FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

This column will be somewhat different, so I ask your indulgence. It's time for me to say good-bye. I have decided to "retire", and I will be leaving St. Jude on December 31. I've worked here for almost fifteen years, and it's been a great experience. I have simply decided that it is time for a change in my life. I'm looking forward to having more time for family, friends, community and church work. I do plan to continue teaching MLA CE courses and to keep in touch with friends in the library world. At this time, I'm not sure whether I'll be able to attend MLA, but I do hope to see all of you there.

When I first attended MLA in 1981, the Cancer Section was not yet a Section. During that first year, we applied for Section status and were happy to have our application approved. We had about forty members at that time. In the years since then, we've more than doubled our membership, developed an excellent newsletter, and sponsored some outstanding programs. Now we are talking about communicating by listserv and looking for cancer resources on the Internet. On the other hand, we still want to have input into plans for CANCERLIT, and we still share concerns about our Core Grant status.

Members of this Section have become friends as well as colleagues. We're large enough to do exciting projects, but small enough to know each other well. Over the years, I've learned a lot from fellow members and hope that I've had occasion to help some of you as well. To longtime friends in the Section, I send thanks and assurances that I'll see you again in one place or another. To our newer members, I encourage you to be active in this group, because it's one that will repay your efforts.

I will continue to serve as Chair to the end of my term (May, 1995), and I invite you to call me at home if you need to reach me. My number is: 901-754-9263. My best wishes to all of you for success in the coming year and in your library career.

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SECTION OFFICERS FOR 1995/96

It is my pleasure to report that the ballots are counted, and the election for the Cancer Section's officers complete. By unanimous decision we have elected:

**Chair-Elect (1996)**
Gayle Ablove  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute  
Buffalo, N.Y.

A one-year appointment, to assume the chair in 1996.

**Treasurer**
Annelie Sober  
Miller-Dwan Medical Center  
Duluth, MN

A three-year appointment.

**Secretary**
Halyna Liszczynskyj  
Faxton Hospital  
Utica, N.Y.

A one-year appointment.

**Section Council Representative**
Margaret Vugrin  
Texas Tech University  
Library of the Health Sciences  
Lubbock, TX

A three-year appointment.

**Section Council Alternate Representative**
Cindy Suter  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Memphis, TN

A three-year appointment.

I would like to thank these new officers for graciously volunteering their time. Thanks also to Karen Albert and Stephanie Lipow for their work on the Nominating Committee.

Ann Marie Clark  
Chair, Nominating Committee
New Listserv Targeting MLA Cancer Section Librarians

CANCERLIB is a new list created to facilitate electronic communication via the Internet among members of the Cancer Librarians Section, as well as other health science and research librarians who are particularly interested in the issues relevant to the section and to the initiatives of cancer librarians.

CANCERLIB will serve as a forum for section business and for sharing ideas, questions, announcements etc. Subscribers can exchange information about research and administrative issues in their libraries, notify each other about planning and progress in various areas of library service, and coordinate section related activities.

CANCERLIB is not intended to duplicate or replace Medlib-L, but rather to serve as a more specialized adjunct for those of us who have some very common issues and concerns. The list will be as useful as the collective efforts of those who use it as a forum for communication. For example, how often have you wondered specifically about the CORE grant process at other institutions or just wanted some help justifying positions by getting data from comparable organizations? CANCERLIB can increase your audience and cut down on individual phone calls and e-mails!

CANCERLIB has been established, with technical support from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Public Health Sciences Administrative Computing Department and Library Services.

Address messages to the CANCERLIB list to: cancerlib@mule.fhcrc.org.

To subscribe to the CANCERLIB list send a message to listserv@mule.fhcrc.org, leave the subject line blank and the following message in the body:

subscribe cancerlib <yourname>.

I am sure that it will take a while for the list to get rolling, and I encourage all of you to use it to serve your information needs. For additional information about CANCERLIB or for suggestions on how to most effectively use this new resource, please contact:

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FAVORITE INTERNET TOOLS

UnCover — A Free Current Awareness Tool

One of the most comprehensive and useful tools on the Internet is UnCover, a database covering references to some 17,000 journals in a broad range of subject areas. By telnetting to database.carl.org one can access tables of contents of journals in the sciences, business, librarianship, etc. Anyone can logon without an account or password, and journal titles can be retrieved by entering the first few words of a title in the "browse" mode. Once a journal title is retrieved, the available issues for that title can be displayed, as well as the table of contents for each issue. A more complete bibliographic reference is available for each title, along with the price for having the article faxed. Articles are usually received within 24 hours; however, we have found exceptions to this. On occasion, articles can take up to three days to be delivered. Prices for document delivery tend to be high and vary from title to title because royalty charges differ.

One of the most valuable features of this product is its Reveal service. This is a free article alerting service that delivers tables of contents of specified journals directly to the requestor by e-mail. To take advantage of UnCover Reveal, customers simply store their e-mail and fax numbers in their UnCover profile, along with the list of journal titles which are of interest. As the next issue of each title is added to the database, the specified table of contents is immediately transmitted to the requestor via e-mail.

I have entered library titles, such as American Libraries, Wilson Library Bulletin, and The Electronic Library, into my profile, and I have already begun to receive tables of contents. This is a great way to stay abreast of literature in any field!

For additional information on this service, contact:

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CRISP

CRISP (Computer Retrieval of Information on Scientific Projects) is a database of publicly funded biomedical research projects dating back to fiscal year 1972. Both extramural and intramural research are covered in the database. The bulk of the research listed, however, does take the form of extramural grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements made with investigators at universities, research centers, and hospitals. Funding agencies covered in CRISP include the National Institutes of Health, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrations (SAMSA). Occasionally, CRISP will list research funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR).
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Why use CRISP? In it you can find timely information about researchers, research subjects, and funding. Use it to track the work of a specific researcher, check his/her funding, or find out if a subject is being studied. Records in CRISP generally include the project title, principle investigator’s name, an abstract, term descriptors, and a dollar amount reflecting a project’s total funding. Be careful when using the funding information. The dollar figure shown represents total funding on a project, both indirect and direct, for the listed fiscal year. The subprojects display funding amounts derived by dividing the entire multi-project award amount by the number of active subprojects. You may need to contact the NIH Grants Management Office for more exact funding information.

CRISP has one other important idiosyncrasy. Currently, there isn’t a list of the database’s term descriptors available. Staff at the Research Documentation Section in the Division of Research Grants are promising an electronic version of the term descriptors list on the NIH gopher sometime early next year.

There are at least four electronic methods of accessing CRISP: the NIH Internet gopher, a CD-ROM product available through the Superintendent of Documents, the new CDP Online system, and Dialog. The data should be uniform regardless of the access tool. The main variants will be the years covered and the search syntax.

The most affordable access in through the NIH Internet gopher, which is free. You can find it at: gopher.nih.gov. Fiscal years 1993-94 are now available for searching. CRISP on the gopher is updated weekly. Aside from the searching function, you will find text files describing the database and a detailed search aid. Some of the searching tips there include:
1) When searching by project number, do not enter any spaces (R01DK36081)
2) To search for a subproject within a program project, use the Boolean operator AND. (P01DC00036 AND 0005).
3) Use AND when searching for an investigator by first and last name. (Smith AND John).
4) You can search using text words, term descriptors, or the eight digit indexing term.
5) The default number of records retrievable is 200. To override this default, type > and a number between 1 and 2000. (AIDS > 500 will list 500 hits on AIDS).

To access CRISP on Dialog, use the Federal Research Information Progress (FIDRIP 265, 266) database. It is updated monthly and is retrospective to May, 1988. FEDRIP covers a wide variety of federally funded research projects, from agriculture to aeronautics. You can limit your retrieval to CRISP data by using the agency code subfile: S SF=CRISP.

CDP Online, the successor of BRS, is planning to support CRISP. As of late November, 1994, CDP Online had not brought this database up for client use. They predict availability in December, 1994. The only information available at press time from CDP Online is a brief description of the database from the price guide: "Contains data on biomedical research supported by the U.S. Public Health Service in a variety of different fields; updated monthly; coverage begins 1986.”

The CD-ROM version of CRISP is updated quarterly, and each new disk is cumulative for that year. This product is available from the Superintendent of Documents. This version is described as “clunky” by some.

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MLA PUBLISHES NEW EDITION OF REFERENCE SOURCES

The Medical Library Association (MLA) and co-publisher Scarecrow Press recently released the third edition of Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences, by Fred W. Roper, Ph.D., and Jo Anne Boorkman. First published in 1980, this valuable guide discusses various types of reference and information sources and their use for reference work in the health sciences and is designed for both library school students and practicing librarians.

Like the first two editions, the new Reference Sources is divided into three sections: "The Reference Collection," "Bibliographic Sources," and "Information Sources." However, the new edition highlights changes in major health sciences reference sources that have occurred since the second edition (published in 1984), giving special attention to CD-ROM, disk, and online sources, as well as to audiovisual and multimedia options.

In the book's preface, the authors explain...

It is hard to believe that almost ten years have passed since the publication of the second edition. Needless to say, there have been many changes in reference publications in the health sciences, most notably the emergence of many sources in a variety of electronic formats. Our purpose remains the same - to discuss various types of reference and information sources and their use in reference work in the health sciences, regardless of format.

Roper is dean of the College of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and is the 1994/95 MLA president. Boorkman is head of the Carlson Health Sciences Library, University of California, Davis, and is active in both MLA and the Special Libraries Association, where she chairs the Biological Sciences Division.

Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences is available from MLA/Association Publishers for $35.00 (312 pages; ISBN: 0-8198-2889-8). Call Scarecrow Press at 800/537-7107 to order. MLA members who identify themselves as such will receive a 20% discount on this important resource.
MLA TESTIFIES ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ISSUES

To address the important role of librarians and information dissemination in U.S. health care, the Medical Library Association (MLA) and the Association of Academic Health Sciences Library Directors (AAHSLD) were recently invited to testify before the Working Group on Intellectual Property Rights. A subdivision of the White House Information Infrastructure Working Group, the intellectual property rights group is composed of members of the National Information Infrastructure (NII) Advisory Committee, which was appointed by President Clinton in 1994 to develop recommendations for the development and implementation of the NII.


**Balance.**

As the NII continues to develop, the rights of users and the rights of creators of information must be balanced. The use of information is a basic right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and furthers the stated purpose of copyright to “promote the progress of science and the useful arts.”

**Access.**

Access to information in the NII will be curtailed unless a policy maintains the currently established rights of the public in the areas of fair use, classroom use, and library use. Access to information and knowledge is essential for the professionals who practice medicine and is equally important to individual citizens seeking information concerning their own health.

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MLA and AAHSLD join other national library associations (American Library Association, Special Libraries Association, Association of Research Libraries, and American Association of Law Libraries) in requesting that a second Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works (CONTU) be established. The current copyright law is technology-neutral and, therefore, may be applied to intellectual content regardless of the information’s format or container. A new commission would benefit all concerned by preparing guidelines for library and fair use of electronic transfer and distribution of information, just as it did for borrowing materials from other libraries and making copies for classroom use.
The Medical Library Association (MLA) is pleased to announce that its newest publication, *Standards for Hospital Libraries*, is now available. As explained in the introduction, "These standards are intended to provide medical librarians and administrators with a definition of library and information services and to provide opportunities and challenges for developing enhanced library services in health care institutions."

The current Standards updates MLA's 1983 *Minimum Standards for Health Sciences Libraries* in Hospitals in order to complement and further define the issues raised in the information management chapter of the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations' *Accreditation Manual for Hospitals*.

The association's Hospital Libraries Section (HLS) began reviewing the previous edition in 1992, through a task force appointed by HLS's Standards Committee. Prompted by the past decade's rapid advances in information technology, which have radically changed the ways librarians identify, manage, and disseminate information, the revision should be viewed as a platform from which to work towards achieving excellence in service.

*Standards for Hospital Libraries* was prepared by MLA and the HLS Standards Committee, chaired by Connie Schardt, Area Health Education Center Library, Rowan Memorial Hospital, Salisbury, NC. It is available in a thirty-page 8-1/2"-by-11", softcover format from MLA headquarters, 312/419-9094, to MLA members for $8.50; nonmembers, $12.00.
TEXACO COPYRIGHT CASE — ANOTHER DECISION

The Library community is disappointed with the Appeals Court ruling in this case which upheld the District Court's decision in favor of the publishers. The lower court had previously held that Dr. Donald Chickering, a research scientist at Texaco, infringed publishers' copyrights when he made single copies of eight articles from journals to which Texaco subscribed. He maintained these copies in his personal files for use in his work at the company. The Texaco appeal of the lower court's decision was supported by several library associations which filed "friend of the court" briefs challenging the district court's holding.

The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with the lower court that the Texaco researcher's photocopying infringed the publishers' copyrights, but for slightly different reasons. The majority based its decision on two basic facts: copying that it viewed as non-tranformative archival copying, and the existence of the Copyright Clearance Center (CCC) as a means for individuals and organizations to pay for licenses to copy single articles.

The original decision placed more emphasis on the fact that Texaco is a for-profit corporation conducting research for commercial gain. This decision noted that the company gained commercial advantage from the photocopying, thus, violating the tenets of fair use.

In the Appeals Court decision, the majority opinion stated that Dr. Chickering had built a mini-library of photocopied articles, which he could consult when needed, thus relieving Texaco of the need to purchase another original journal. In a for-profit company, the court felt this was not a use that might qualify as a fair use. It found that the first factor in determining fair use; i.e., the purpose and character of the use, favored the publishers because the dominant purpose of the use was "archival." The court described archival use as the assembling of a set of papers for future reference, which it felt served the same purpose for which additional subscriptions are normally sold or for which photocopy licenses may be obtained.

With regard to amount and substantiality of the portion used, again the court found in favor of the publishers. The court decided that each article is a discreet copyrighted work, and Texaco copied entire works which normally militates against a finding of fair use.

The court further held that copyright holders may demand a royalty for licensing others to use copyrighted works. The court believes that the CCC provides a workable means for institutional users to obtain licenses to photocopy individual articles.

The one dissenting judge supported the views of library organizations. The dissent
found that photocopying of journal articles as part of ongoing scientific research is within the scope of fair use. To describe the Texaco researcher’s copying as "archival" is incorrect, since "an archive is ordinarily a bulk of documents accumulated...as a resource for public or institutional reference." This is not what Dr. Chickering had assembled, according to the dissenting opinion. His personal file contained articles to support the inquiries of a single researcher. Further, the dissenting judge noted that such copying is part of the process of scientific research that has a long history. Making a single copy has long been held to be reasonable and customary.

The dissenting judge also felt that the favor should tip towards Texaco because: (1) there was no significant impairment of the publishing revenue from journal subscriptions and sales, 2) publishers charge a higher institutional rate, often double, for journals, and (3) the market for licensing is cumbersome and there is no consensus among publishers that such photocopy licenses should exist.

Texaco will be filing a petition for rehearing, and if this is denied, Texaco could appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. In a recent issue of the *Newsletter on Serials Pricing Issues*, Laura Gasaway enumerates several questions left unanswered in the wake of this decision:

1. Is the Texaco decision limited to for-profit companies, so that not-for-profit companies are free to make single copies of articles from journals to which they subscribe?

2. What impact will the fact that the decision is based on the archival nature of the copying have?

3. How long does a researcher have to use the copy before destroying it? At what point does the copy become "archival"?

4. Will other for-profit companies feel bound by this decision?

5. What impact will the decision have on library copying?

It seems that many questions remain unanswered, and it may be a long time before these issues are resolved. The information for this article came from:


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CLINICAL ONCOLOGY: A SELECTED LIST OF NEW BOOKS 1992-94

The new 1992-94 edition of CLINICAL ONCOLOGY: A SELECTED LIST OF NEW BOOKS has just been published. This fourth edition includes reviews of oncology texts which might be considered for purchase by a medical library. All reviews are written by medical librarians with expertise in clinical oncology. Full citations, price approximations, journal review locations, and Brandon/Hill list information are given for each title. The publication costs $10 and must be prepaid. To order, send a check payable to MLA-Cancer Librarians Section, and forward to:

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NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR
FOR CANCER LIBRARIANS SECTION NEWS

Our Section will need a new Newsletter Editor starting May, 1995; since I have decided to step down at that time. I have tried to outline what is involved in filling this role, along with the benefits of serving the Section in this way.

The Newsletter Editor collects, edits, and writes articles for the thrice-yearly newsletter. As your Editor, I try to solicit material from individuals as much as possible, and I utilize information in press releases received from MLA national headquarters.

The Editor needs to be a responsible, organized individual, with good writing skills, and some time available each year in mid- late summer, mid-winter, and early spring (before the MLA Annual Meeting). The Co-editor, Margaret Vugrin, has graciously agreed to continue to handle the printing and distribution of the newsletter. As Editor, you become familiar with other Section members, and with news from MLA. A substantial award of points is granted by the Academy of Health Information Professionals for editing a newsletter. The editorship also provides an outlet for creativity, since the Editor controls the content and format of the newsletter.

All in all, I've enjoyed my tenure as Editor. I feel ready to turn over the reins to someone else, following the Spring, 1995 issue. Please notify me if you have any interest in filling this position:

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ANNOUNCEMENT: UPDATE OF AN INTERNET RESOURCE
THE MEDICAL LIST: A GUIDE TO INTERNET MEDICAL RESOURCES

Version 1.12, 1 December 1994

A December 1, 1994 update of The Medical List is now available from the Univ. of Michigan Clearinghouse for Subject Oriented Guides at: gopher://una.hh.lib.umich.edu:70/00/inetdirsstacks/medclin:malet

The Medical List is a database of clinical medicine Internet resources. This new and improved version categorizes resources by disease, specialty, and other interest areas and lists more than 45 new entries. It gives text descriptions of resources, spotlights the more developed programs, and gives news and background on Internet medical resource development.

The Medical List is made available in a Mosaic, hypertext, Internet-linked format as "Medical Matrix". Medical Matrix is available at the URL: http://kuhttp.cc.ukans.edu/cwis/units/medcntr/Lee/HOMEPAGE.HTML

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MLA 1995 ANNUAL MEETING

The MLA Annual Meeting will be held earlier than usual—May 5-10, 1995, in Washington, D.C. This meeting immediately precedes and shares its location and theme with the 7th International Congress on Medical Librarianship. The meeting will also use the new format introduced at MLA '94, which emphasizes more programming by member units. MLA members will receive registration materials in January.

Listed below are some of the Continuing Education courses to be offered at the meeting:

Friday, May 5

Health Statistics Sources
Clinical Epidemiology for Librarians
Critical Appraisal of Biomedical Literature Navigating the Internet
Information Survival Skills for Medical Librarians I What's Out There? Internet Resources

Saturday, May 6

AIDS: Concepts and Resources
Consumer Health Information Services
Online Searching for Alternative Medicine Information Survival Skills for Medical Librarians II Gopher: Internet Travel made Easy
Building a Gopher Server
Mosaic Navigation
Building a Mosaic Server
Biotechnology Information: The NLM Databases
ONCOLINK POWER STRUGGLE

This award-winning World Wide Web product went down for 22 hours during a day in December, and the controversy surrounding this made the front page of our major daily newspaper, The Philadelphia Inquirer. The developer of OncoLink, Loren Buhle, said in the article that he was fired as its keeper. He said he was forced out by the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Radiation Oncology.

The head of the department, however, said the medical school simply "reined in a maverick" who is not a doctor. He claimed that Buhle was strongly urged to comply with departmental rules. Buhle was said to have refused to show articles to two other "co-editors, who were to confirm accuracy before allowing them to appear on the system. Buhle asserted that the medical staff at Penn removed OncoLink from his hands, because he is not a physician and because the doctors were envious of the product's success. The system won "Best of Web '94" for professional services available on the World Wide Web.

The reason why the system went down for 22 hours during this power struggle was not clearly explained in the newspaper. It was up and running the following day, however. The future of this comprehensive cancer resource may be in question, and perhaps is something that could be discussed via our new Section listserv (see p. 4 of this newsletter). While OncoLink is a remarkable resource containing links to many cancer-related resources, I have at times found documents in it with no obvious source indicated. If you have any opinions regarding this product and its possible "censorship," please contact me or our listserv, and I will summarize responses in the next newsletter.

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