Division of the Library is one of three components of the College's history of medicine program, the other two being the Francis C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine and the Mütter museum. A very important part of the Wood Institute's mission is to promote the use of the historical collections of both the College's Library and Museum. The Institute does this by supporting the Library and Museum in exhibit programming, publishing catalogues of the collections, and offering fellowship programs which bring both short-term resident research fellows and a Scholar-in-Residence (a year-long fellowship) to the College so they may use the collections of the Library and/or Museum.

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[Editors' note: Stephen Greenberg's presentation was unavailable for publication. Due to illness, Beth White's presentation could not be included in this issue.]



The unusually wide nature of the collections of the Library of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine—ranging from secondary sources and periodicals, to primary manuscripts both western and oriental, contemporary medical archives, and early printed books, modern medical texts, and the iconography of medicine—means that their con-

stituency and use, and thus their promotion, varies substantially.

Since the Library's return in 1992 to the refurbished Wellcome Building, the expanded space has attracted a wider and more intensive readership, and one which continues to grow. We are now actively exploring ways in which the national and international significance of the Library's collections can be made known and utilized.

We do so through the context of the collections themselves and, more widely, through the Library and Institute as a whole, by means of booklets, folders and leaflets, collection booklets, exhibitions (in due course travelling exhibitions), the automated catalogue available on Janet (UK.AC.UCL.WIHM) and Internet (WIHM.UCL.AC.UK), our quarterly bibliographical journal *Current Work in the History of Medicine*, numerous group visits to the Library, and the Friends of the Wellcome Institute and its *Newsletter*. We are presently working on an introductory video for showing to groups who visit the Library or to those likely to visit it.

We work in close coordination with our large, active, and explorative Academic Unit, whose core Bachelors of Science intercalated course for medical students (with its 11 modules, available to some 140 students a year), and whose continuing programme of public lectures, symposia, seminars, and study groups, does much to bring the Library to the notice of the academic world; as do the surprisingly frequent acknowledgments for our assistance on television and radio. Our mini-course for preclinical students and the Society of Apothecaries' diploma course in the history of medicine, both run from the Institute, widen our constituency yet further.

In addition, the rapidly growing academic history of medicine enterprise within the revised UK undergraduate medical curriculum, in which the Wellcome Trust is necessarily a prime mover, is the new wave on which we ride. Since 1990, nine Wellcome Trust University awards in the history of medicine have been made in the UK universities, in addition to the five well-established Wellcome Units in the History of Medicine. More such Awards are in the pipeline and we may confidently predict further growth in the use of history within medical education and in the concomitant use of the Library.

Robin Price
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History of Medicine

FROM THE EDITORS

As so many of you already know, the annual meeting in New York City was a great success. We enjoyed visiting with old friends and new alike. Encouraged by the many positive comments we heard about *The Watermark*, we begin our second year as editors with the satisfaction that the newsletter is meeting the needs of ALHHS.

A record crowd of ALHHSers gathered for dinner at Ernie's. Many were able to personally present John Parascandola with a tomato, including Robin Price of the Wellcome Institute. Word of ALHHS' successful pre-conference Wednesday evening dinners has spread; this year we were joined by several members of the Medical Museums Association, who wanted to learn the secret of why archivists and librarians have so much fun.

After the big group dinner on Wednesday night, a smaller contingent of ALHHSers went to dinner at the Siam Inn on Thursday evening. Before even entering the restaurant, we knew it would be star quality when Becky Hardie, literally, ran into Harrison Ford who was just leaving. But our experience pales in comparison with that of Inci Bowman, Barbara Irwin, Robin Overmier, and others who had the opportunity to have lunch with Leslie Morton of G-M fame at the Medical Library Association (MLA) annual meeting in San Antonio. According to a first-hand report, the jolly octogenarian charmed the entire group.

The New York City meeting was the last for two of our colleagues Ferenc Gyorgyey and Glen Jenkins in their official capacities as curators of their respective collections. While we wish the best for them in their retirement years, we sincerely hope that we will continue to see them at our annual meetings. Frank and Glen have each contributed significantly to the growth and development of ALHHS. Although they will be retiring at different times throughout this calendar year, we decided it was appropriate to honor them both now. Tributes by close colleagues are to be found in this issue. Best wishes Frank and Glen!

Speaking of retirement, Kathy Donahue completes her assignment as editor of *ExLibris* with this issue. We know that many of you have enjoyed the personal style Kathy has brought to the column. We have known Kathy as a friend since Rare Book School in 1984, before she was one of us. We were thrilled when she accepted the position at the Louise Darling Biomedical Library at UCLA and knew that we would once again have a chance to room with her and rekindle our friendship. We have enjoyed fol-

lowing her adventures vicariously as we have worked with her on *The Watermark*. We continue to look forward to seeing photographs of her international travels while sipping California wine in Pittsburgh, Buffalo...

Our fears that there would be no replacement for Kathy were unfounded. We had no sooner sat down from giving our *Watermark* report at the annual meeting, in which we asked for an *ExLibris* editor, when our seatmate leaned over and volunteered for the position. We are delighted to announce that Elaine Challacombe, Curator of the Wangenstein Historical Library of Biology and Medicine at the University of Minnesota, will be joining us as editor of *ExLibris* with the next issue of *The Watermark*. In a previous incarnation, Elaine was head librarian at the Strong Museum in Rochester, New York. Many of you may remember the excellent collections, exhibits, and program on the history of fitness in America which were presented by the Strong Museum for the annual ALHHS meeting in Rochester in 1986. Elaine brings to her new position a wide variety of the skills. She has participated in the building of a new library, many moves of library collections, taught classes, created exhibits, acquired materials, and written articles for publication. Help welcome Elaine by sending her a submission for the Fall issue of *The Watermark*!

Like last spring's issue (our first), this one is filled with the proceedings of the 1994 ALHHS annual meeting. The cover story features papers from the program designed by Inci Bowman. Elsewhere are minutes, financial reports, a new list of officers and committee chairs, and a copy of the letter President Barbara Irwin sent to the head of the National Library of Medicine on behalf of ALHHS.

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We had such a wonderful time in New York City that we had to return a mere two weeks later. Fortunately, another job-related conference made the trip possible. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) met 12-14 May at the Hotel Pennsylvania, right across from Madison Square Garden. One of the sessions, "Documenting Health Care: Prescriptions for Keeping the Past Alive," was made-to-order for us. We have included Margaret Jerrido's paper on saving historical materials from the Philadelphia General Hospital, originally presented at MARAC, in this issue. Margaret, formerly of the Medical College of Pennsylvania, is currently curator of the Urban Archives at Temple University.

Since many of you expressed an interest in seeing the papers presented at the ALHHS-sponsored luncheon workshop at the 1994 AAHM annual meeting in print, we plan to publish those in the Fall issue. We continue to welcome submissions for *The Watermark*.

We would also like to welcome Billie Broaddus to the ALHHS Steering Committee. She will introduce herself below.

Have a happy and healthy summer!

Joan Echtenkamp Klein
Jodi Koste

Steering Committee Member

In 1961, I began working at the Medical Center Library, University of Kentucky for Alfred N. Brandon. I obtained my library degree from UK in 1974 and moved to Cincinnati to become the Head of Reference at the Medical Center Libraries.

I have been the Director of the University of Cincinnati Medical Heritage Center (CMHC) since 1982. Although our collections date from 1500, the Center's nineteenth-century books and journals from the early medical libraries in the city form the core of the collection. These works include the botanico-physic, eclectic, homeopathic, and various sects which made up the twenty-three medical schools that operated in Cincinnati.

The medical archives were relocated from the University Libraries to the CMHC in the mid-1980s. Additional archival materials were acquired from faculty, local medical societies, and medical alumni. An oral history videotape series, photographs, and

paintings strengthen the collection, which documents the history of medicine at the institution and in the city of Cincinnati.

Currently, a three-year fund-raising campaign is a top priority for me and the staff of the CMHC.

Billie Broaddus

CADUCEUS-L: HISTORY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES FORUM

CADUCEUS-L has recently completed its second year of service. Maintained for the benefit of ALHHS members and other interested individuals, CADUCUES-L provides a forum for exchanging information on any aspect of the history of the health sciences. It includes announcements, inquiries, and discussion on access to historical resources.

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CADUCEUS-L is hosted by the Moody Medical Library and the Office of Academic Computing, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Inci A. Bowman serves as moderator. Her e-mail address is IBOWMAN@Beach.UTMB.Edu.

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PHILADELPHIA GENERAL HOSPITAL TASK FORCE: A Multi-institutional Approach to Records Preservation and Public Programs

The Philadelphia General Hospital (PGH) was founded in 1731 as part of the Almshouse that served the poor. PGH had, by the end of the nineteenth century, become an internationally recognized clinical teaching and research center. Few institutions have done more in the way of providing medical care and educational opportunity for the poor and needy of Philadelphia than did PGH. In the years since its closing, little attention has been given to the memorabilia, photographs, and records that tell the story of this institution. To lose the legacy of PGH would impoverish not only historical understanding, but would diminish the vitality and meaning of contemporary efforts to provide for the health care needs of Philadelphia's disadvantaged today.

At its closing, individuals removed records and memorabilia, down to the furniture, plaques, and pictures from rooms and walls. Some records were given to, and maintained by, area repositories. The City Archives, for instance, houses a large collection of the records. In looking back, however, we see the history of PGH being scattered and worse, the permanent disappearance of the legacy of this institution.

The story of PGH, especially the events of its last 30 years (1940s-1970s), reflects our society's long running debate about access to health care, especially for disenfranchised groups, such as the chronically ill and the poor. In the years immediately following World War II, PGH and many other city hospitals across the country were perceived to be successfully fulfilling a worthy mission of providing health care for the urban sick and poor. These public hospitals appeared to have a bright future, but this optimism quickly faded. PGH, once considered an excellent teaching hospital with high staff morale and an institutional mission of providing high quality and efficient public health care, fell victim to new economic and social realities.

During the 1960s, the positive perceptions of PGH underwent a radical transformation as public attitudes and values about the proper means to deliver health care changed. In the 1960s, institutions such as PGH that were closely identified with serving the poor came to be seen as part of the problem, not the solution to national health care woes. The idea of a "one-class" private health care

system captured the imagination of many health care providers and policy makers who, in earlier times, had supported public hospitals. For the advocates of this idea, the best way to provide health care to the needy was to give the individual access to public funds which they could then use to purchase care from the private medical system. Thus, in an ironic way, PGH was undermined by the Medicare and Medicaid legislation of 1965 that promised money to the aged and poor seeking medical services. If the aged and the poor could obtain medical services via their Medicare or Medicaid benefits in private hospitals, it was reasoned, what was the necessity for using tax funds to support the public hospital. In Philadelphia, where hospitals and medical services abounded, those seeking to conserve the city's tax revenues argued that the private sector hospitals could easily absorb PGH's patients. As the cost of providing care rose at PGH, as it did throughout the health care system, this argument became even more persuasive.

The debate raged for some years in Philadelphia between those who imagined a public health oriented, centralized medical care system for the city and those who sought a private, individualized approach. As the spokespersons for these two points of view struggled for control, PGH's need for costly repairs and renovations grew and its once vital role in the medical education process began to erode. Even as the city commissioned plans to be drawn up for a new, modern city hospital and a centralized

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health system, those in favor of the private approach gained strength. In the end, the privatization of the public hospital's mission prevailed and PGH was abruptly closed in 1977.

In the fall of 1992, a Task Force comprised of scholars, archivists, and historians from the University of Pennsylvania, the City of Philadelphia, the Department of Records, the Urban Archives at Temple University, the College of Physicians, the University City Historical Society, the Center for the History of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, and Rutgers University-Camden took on the challenge of preserving the history of PGH. The group is simply called the PGH History Task Force.

The plan of action developed by the Task Force included designing a survey, preserving materials already collected, providing publicity, and conducting oral histories. The Task Force felt all of these components would ensure that the records of the institution would be identified, collected, preserved, and made available for research use. The group does not envision existing once these goals are met. To attack and address these goals effectively, the Task Force formed subcommittees.

The charge of the Survey Subcommittee is to find out what documentation exists by surveying all the PGH materials that are currently housed in libraries, archives, attics, and basements. The survey instrument will also enable the committee to identify the types and amounts of materials. By discovering what is available, they will then know what is missing from the historical record.

Although preserving the materials will be a massive undertaking, progress has been made. After preliminary inquiries, it appears that the Philadelphia Department of Records apparently houses most records. David Weinberg, Deputy Commissioner, is seeking funding to preserve those materials. He has received a commitment of nearly \$4,000 to preserve the nursing records and he will continue to seek funding from other sources to preserve PGH volumes already in the City Archives. Plans are also being made to establish how much PGH material is in the City's Record Storage Center, what needs to be preserved, and how much funding it will take to make the records part of the City Archives.

The Publicity Coordinating Committee designed a small exhibit of photos and provided a brief handout to be used as advertisement/information for the project at historical and other related conferences. The exhibit's maiden voyage was in Louisville, Kentucky for the American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM) meeting in May of

1993. The committee is also working on a press release which will describe the project. The College of Physicians put together a major exhibit which included artifacts, records, and photographs that highlighted PGH's 250 year history.

The Task Force hopes there will be an outgrowth of public programs from oral histories currently being conducted. The plan is to use oral history material to produce six to ten, two-minute radio spots in which individuals will recall their experiences at PGH. The ultimate goal is to produce a video history of the institution by combining visual materials, radio segments, records, and artifacts. These publicity methods educate viewers and listeners about the nature of historical records and of the importance of such personal items as letters to or from patients at PGH.

The Oral History Subcommittee has received Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission (PHMC) funds to conduct eight interviews of former PGH staff members. Since a number of interviews of PGH physicians and administrators were done at the time of the closing and are housed at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, it was decided to focus efforts on interviewing the nursing, maintenance, and support staff. Through these oral histories, we hope to portray the richness of the work culture at PGH and the diversity of its labor force. This subcommittee is particularly interested in focusing attention on the prominent role played by African Americans in the PGH story and on the significance of this "city within a city" to the social, political, and economic life of West Philadelphia. The University City Historical Society and the Urban Archives, the project's two main collaborating institutions, have well-established reputations in the area of community history, experience with oral history, and active programs of public education.

The interviewing process began in December of 1993 with the order of the interviews being determined by the age and health of the subjects. Members of the Task Force who are experienced in oral history techniques and familiar with PGH history are conducting the interviews. The average interview is two hours in length, although there may be some variation based on the outcome of preliminary phone conversations and the interview dynamic. Before the interviewing process began, the Task Force met to develop an interview script that could be tailored to each subject. To elicit the best interview and accommodate the subjects, many of whom are older and in frail health, the interviewer has and will travel to the subject's home or other suitable location within a reasonable distance of Philadelphia. Each interview tape will be handled by the

chair of the Oral History Subcommittee as it is completed, so that the entire process of transcription, photocopying, reviewing by interviewer and interviewee, and editing can be completed by June 1994. During the summer of 1994, final editing of the transcripts will take place and copies will be distributed to the interviewee, the Urban Archives, the University City Historical Society, and the Publicity Subcommittee of the Task Force.

PGH oral histories present a unique opportunity to study issues of modern American life insufficiently explored and of increasing social and political importance, such as the work culture of the health care delivery system and the role of the health care industry in the lives of urban communities. The oral histories will reveal the opportunities and burdens that a variety of workers found in the huge urban public hospitals that were so much a part of the early twentieth-century American health care system.

There have been both advantages and disadvantages of cooperative efforts among the organizations and institutions that comprised the Task Force. Fortunately, the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. The advantages are: the cooperation among area institutions which builds stronger ties and relationships; the probability of funding is more likely for collaborative projects; and the increased publicity of a project of this magnitude can be shared by all institutions involved. A disadvantage is the potential for conflict with existing organizational mission and collecting policies. For instance, the Urban Archives collects the history of Philadelphia, which can include materials on medical facilities, but this type of facility is not the primary collecting focus. The College of Physicians, however, collects documentation on the history of medicine, which includes medical facilities. In spite of these minor differences, we all have the same goal in mind: to identify, preserve, and make available the history of PGH.

Preserving the history of PGH is an endeavor that requires coordinated action and planning, but the potential rewards are great. The PGH records present a unique opportunity to study the role of the government in providing medical care for the American people, a side of the modern health care system that has been insufficiently explored and is of increasing social and political importance. Many of the issues so vigorously debated today, such as the relationship between health and social welfare, where to care for the chronically ill, how to control infectious disease, and who should pay for the medical care that has become every American's right were explored for the first time at PGH. The documents and oral histories that detail this story, when retrieved, will reveal the complex interface between ideology, public and private decision-making, and modern urban health care.

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other American public hospital have records dating from the colonial period to the twentieth century that document so many years of this nation's health care experience. If the PGH history project succeeds, and we are confident that it will, a set of records with unparalleled depth and richness will be made available.

Margaret Jerrido
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(This paper is a joint effort by David Weinberg and Margaret Jerrido which includes excerpts from a historical description written by Michael Hardy, Ph.D., and Janet Tighe, Ph.D.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

[This message is based on remarks made at the ALHHS Annual Meeting on 28 April 1994 at the New York Academy of Medicine.]

Ed Mormon has carried out his responsibilities as president with great style and a generous sense of humor. Ed is our first president to introduce ALHHS to a world-wide audience interested in medical history via Internet. However, the most outstanding of Ed's many contributions has to be his leadership in bringing about a change in the organization itself when he championed the cause of voting privileges for all members. On behalf of ALHHS, thank you, Ed, for your dedication and leadership. You've done a great job!

I'd like to tell you now about organizational plans for the next two years and announce the names of chairs and committee members. Beginning with next year's annual meeting:

John Erlen chairs Local Arrangements for the 1995 meeting in Pittsburgh. Among the high points will be a program on herbals in medical history scholarship at the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. We hope the hand-out John prepared will stimulate your interest in attending.

The Pittsburgh meeting marks the 20th anniversary of ALHHS' first meeting and we're going to celebrate the occasion. A special program at the pre-meeting dinner will be produced by a distinguished committee of past presidents chaired by Nancy Zinn. Glen Jenkins and Phil Teigen will work with Nancy to create an entertaining commemoration. If anyone has souvenirs or photographs from ALHHS meetings, please send them to Nancy.

Since reference books are the theme of the ALHHS-sponsored AAHM luncheon workshop this year, the focus in Pittsburgh will switch to the latest Internet developments for medical history research. Inci Bowman has agreed to coordinate the workshop which no doubt will be as successful as the Internet program she created for the Louisville meeting last year.

With almost twenty years behind ALHHS, some of the "first wave" of founding members have retired or are planning to retire. Although there are official records in the Archives, it's important to record the history of the organization as remembered by the people who lived it. An Ad Hoc Oral History Committee has been formed to conduct three or four interviews over the next two years with founders and others who shaped ALHHS, such as

Lisabeth Holloway, the first president. Lucretia McClure enthusiastically agreed to chair the project. Billie Broaddus and Chris Hoolihan are members of the committee.

At the same time that we look back to ALHHS' history, we also must look to the future of the organization. New members are needed to come forward who will actively participate and prepare for leadership roles in the years ahead. A few committee vacancies are yet to be filled and others are coming up in the new year. If you are interested, please contact me.

The nominating committee has the important task this year of presenting a slate in the spring for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and one member of the Steering Committee. Katherine Donahue chairs the committee. Members are Jeremy Norman, Robin Overmier, and Barbara Van Brimmer.

Also in the spirit of looking ahead is our 1995 annual meeting in Buffalo. Suzanne Porter chairs the Program Committee; Elaine Challacombe and John Parascandola will work with Suzanne. Instead of building a program around a central theme, we'll experiment with something a little different based on a suggestion from Chris Hoolihan. The program will consist of papers presented by members on their research, a special project, or a solution to a problem in a collection. A call for abstracts will appear in the Spring issue of *The Watermark* which ought to give all who find this idea attractive plenty of time to prepare and start working on a paper. And, you have two years to get ready! Local arrangements for Buffalo are being organized by Lilli Sentz who plans to schedule a preservation lab tour and a literary entertainment for the pre-meeting dinner.

Finally, Phyllis Kauffman chairs the Archives Committee and Billie Broaddus begins a two-year term as a member of the Steering Committee.

Not to neglect those with continuing responsibilities, I'd like to mention: Joan Echtenkamp Klein and Jodi Koste, co-editors of *The Watermark*; Chris Hoolihan, chair of the Ad Hoc Honors and Awards Committee, whose task is to select the winner of the second Holloway Award with committee members Ed Glaser, Anne Pasquale Haddad, and Tom Horrocks; Susan Rishworth, Secretary/Treasurer; and Adele Lerner, Steering Committee member.

With the necessary business of running ALHHS in place, we now can focus on the major reasons we all have joined ALHHS: the enrichment of medical history collections in our care and the fostering of medical history research and scholarship.

It is a great honor to serve as the 10th president of ALHHS. I look forward to working with you and for you over the next two years. Thank you very much.

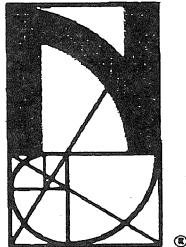
Barbara Smith Irwin
President, ALHHS

Postscript: After delivering the above speech, my first impression as president came from new members attending the meeting who heeded my request and volunteered to work for ALHHS. This was an encouraging start!

The groundwork for an exciting new project took shape in New York: an index to *The Watermark*. Carol Clausen, a member of longstanding, and Anne Gilliland-Swetland, a new member, have volunteered to create this very much needed index. Carol is an experienced indexer and Anne has computer skills and resources which will be used to produce the index. We wish them success!

My best wishes to you all - BSI

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Microfilming

NLM is involved in the ongoing microfilming of ALL of its brittle journals. Many of its titles have already been filmed, and a general idea of microfilm status can be obtained through SERLINE or the Journals file in NLM LOCATOR. More complete film information is now being included in LOCATOR.

Once a master microfilm has been made, any individual or institution can purchase a service copy through NLM's Microfilm Sales Program, which is administered through NLM's Preservation Section.

NLM will undertake new microfilming in specific response to an interlibrary loan request for a brittle journal. There is, however, a rather long queue at the moment, and new filming can take six months or more.

NLM has already microfilmed the first fifteen volumes of the *Proceedings of the AOS*, covering the period 1869-1921.

The New HISTLINE

The National Library of Medicine has nearly completed the first phase of reconstructing its online history of medicine bibliographic database, HISTLINE. A major aim of this project has been to provide the database with a far greater degree of compatibility with NLM's other MEDLARS databases. HISTLINE will now provide access to its subject matter through MeSH terms as well as through a controlled keyword vocabulary. MeSH headings will permit the same degree of detailed searching as is possible in other MEDLARS databases. A large number of the keywords, by contrast, will continue to allow for broad searching; they also continue to serve as subject headings for the printed *Bibliography of the History of Medicine*.

The new HISTLINE will contain almost all of the history of medicine and history of science citations that are now stored in NLM's MEDLINE, HEALTH, CATLINE, and AVLINe databases, as well as relevant citations that will be entered regu-

larly into these databases in the future. It will also include citations that are to be indexed in NLM's History of Medicine Division, both from other material in NLM's collection and from outside sources. Since HISTLINE incorporates several different types of citations — principally monographs, journal articles, and chapters from printed symposia, congress transactions, and the like — the structure of the database will more than ever combine features of both MEDLINE and CATLINE. HISTLINE search strategies will be similar to those of these other databases.

Online searching in the new HISTLINE is expected to be possible via ELHILL in the next few months, perhaps by September. The actual date will go out to MEDLARS users in a network announcement. Meanwhile, NLM's *Guide to Keywords in the Structured HISTLINE Vocabulary* is being revised, and copies will be available when the database is.

Images from the History of Medicine

Images from the History of Medicine (IHM) is the National Library of Medicine's new database of historical images. Drawing upon the resources of the Prints and Photographs Collection of NLM's History of Medicine Division, IHM contains approximately 59,000 images documenting social and historical aspects of medicine from the Renaissance to the present. Pictures in the database come from two main sources: the collection itself, with its caricatures, photographs, fine prints, ephemera, and many portraits; and illustrations from the books and journals held by NLM. IHM covers a wide range of medically related topics past and present, from medieval astrology to nineteenth century slum conditions to the international fight against drug abuse and AIDS. The strength of the collection, however, lies in the earlier periods, although there are twentieth century images, mostly from before World War II.

Several subgroups within the database are interesting as separate entities. For example, the core of the portrait collection is a group of 6,000 etchings, engravings, and woodcuts purchased for the Library by John Shaw Billings in 1879. Landmark medical treatises are included, with illustrations from such books as Vesalius' *De humani corporis fabrica* and William Harvey's *De motu cordis*. Great artists such as Rembrandt and Daumier are represented as well, the latter by his famous satirical illustrations for Antoine Fabre's *Nemesis medicale illustre*. There are patent medicine advertisements from the late nineteenth century, and a large number of posters on such contemporary issues as AIDS, smoking, and illegal drugs.

The database is designed so that a researcher can perform a search and then view the actual image and a full catalogue record simultaneously. IHM can be searched in a number of ways, including by personal name, place, subject (including NLM's MeSH headings), format, genre, etc. A mechanism is also in place to allow patrons to order high-quality copies of images for their own use. NLM hopes to make IHM available over the Internet this summer, using NCSA Mosaic.

Directory of History of Medicine Collections

The History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine publishes annually a printed directory of history of medicine collections. The *Directory of History of Medicine Collections* (the online counterpart being the History of Medicine subfile of DIRLINE) contains information about libraries, archives, and museums with holdings in the history of the health sciences. Through the directory, we hope to build an informal network of collections which will be useful to scholars and researchers.

We invite participation by institutions with holdings in the history of the health sciences which are willing to respond to reference questions and interlibrary loan requests. The more institutions participating, the greater the value of the directory to scholarship and librarianship. For information about becoming part of the directory, please contact Elizabeth Tunis at the History of Medicine Division.

Those institutions already included in the *Directory of History of Medicine Collections* should review their entries and make necessary changes. New staff? New area code? Anything new you would like to say about your collection? Feel free to include fax numbers and internet addresses. Please send new entries and revisions by 1 July to: Elizabeth Tunis, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894; (301) 496-5405; Fax: (301) 402-0872; Internet: elizabeth_tunis@occshost.nlm.nih.gov

Reminder:
Deadline for submission to the
Fall issue of *The Watermark*
is 1 September 1994

TRIBUTES TO ALHHS RETIREES

Ferenc Gyorgyey

On 30 June 1994, Mr. Ferenc Gyorgyey, Historical Librarian, will retire from the Yale University, Harvey Cushing/John Hay Whitney Medical Library, Historical Library. Ferenc has worked thirty-five years for the Yale University Library System in various capacities. He came to the Medical Library in 1960 as an Historical Cataloguer and was soon promoted to Assistant Historical Librarian. In 1967, he became the Historical Librarian. Ferenc has had an exceptionally distinguished career as a librarian, a scholar, and a mentor and a friend to all.

Ferenc added many rare incunabula and books to the Historical Collection, which now contains over 90,000 print items. He managed the cataloguing of the Streeter Collection of Weights and Measures and the cataloguing of the Fry Print Collection, a unique collection of prints and medical caricatures. Ferenc helped develop a database which contains information about pamphlets and reprints from the founders of the Medical Library: Dr. John Fulton, Arnold Klebs, and Dr. Harvey Cushing. He also presided over a major redesign of the Historical stacks and several moves of the Collection.

Most important to all those who used the Historical Library was Ferenc's philosophy of service.

To Ferenc, the Historical Library was a library, not a museum; consequently, there were as few rules as possible regarding use of the collections. He was there for two reasons: to help researchers and to take care of the collections. This philosophy allowed researchers to use original sources. Physicians, scientists, and students were able to look back in time and discover the beginnings of their chosen field. The sense of history that this imparted to scholars and students was both unforgettable and inspiring.

To Ferenc, the needs of patrons always came first. No matter that Ferenc had reports to write, books to select, and administrative duties to attend to, he would invariably stop whatever he was doing to help patrons. It made no difference to Ferenc what their status was: students, faculty, staff, visiting scholars, or the president of the university; all received the same devoted, courteous, and helpful attention. His pride and pleasure in the Collection were obvious whenever he talked about a new acquisition or showed a visitor a special treasure.

Ferenc's marvelous sense of humor helped his colleagues and patrons deal not only with the stresses of work and research, but the stresses of life. His inexhaustible supply of wonderful stories will be sorely missed. Ferenc enjoyed socializing with the staff, and coffee-break time with Ferenc was always a treat. His leaving creates a personal and professional void. We, his colleagues and friends, wish him well as he retires.

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Glen Jenkins

When the workday ends on 30 December 1994, a very special era at the Cleveland Health Sciences Library will also come to a close. On 31 December, Glen Pierce Jenkins, Rare Book Librarian and Archivist for the last 22 years, officially begins her retirement. Her unbounded energy and enthusiasm have contributed to substantial growth in the size and in the use of the collection. Her dedication has been a source of pride for the institution, and her kindness, consideration, sense of humor, and unwavering ability to go calmly through the roughest waters have been a source of inspiration (and even salvation) for fellow staff members.

Glen's love of books and their contents has been a life-long affair. She received her B.A. in literature from Scripps College in Claremont, California, and shortly after took a job at the circulation desk in the Rare Books Department at the Cornell University Library. While her children were growing up, Glen took a few years away from work. She returned to the workplace as an Associate Teacher in the Cleveland Public Schools, but the lure of books was too strong. She entered the School of Library Science at Case Western Reserve University and received an M.S.L.S. in 1972.

Glen became re-acquainted with historical collections, especially rare books, while a student in a library school class that focused on the subject in general and on the collections of the Cleveland Health Sciences Library in particular. Her contagious enthusiasm at that time is remembered well by others who were here then. Following graduation, she accepted a position as Assistant Archivist at the Library, and a year later was appointed Rare Book Librarian-Archivist. Glen was the first professional librarian to hold this position. She brought a new level of professional and technical expertise to the collection, and the depth and breadth of her knowledge about the collections is nothing short of amazing. Her skill in these areas is wonderfully complimented by the gracious atmosphere of welcome that she has created for all users, be they high school students, retired physicians, historians of medicine, or fellow staff members.

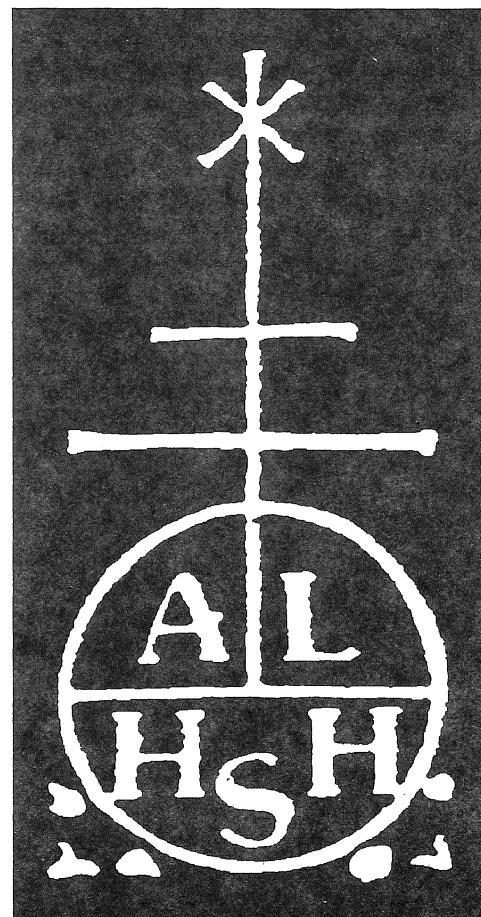
In addition to the daily concerns with collection care and use, Glen has been able to ferret out caches of exceptionally fine books and manuscripts from dark, damp basements and hot, dry attics, and to convince their owners that these materials should find a safe home. She contributes time and energy to local, regional, and national professional organizations, and she uses the rare book collection to convey the excitement of medical history and books

to undergraduate, graduate, and medical students from several nearby colleges and universities. Simple as it might seem, Glen demonstrates an uncanny knack for finding things in the library (missing books and so forth) when all the rest of us have given up the hunt.

In the course of her 22 years, Glen has endured many things: construction of a new rare book room; construction of a rare book room by, and apparently for, architects; a rare book room the temperature of which is the optimum for books (but not necessarily for people); so many shifts of the 50,000 plus rare books that no one could keep count; a disastrous flood in the rare book room; a broken foot acquired in the line of duty; and a seemingly hopeless attempt to convince the uninitiated that "Glen" (with one "n") is really a woman's name and that her name is not Glenn (with two "n"s), Glenna, or Glenda.

By whatever name, she is much loved in Cleveland, and her daily presence in our midst will be sorely missed.

Pat Gerstner
Jim Edmonson
Historical Division
Cleveland Health Sciences Library



NANCY ZINN RECEIVES LOUISE DARLING MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

The Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences is presented annually in recognition of distinguished achievement in collection development in the health sciences. Established in 1987, the medal is sponsored by Ballen Booksellers. The 1994 Medal was presented to Nancy Whitten Zinn, head of special collections and university archivist, Library, University of California, San Francisco at the 94th annual meeting of the Medical Library Association in San Antonio, Texas 13-18 May.

Ms. Zinn has developed a distinguished collection with an international reputation. She has been a pioneer in the collection of non-standard materials, such as oral histories, manuscripts, printed ephemera, and other materials essential for in-depth historical research. Her 1987 survey of hospital archives in the Northern California region laid the groundwork for cooperative collection building and made known many new resources for medical librarians.

Most recently, Ms. Zinn has turned her formidable skills to the task of documenting the AIDS epidemic. Her vision and leadership have made the AIDS project an outstanding success, energizing and coordinating the efforts of archivists, historians, AIDS service providers, and community activists. She has given over twenty-five invited papers and has published extensively, including the chapter on "Special Collections" in the fourth edition of the *Handbook of Medical Library Practice*, and the forthcoming MLA monograph on biomedical historical collections, co-authored with Judith Overmier. If for nothing else, her demonstration that the archival functions of libraries are as relevant to the health problems of our own time as they are to the dim past, amply merits the awarding of this high honor.

[Remarks made at the Louise Darling Medal Presentation during the MLA Awards Ceremony 15 May 1994. The editors wish to thank June Fulton for submitting a copy of the remarks to The Watermark.]

ALHHS AWARD FOR THE BEST MEDICAL HISTORICAL REFERENCE WORK

At the annual meeting of the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences held at the New York Academy of Medicine on 28 April, the Association's 1993/94 Awards Committee presented its award for the best medical historical reference work published within the last five years, that is, between 1988 and 1993. The award's recipient was Mr. Jeremy Norman, of San Francisco, who edited the fifth edition of *Morton's Medical Bibliography: an Annotated Check-list of Texts Illustrating the History of Medicine* published by the Scolar Press in 1991.

The fifth edition of this standard bibliography of medical classics was the near unanimous choice of the committee from a field of seventeen entries. Mr. Norman's revision of *Garrison and Morton* was cited for its extensive additions and careful expansion of many of the existing annotations.

Honorable mentions were given to the Award Committee's second and third choices. Second in the committee's voting was *The Cambridge World History of Human Disease*, edited by Kenneth Kiple and published by the Cambridge University Press in 1993. The committee's third choice was *The Haskell F. Norman Library of Science & Medicine*, compiled by Diana Hook and published in 1991 by Norman Publishing.

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ALHHS thanks all those who contributed to the success of our 1994 annual meeting in New York City including:

Arthur Downing, Academy Librarian and Director of Information Resources, and Dr. Jeremiah Barondess, President, of the New York Academy of Medicine for hosting our annual meeting;

Antiquarian medical booksellers Jeremy Norman and Barbara Rootenberg for their generous support;

Christine Valentine of Gryphon Editions for donating floral centerpieces to decorate the luncheon tables; and

Annie Pasquale Haddad, Chair, and the dynamic Local Arrangements Committee of Lois Fischer Black, Shaw David Kingsley, Adele Lerner, and William Helfand who planned and directed our visit from a pre-meeting dinner to a memorable day at the New York Academy of Medicine. Special thanks to Inci Bowman, Program Coordinator, and speakers for a stimulating program on the uses of special collections reported elsewhere in this issue. Kudos to our ALHHS members who presented a standing-room-only luncheon workshop at AAHM on reference books in the history of medicine: Chris

Hoolihan, Ed Morman, Phil Teigen, and Nancy Zinn; their outstanding program will be reported in the Fall issue of *The Watermark*.

Barbara Smith Irwin
President ALHHS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE- 1995 ANNUAL MEETING PITTSBURGH

The American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM) announces a call for papers for its 1995 Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on the University of Pittsburgh campus, 11-14 May 1995. Any subject in the history of medicine is suitable for presentation, but the paper must represent original work not already published or in press. Presentations are limited to twenty minutes. Because the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* is the official journal of the AAHM, the Association encourages speakers to make their manuscripts available for consideration by the Bulletin upon request.

Abstracts must be typed single-spaced on one sheet of paper, and must not exceed 300-500 words in length. They should embody not merely a statement of a research question, but findings and conclusions sufficient to allow assessment by the Program Committee. The following biographical information is also required: Name, title (occupation), present institutional affiliation, if any, preferred mailing address and work and home telephone numbers.

As in the past, the 1995 program will include lunch-time roundtable workshops and poster sessions. Proposals for entire sessions (3 papers) may be submitted, but each abstract will be judged and accepted on its own merits. Those wishing to submit abstracts for these sessions should follow the instructions given above.

Any person interested in presenting a paper at this meeting is invited to submit an abstract (one original and six copies) to the Chair of the Program Committee, Dr. Mary Lindemann, History Department, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Abstracts must be received by 15 October 1994 (no faxes please). Individuals interested in receiving registration information for this meeting should contact the Local Arrangements Chair, Dr. Jonathon Erlen, 123 Northview Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15209.

(CADUECUS 3:02 26 May 1994)

Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences

May 24, 1994

Donald A. B. Lindberg, M.D.
Director, National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20894

Dear Dr. Lindberg:

At its Annual Meeting on April 27, 1994, Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences(ALHHS) unanimously approved a resolution instructing me to communicate our concern about the NLM's inability to appoint a permanent Chief of its History of Medicine Division. It is now more than eighteen months since the position was vacated, and we understand that the search for a replacement has been suspended or cancelled. We recognize that federal government budget exigencies are responsible for the delay; however, we would like to encourage you to designate this position a top hiring priority as soon as restrictions are eased.

I would like to make it clear that our concern is not based on any criticism of the acting Chief or his staff, who continue to conduct the affairs of the Division with the highest degree of professionalism. As the repository of the world's most significant collection of historical medical literature, though, it is appropriate that the NLM make certain that its history division is fully staffed and under the leadership of a permanent Chief chosen through a deliberate search process.

NLM's History of Medicine Division provides essential public services to ALHHS members in our varied responsibilities as curators and custodians of medical history collections. We value the History of Medicine Division's resources, contributions, and staff, and the support provided for scholarly work in the history of the health sciences.

NLM's History of Medicine Division is a major cultural resource. ALHHS members believe a permanent Chief needs to be named to administer the collections and services of the division and to plan for the future.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Smith Irwin
President

cc: Charles E. Rosenberg, PhD
President, American Association for the History of Medicine

Keith Drueger, Executive Director
Friends of NLM

MURRAY GOTTLIEB AWARD

The Murray Gottlieb Prize is awarded annually by the Medical Library Association for the best unpublished essay on the history of medicine and allied sciences written by a health sciences librarian.

The Gottlieb Prize was established in 1956 by Ralph and Jo Grimes of the Old Hickory Bookshop, Brinklow, Maryland, in memory of Murray Gottlieb, a New York antiquarian book dealer. The purpose of

the prize is to recognize and stimulate the health sciences librarian's interest in the history of medicine. The author of the winning essay receives a cash award of \$100 and a certificate at the Association's Annual Meeting.

Deadline for the submission of papers is 1 September 1994. For more information contact: Karen Curtis, Chair, Murray Gottlieb Prize Jury, phone: (312) 996-8993, fax: (312) 996-1899; email: u34861@uicvm.bitnet

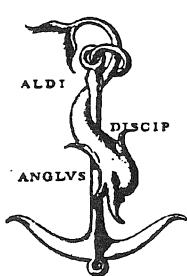
AMENDED ALHHS BYLAWS

Article I. Members

- Section 1. Membership shall be open to librarians and archivists with responsibilities for collections and services in the history of the health sciences, and to any other persons interested in health science history collections.
- Section 2. Dues shall be set by the Steering Committee and approved by majority vote in a mail ballot submitted to the membership nine weeks before the Annual Meeting. Annual dues shall be payable on presentation of an invoice included with the Annual Meeting notice.
- Section 3. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.
- Section 4. A quorum of twenty percent of the voting members shall be required in order to transact the Association's business.
- Section 5. Suspension and Reinstatement. If dues are unpaid two months after the renewal date, the dues shall be considered to be in arrears and the member shall be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership.

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INTERNET: A BIBLIOGRAPHY

I would like to share with you a bibliography that we compiled for a session at the annual meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists (SSA) in El Paso, Texas on 20 May. The session on electronic networking was somewhat similar to the one we did last year at the American Association for the History of Medicine in Louisville, Kentucky. Peter Hirtle from the National Archives at College Park was the principal speaker, with a paper titled, "The Networked Archivist." A CADUCEUS member, Peter is the author of "Surfing the Internet for the History of Medicine." The other speakers were Pat Bozeman, University of Houston, and Lee Miller, Tulane University in New Orleans.

A year ago, there were only a few books on networking. A recent online bibliography, "Unofficial Internet Book List" by Kevin Savetz (Usenet Newsgroup Misc.books.technical, 5 May 1994) lists 91 books. Included here is a select list of works frequently cited and/or familiar to the members of the SSA panel on electronic networking.

Dern, Daniel P. *The Internet Guide for New Users*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1994, 570 pp.

A readable, basic source by the editor of the *Internet World* magazine.

Glister, Paul. *The Internet Navigator*. New York: John Wiley, 1993, 470 pp.

A beginner's guide, covering basic Internet utilities, with examples and illustrations.

Hahn, Harley and Stout, Rick. *The Internet Complete Reference*. Berkeley, CA: Osborne McGraw-Hill, 1994, 818 pp.

A comprehensive guide to Internet functions, with a catalog of 750 Internet resources.

Kehoe, Brendan. *Zen and the Art of Internet*, 3rd ed. Prentice Hall, 1994, 193 pp.

One of the first books covering the basic utilities of Internet. The first edition is still available via FTP.

Krol, Ed. *The Whole Internet User's Guide and Catalog*. O'Reilly, 1994, 572 pp.

Highly recommended. Perhaps a best seller, with over 250,000 copies sold! The second edition, just issued, includes the new Internet tools, such as Mosaic, and an expanded resource catalog.

Internet World: The Magazine for Internet Users.
Westport, CT: Mecklermedia. Published monthly
(except Jul/Aug and Nov/Dec).

Intended for users at all levels, it includes primers, reports, news, and interviews with network leaders.

Noonan, Dana. *A Guide to Internet / Bitnet.* (Updated 21 March 1994). Online version, GUIDEV2 NNEWS, is available from Listserv@ndsuvm1. Bitnet. For printed copies (available from Metronet), contact the author, Noonan@msus1.msus.edu.

ON INTERNET 94: An International Guide to Electronic Journals, Newsletters, Texts, Discussion Lists, and Other Resources on the Internet. Tony Abbot, ed. Westport, CT: Mecklermedia, 1994, 453 pp.

Annotated lists of discussion lists, electronic publications, Freenets (community Internet services), Usenet newsgroups, and commercial services.

Smith, Richard and Gibbs, Mark. *Navigating the Internet.* Carmel, IN: Sams Publishing, 1993, 640 pp.

The deluxe edition, just issued, includes a HD disk. More than 15,000 people in 50 countries participated in Richard Smith's online tutorials, "Navigating the Internet." In-depth explanation of various Internet functions.

(CADUCEUS-L 2:87 17 May 1994)

Inci Bowman
Moody Medical Library
The University of Texas Medical
Branch at Galveston

**ALHHS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1 May 1993—26 April 1994**

Beginning Balance	\$6014.48
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Deposits

1993 Dues	\$ 150.00
Watermark Ads	945.00
1993 Mtg. Donations	750.00
1994 Dues	1400.00
Mtg. Registrations	1700.00
Label Sales	40.00
Bank Interest	70.16
1993 Mtg.Registrations	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>\$5105.16</u>
	<u>\$11,119.64</u>

Expenses

1993 Mtg.	\$2113.66
Watermark print&mail	1461.82
Award	167.94
Administrative	296.90
Open savings acct.	100.00
Purchase checks	9.47
Sec'y postage	77.77
Sec'y supplies	11.42
Pres. postage	88.24
Rtd. check	<u>10.00</u>
	<u>\$4040.32</u>
	<u>\$ 7079.32</u>

CD#143-170-4 = \$5538.68

(Purchased 10/92, 12 months at 3.15%; earned \$169.14)

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Membership Report to April 8, 1994

137 Members (Paid 1994)
49 Not yet paid

186 Total Members

Meeting Registrants : 70



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ALHHS STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES Park Central Hotel, New York City, 27 April 1994

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M. by President Ed Morman. Members present were Ed Morman, Jodi Koste, Joan Echtenkamp Klein, Susan Rishworth, Adele Lerner, and Barbara Irwin.

The minutes of the 12 May 1993 Steering Committee meeting were approved as read on the motion of Adele Lerner and second of Barbara Irwin. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Jodi Koste and Joan Echtenkamp Klein gave their report on *The Watermark*. They submitted cost figures indicating that *The Watermark* made a profit. It was suggested that we tell book dealers when we notice their ads in *The Watermark*; they may be unsure of the returns on their investment in advertising. Joan and Jodi also raised the issue about the high postal charge for mailing *The Watermark* to our international members. We could charge them more, or we could send their issues by surface mail. Since the number of internationals is still relatively few, about a dozen, it was decided that we would just continue assuming the cost until we get more international members. The editors reported that Phil Teigen will no longer serve as book review editor of *The Watermark*. He has suggested that the editors consider a more formal book reviewing procedure, including sending publishers' review copies to reviewers. Ed felt that such a move would probably not be necessary, but that a more formal book reviewing procedure might be attempted. He advised Joan and Jodi to be on the lookout for new volunteers. Kathy Donahue will also be stepping down following the summer issue as "Ex Libris" column editor. After some discussion of ideas about dropping or continuing the column it was agreed that the column does serve an important purpose. Joan and Jodi will try to recruit a new editor. It was decided that "Research in progress by ALHHS members" would be an appropriate item to put in the "Ex Libris" column. Jodi and Joan also asked that a note of thanks be written by the president for all those who helped with the ALHHS annual meeting.

Ed mentioned that Inci Bowman had suggested the Steering Committee consider asking for a volunteer to index *The Watermark*, since it is almost ten years old. Steering Committee members agreed to ask at the meeting for interested people.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Rishworth pointed out that of the 186 names on the ALHHS mailing list only 140 have paid their dues, noting that many may have just neglected to do it, while others may not be interested in renewing. Since Kathy Donahue will be putting the ALHHS directory together, it seems an appropriate time to refine the mailing list and ask those who haven't yet paid, if they want to be in the directory. Barbara volunteered to send "final notice" letters to verify the mailing list. It was suggested that, in the future, April 1st be considered a cut off date for receiving dues and that the winter issue of *The Watermark* can state that "This will be your last issue, unless you send your dues by 1 April."

Ed read the report of the auditor, Philip Seitz, saying that the books are being maintained in good order.

Old Business

Ed reported that the membership was polled in the fall of 1993 and passed a resolution to change the Bylaws. There will now be only one membership category in the Association.

Ed asked whether Susan had received another appeal from the Friends of the NLM. Susan had not received such an appeal, so the matter of donating to them again was dropped.

Ed reported that he had not appointed a committee to establish policies and guidelines on budgeting for ALHHS, but that it appeared that regularizing the budget may be a good idea, especially as new projects requiring funds come up. One such idea, an oral history taping of early members of the ALHHS, would cost about \$300.00 for two transcripts. He leaves it to incoming president Barbara Irwin to appoint a Budget Committee.

Ed reported that the Nominating Committee, made up of Sherill Redmon, had nominated Billie Broaddus for the at-large vacant space on the Steering Committee. Billie was unanimously elected by mail ballot. Sherill will report on the result at the Annual Meeting.

New Business

The issue of the hiring freeze at NLM was discussed at some length and its implications for ALHHS. The issue will be brought up to the membership at the Annual Meeting on Thursday.

John Erlen, Local Arrangements Chair for the AAHM meeting in Pittsburgh in 1995, already has a de-

tailed plan for the 1995 ALHHS meeting and will report on and promote it at the Annual Meeting on Thursday.

Inci Bowman would like to report on some changes in CADUCEUS and will be given time at the Annual Meeting.

Susan asked that the Steering Committee consider separating the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, since ALHHS growing rapidly and there is more work to do. She said the Secretary's work is still not voluminous, but the Treasurer's work is time-consuming and not having secretarial duties would ease the load of work somewhat. We also have a large untapped source of new and old members who could help. Barbara asked if Susan could hold off for another year since it appears that it would take a constitutional change for the offices to be separated.

Ed asked if Barbara would like to make any announcements as the new president, and she proceeded to pass out copies of a preliminary list of committees with chairs and members listed and to report on plans for the next two years.

Barbara made a motion to adjourn and Adele seconded it. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Ed Morman at 5:30 pm.

Susan Rishworth
Secretary/Treasurer

ALHHS BUSINESS MEETING New York Academy of Medicine, New York City 28 April 1994

The annual business meeting of the ALHHS was called to order at 8:30 am by President Ed Morman. Anne Pasquale Haddad welcomed the group to New York City and introduced members of the Local Arrangements Committee. Ed asked first time attendees at the meeting to stand and introduce themselves.

The minutes of the 1993 meeting were approved as printed in the Summer 1993 issue of *The Watermark*. Susan Rishworth gave the Secretary/Treasurer's report and distributed copies of the Financial Report along with membership statistics. Ed read the report of the auditor, Philip Seitz, stating that the books are being maintained in good order.

Ed reported that the membership was polled in the fall of 1993 and a resolution was passed to amend the

Bylaws of the ALHHS. Now there will be only one membership category.

Committee Reports

Phyllis Kaufmann, who was appointed archivist for the ALHHS in April 1994, reported for the Archives Committee. She presented the Deposit Agreement regarding administration of the archives and other historical materials of the ALHHS deposited in the Library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and the Archives Committee's annual report as prepared by Jack Eckert of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Sherill Redmon gave the report of the Nominating Committee. Billy Broaddus was nominated to serve in the position of at-large member of the Steering Committee and was elected to the position by the membership in the fall of 1993. Ed introduced other officers whose terms continue for the next year: Susan Rishworth, Secretary/Treasurer; Jodi Koste and Joan Echtenkamp Klein, Co-editors of *The Watermark*; Adele Lerner, Member at-large; and Barbara Irwin, incoming President.

Christopher Hoolihan presented the report of the Ad Hoc Honors and Awards Committee. The winner of the 1994 award for the best reference book published in the field of the history of medicine is Jeremy Norman for publication of *Morton's Medical Bibliography*, 5th ed. Jeremy was presented with an inscribed crystal paper weight and a check for \$250.00.

Phil Teigen, coordinator for the ALHHS luncheon on "Reference Books in the History of Medicine: State of the Art" that will take place during the AAHM on Friday, 29 April was introduced. Ed thanked Phil and participants in the luncheon workshop for promoting the presence of ALHHS at the AAHM meeting.

Ed reported that Kathy Donahue will update the ALHHS directory.

Finally, *Watermark* editors, Joan Echtenkamp Klein and Jodi Koste, thanked the many individuals, particularly rare book dealers, contributors of news items and column contributors Kathy Donahue and Phil Teigen for "ExLibris" and book reviews respectively. Joan and Jodi announced they are looking for volunteers to take over the jobs left vacant by Kathy and Phil.

New Business

Ed discussed the issue of the hiring freeze at NLM which has prevented a permanent chief being ap-

pointed. After considerable discussion, members voted unanimously that the Steering Committee prepare a statement to be sent to the appropriate people expressing ALHHS concern about the delay in appointing a chief of the HMD. Barbara Irwin will prepare the letter. Ed Morman will raise the issue at the AAHM business meeting.

Ed announced that Inci Bowman had proposed the idea of indexing *The Watermark*, which began publication in 1975. He asked for volunteers to undertake this project.

Members were informed that at the AAHM Pittsburgh meeting in 1995, there will be a library brochures display for exchanging ideas about promoting our collections. All are urged to contribute to the display.

Announcements

Phil Teigen announced new developments with the HISTLINE database which will be coming out this summer. He also briefly described the new Images database project which eventually will make available prints and photographs from the HMD through the Internet.

Inci Bowman announced changes planned for CADUCEUS and asked for feedback from subscribers.

Ed then introduced new President Barbara Irwin.

Barbara's first action as President was a gesture of thanks to Ed for his leadership and "coaching" of the ALHHS for the past two years. A humorous gift of a decorated coachman's hat was presented to Ed by Inci Bowman.

Barbara then announced new committee assignments and plans for the next two years. She asked John Erlen to discuss local arrangements for the Pittsburgh meeting next year.

An Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Lucretia McClure will conduct an oral history project over the next two years documenting the beginnings of the ALHHS by interviewing some of the Association's founding members.

As his last official acts as President, Ed Morman thanked everyone for their contributions to the Association and adjourned the meeting.

The program followed the break.

Susan Rishworth
Secretary/Treasurer

ALHHS 1975-1995 Celebrating Twenty Years

The Twentieth Anniversary Celebration Committee needs your assistance! Think back about your association with ALHHS.

What ALHHS programs were particularly meaningful or significant?

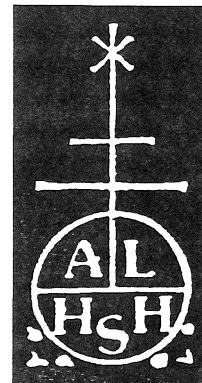
What anecdotes do you remember about ALHHS people and events?

How has ALHHS contributed to your career development?

How has ALHHS helped you solve problems or answer questions?

Send your responses to these questions and any other reminiscence you have about ALHHS to the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration Committee. The Committee needs your assistance in locating photographs of past ALHHS programs, people and events. Please search your institutional or personal archives for images!

Responses and photographs may be sent to: Nancy Whitten Zinn, Committee Chair, Library, Special Collections, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143-0840; phone (415) 476-8112; fax (415) 476-7940; email zinn@library.ucsf.edu; Glen P. Jenkins, Cleveland Health Sciences Library, 11000 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106; phone (216) 368-3649; fax (216) 368-6421; email GPJ@PO.cwru.edu; or Phil Teigen, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894; phone (301) 496-5405; fax (301) 402-0872; email phil_teigen@occshost.nlm.nih.gov.



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Parthian Shot

by Katharine Donahue

Main Entries

Nancy Whitten Zinn, UC San Francisco, was awarded the Louise Darling Medal For Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development by MLA. Congratulations, Nancy!

Jeremy M. Norman received the ALHHS 1994 Publication Award (the first) for his editorship of the fifth edition of *Morton's Medical Bibliography: an annotated check-list of texts illustrating the history of medicine* (Garrison & Morton). Congratulations, Jeremy!

Thomas A. Horrocks of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia was the recipient of the 1994 Murray Gottlieb Award for his essay, "The Poor Man's Riches, the Rich Man's Bliss": Regimen, Reform and the *Journal of Health*, 1829-1833." Congratulations, Tom!

Catching up with colleagues. Janet Kubinec Sutton says, "I always look forward to reading *The Watermark*, even though I haven't worked as a history of medicine/special collections librarian for the past 7 1/2 years. Since my marriage in 1985, I've lived in Frankfurt, Nuremberg, and Wuerzburg, Germany, and now in Panama City, Republic of Panama, just a mile from the Panama Canal. Since last September, I've been working for the U.S. Army in our local community at Fort Clayton, Panama, as a reference librarian. I am mindful that had it not been for the work of Carlos Finlay and William Crawford Gorgas, we would not be living here comfortably today."

Paul G. Anderson, Washington University School of Medicine Library, Archives and Rare Book Section writes that Mabel L. Purkerson, M.D., former Associate Dean for Curriculum, has joined the Archives and History of Medicine section of the Library. Dr. Purkerson will develop an oral history program in the history of medicine concentrating on the history of the School and the medical community in St. Louis.

Analytics

Elizabeth Ihrig, of the Bakken, A Library and Museum of Electricity in Life, reports the following very interesting project and exhibit. "The Bakken Library in Minneapolis opened its Physic Garden on Saturday 4 June. The garden was cre-

ated by adding over 50 medicinal plants that thrive in Minnesota's robust climate to the Bakken's pre-existing English landscape perennial garden. Included among the medicinal plants are angelica, artemisia, lady's mantle, foxglove, yellow lady's slipper, sweet woodruff, lungwort, spikenard, wild ginger, and monkshood. To mark the opening of the garden, a very small display of three very large herbals was organized in one of the Bakken's exhibit areas, featuring a facsimile of the *Anicia Juliana Codex* (512 A.D.) of Dioscorides, a *Hortus Sanitatis* printed in Venice in 1511, and the 1636 printing of Thomas Johnson's edition of John Gerard's *Herball*.¹¹ Staff at the Bakken would enjoy hearing from other institutions or individuals with medicinal gardens. Contact Elizabeth Ihrig at (612) 927-6508; Fax (612) 927-7265; or e-mail: eirigh@aol.com.

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The University of Maryland at Baltimore will soon be home to the city's newest specialty museum, the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry. One of the oldest buildings on the downtown campus is being renovated to house the museum. The museum's most famous artifact is George Washington's lower denture. (The upper denture was stolen in 1981, while on loan to the Smithsonian Institution). Other items in the collection include toothbrushes, tongue scrapers, scalers, drills, mouth mirrors, dentists' chairs, and tooth-related artwork.

Barbara Irwin reports that the Special Collections Department of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Libraries (UMDNJ) received a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission to conduct oral history interviews with representatives of organizations within the state which emerged since the early 1980s in response to the need for support services within the AIDS/HIV community. Transcripts of interviews obtained for "The New Jersey AIDS Oral History Project" will be added to the History of AIDS in New Jersey Collection located at the UMDNJ-George F. Smith Library in Newark. The interviewer is Robert Burnett, historian; project director is Barbara Smith Irwin, managing librarian.

The Washington University School of Medicine History of Medicine Club has sponsored several lectures in recent months in cooperation with the School's Humanities in Medicine Program. Our most recent event in this series was a lecture on 14 March by Dr. Vanessa Gamble of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, on the Tuskegee syphilis study. This year the Washington University School of Medicine Library is one of three observing the 500th anniversary of the birth of Paracelsus with special exhibits (the others being the National Library of Medicine and Hahnemann University Library). Our

exhibit,"Paracelsus, Five Hundred Years," opened in our History of Medicine Gallery on 4 March and will run through the end of July 1994. Curator for the exhibit is Lilla Wechsler, Rare Book Cataloger. Wechsler also delivered an illustrated lecture on Paracelsus here on 22 April 1994. This was a trial run for her paper "Reflections of a Paradoxical Polymath: An Analysis of the *Seven Defensiones*, the *Paragranum*, and *Portraits of Paracelsus*," which she subsequently presented at the conference "European Cultural Systems during the Pre-Cartesian Period," sponsored by the Medizinhistorisches Institut der Universität Bonn and the University of Haifa Department of French, in Haifa, Israel on 24 May.

Margo Szabunia, Curator of the Center for the Study of the History of Nursing of the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, is pleased to announce the completion of the Nursing History Processing and Cataloging Project which began in December 1991. Funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the project has enabled the Center to process, describe, and catalogue twenty-four collections (approximately 300 linearfeet) of organizational records and personal papers. The 24 collections processed under this grant are:

- Albert Einstein Medical Center School of Nursing, 1928-1964
- Alumnae Association of the School of Nursing of Mercy-Douglass Hospital (Philadelphia), 1939-1987
- Athens County Visiting Nurse Association, 1982-1992
- Austin, Ann L., 1910-1986
- Brandywine Home Health Agency, 1917-1990
- Brennan, Mary, 1903-1992
- Fagin, Claire M., 1926-1992
- History of Nursing in Philadelphia, 1973-1974
- Lock Haven Hospital, 1896-1964
- Lynch, Theresa I., 1896-1986
- Mercy-Douglass Hospital School of Nursing (Philadelphia), 1896-1977
- Mereness, Dorothy A., 1910-1991
- Pennsylvania League for Nursing, 1948-1987
- Pennsylvania Nurses' Association, District 1, 1921-1973
- Presbyterian School of Nursing (Philadelphia), 1871-1988
- Robinson, Alice Merritt, 1920-1983
- Schorr, Thelma M., 1920-1983
- Starr Centre Association of Philadelphia, 1894-1973
- Strumpf, Edna E. LaPorte, 1933-1991
- Tram, Rose Anna, 1915-1976
- Visiting Nurse Association of Allegheny County, 1918-1990

Visiting Nurse Association of Ambler and Vicinity, 1922-1987

Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Philadelphia, 1976-1981

Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia, 1858-1976

The Center for the Study of the History of Nursing serves as a repository for primary source materials pertinent to the development of nursing in the Mid-Atlantic region and as a national center for visiting nurse society materials. Its holdings, which are catalogued in RLIN, include records of hospitals, schools of nursing, nursing alumni associations, voluntary non-profit associations, professional associations, military associations; and the personal papers of individual practitioners, collectors, and researchers. The Center facilitates use of its collections by sponsoring and conducting historical research in nursing and disseminates research findings through teaching, conferences, and publications.

For more information about the Center's activities or collections, contact Curator Margo Szabunia at (215) 898-4502 or send e-mail to nhistory@nursing.upenn.edu
(CADUCEUS-L 3:03 27 May 1994)

The Museum Boerhaave, National Museum of the History of Science and Medicine in Leiden, has announced a conference, "Origins and Evolution of Collecting Scientific Instruments," planned for 7-9 September 1994. The conference aims to explore trends in the history of collecting instruments, as they relate to the history of science and culture. The program includes speakers mostly from European museums and institutions, and the proceedings will be published as a special issue of the *Journal of the History of Collections*. The conference fee is 150 Dutch guilders, and includes reception, excursion, and dinner. After 1 June there will be a surcharge of 50 guilders.

For more information, please contact: Museum Boerhaave, Postbus 11280, 2301 EG Leiden, The Netherlands. Telephone: 071 214224
(CADUCEUS 2:82 18 April 1994)

Applications are now invited for the Bibliographical Society Grants and Fellowships for Research awards to be made in the 1995 calendar year. Applicants for all awards may be of any nationality and need not be members of the Society. The Society hopes to make awards both for immediate research needs, such as for microfilms or travelling expenses, and for longer-term support, for example to assist with prolonged visits to libraries and archives. It is envisaged that one major award, up to a maximum of 2,000 pounds, and a number of smaller awards will be offered.

One or more of these awards will be particularly associated with the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association which has contributed generously to the Fund.

The Society offers a Fredson Bowers award of \$1,500, funded by the Bibliographical Society of America, and also, in conjunction with the Oxford Bibliographical Society, a Falconer Madan award of up to 500 pounds for research undertaken in Oxford libraries or, under certain circumstances, conducted elsewhere upon topics connected with Oxford.

Applications must be submitted by 30 November 1994 and two referees, familiar with the applicant's work, should be asked to write directly to the address below. Successful applicants will be notified following the meeting of the Council of the Bibliographical Society early in February 1995.

In addition, the Society offers a limited number of minor grants, of 50 to 150 pounds, for specific purposes, such as the costs of travel or of microfilming. Applications for these grants may be submitted at any time and should be supported by a letter from one referee and a statement that the funds applied for are available from no other source.

Further particulars and application forms for both major and minor grants are available from Dr. E. S. Leedham-Green, Cambridge University Library, West Road, Cambridge CB3 9DR, England, UK. Further information about the Society and its interests may be found in its centennial publication, *The Book Encompassed*, ed. Peter Davison (Cambridge University Press, 1992), or from recent issues of its journal, *The Library*.

The Reynolds Historical Library Associates are pleased to announce the publication of the following volume: *The Reynolds Historical Lectures, 1980-1991: Twelve Years of Contributions to the History of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham*. (Birmingham: The University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1993. xv, 353 p.; ill., with index.) This hardbound volume contains the transcribed and edited texts of the first twelve Reynolds Historical Lectures, presented annually at The University of Alabama at Birmingham since 1980. The volume is illustrated with sketches of each of the Lecturers commissioned especially for this publication, these including Dr. Joseph F. Volker, Dr. Bengt E. Gustafsson, Sir John Dewhurst, Dr. Howard Holley, Dr. Joachim S. Gravenstein, Dr. John W. Kirklin, Dr. Charles A. Berry, Col. Robert J.T. Joy, Dr. Roger Guillemin, Dr. Victor A. McKusick, Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, and Dr. Donald S. Fredrickson. Single copies are being offered to the public in consideration of a contribution of \$25 to the Reynolds Historical Library.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Reynolds Historical Library, telephone

(205) 934-4475 or (205) 934-4478, fax (205) 975-8476; or by e-mail lhl0016@uabdpo.dpo.uab.edu. Mailing address: 1700 University Boulevard, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama 35294-0013

(CADUCEUS 2:73 17 March 1994)

Calendar

The PACSCL Summer Seminar on Ephemera, sponsored by the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries, will be held **4-6 August 1994** in Philadelphia, PA. The seminar will address topics of interest to librarians, archivists, museum curators, collectors, and researchers who use ephemera. Sessions on appraisal, intellectual control, exhibitions, preservation issues, digital imaging, and research use of ephemera are included on the program. All sessions will be held at The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22nd St., and evening receptions will be held at other PACSCL institutions. An optional bus trip to the Hagley and Winterthur Museums in Delaware will be offered on the final day of the seminar. Registration for the seminar is \$175; a late fee of \$25 will be added after July 1st. Registration includes all sessions of the seminar, an opening luncheon, morning coffee, evening receptions, handouts, and information packets. Attendance is limited.

For further information contact: Amy McColl, PACSCL Central Staff, c/o PALINET, 3401 Market Street Suite 262, Philadelphia, PA 19104, Tel.: (215) 382-7031, ext. 201; Fax: (215) 382-0022; Internet: aem@pobox.upenn.edu

New Acquisitions

Jane Brown and Betty Newsom of the Waring Historical Library, Medical University of South Carolina, report that the Waring Historical Library has two interesting additions to its collections. First is a copy of John Edwards Holbrook's *North American Herpetology*, with the inscription on the fly sheet, "Captured in the Anatomical Museum Charleston, S.C. the day of the raising of the flag of Fort Sumter by Major Anderson, April 14th, 1865. A lost lamb returned home." Holbrook was an early faculty member at the Medical College of South Carolina. The second addition to the collection consists of records of the Medical Society of South Carolina including minutes, committee records, reports, membership and treasurer's records, etc. This organization was founded in 1789 and contains a great wealth of information on medicine in South Carolina. The members of the organization served as the early public health administrators and advisors and founded the school which is now the Medical University of South Carolina.

News from the Net

Tilli Tansey (t.tansey@ucl.ac.uk) and Alan Yoshioka (a.yoshioka@ic.ac.uk) transmitted the following about the Wellcome Institute Catalogue: WILDCat, the Wellcome Institute Catalogue, is now available in electronic form and can be interrogated on: JANET UK.AC.UCL.WIHM or Internet: WIHM.UCL.AC.UK. It will also soon be available on the NISS service. Unavailable times: Midnight till approx 1:30 a.m. (London time) at least one Saturday in three.

(*CADUCEUS* 2:85 9 May 1994)

The March/April 1994 issue of *Internet World; the Magazine for Internet Users* has an article, "Visiting Museums on the Internet" by Adam Gaffin (pp. 24-29). It covers a number of institutions which have mounted online exhibits that can be accessed via Gopher, telnet, and anonymous FTP. (In order to see the images, however, one needs a GIF viewer or a WWW browser like MOSAIC.) Although the exhibits are not medical in nature, those of you who are eager to see digital images may want to try these addresses mentioned in the article:

Library of Congress
seq1.loc.gov

Anonymous FTP or Gopher

Smithsonian Institution
photo1.si.edu

Anonymous FTP

The Harvard Museums
huh.harvard.edu

Gopher

California Museum of Photography (UC-Riverside)
galaxy.ucr.edu

Gopher

Museum of Paleontology (UC-Berkeley)
ucmp1.berkeley.edu

Gopher

(*CADUCEUS* 2:68 2 March 1994)

Auckland University's Dr. Will Richardson is translating the 16th-century work *De Humani Corporis Fabrica*, whose publication in 1543 marked a beginning of modern anatomical research, from Latin to English. There is no published translation of the 700-page, seven-book work by Vesalius into a modern language, although some sections have been translated. Richardson says he was prompted by periodic requests from medical researchers seeking translation of specific sections to tackle the whole thing. He is using the Philson Library's facsimile edition of the original, and is working closely with Auckland's Professor John Carman as his anatomy adviser.

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Professors Hast and Garrison at Northwestern are also working on translating all seven books. A Russian translation of the entire *Fabrica* (based on the 1724 Boerhaave-Albinus edition was published in 1950, and William Singer did an abridged translation of Book 7. Other much shorter fragments have also been translated into English. Hast and Garrison have the immediate objective of translating books 1 and 2 of Vesalius' *Fabrica*, which is about 2/3 of the whole, covering the bones and muscles. They are working from a facsimile of the 1543 edition and noting substantive changes made in the 1555 edition, of which they also have a facsimile copy. In addition to a translation, they are providing anatomical identifications and historical notes, identifying persons referred to, important controversies of the time, and ancient sources. By meticulous checking of Greek sources especially, they are able to make informed conjectures about what Galenic texts Vesalius had in hand and which he is citing from memory. The translation is under contract with Princeton University Press, which has promised a lavish publication that will include all the original illustrations. Lavish or not, a translation (or translations) of Vesalius is long overdue. Renaissance historians will have easy access to the most important scientific text of that period that is still to all intents and purposes a closed book.

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Recommended Reading

In 1848 Phineas Gage was the victim of an accident; a fine-pointed iron rod (3-cm-thick, 109-cm-long) was hurled through his face, skull, brain, and into the sky. He survived quite handily and died in 1861. He did, however, undergo a radical personality change. He became, by all accounts, a different person. Although no autopsy was done on his death, the skull was saved, as was the rod. The 20 May 1994 issue of *Science* (vol.264) has an article titled "The Return of Phineas Gage: Clues about the Brain from the Skull of a Famous Patient." The authors use modern techniques to do an autopsy 133 years after Gage died and discuss the causes of the great change in Gage. The skull was preserved at the Warren Anatomical Medical Museum at Harvard. The article is a fascinating example of the use of historical materials in a modern quest.

The May 1994 issue of *College & Research Library News* contains the "Guidelines Regarding Thefts in Libraries: Draft Version" prepared by the ACRL/RBMS Security Committee, Susan M. Allen, Chair.

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