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UPCOMING CLASSES

Each semester the Himmelfarb Library offers classes in online searching, library skills and micro-computer use. Classes are open to all Medical Center faculty, students, and staff. A calendar of classes has been sent to all departments. Additional copies of the calendar can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

The following classes will be offered in the next few weeks. To register, call the Reference Desk at x42850. These classes are free to students and \$15 for faculty and staff.

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| Jan 12 2:00 - 4:00 | Introduction to Microcomputers and MS- DOS |
| Jan 20 2:00 - 4:00 | Introduction to WordPerfect |
| Jan 21 2:00 - 4:00 | Using the Graphics Plotter and MacPaint |
| Jan 26 2:00 - 4:00 | Introduction to WordPerfect |
| Feb 3 2:00 - 4:00 | Introduction to Microcomputers and MS- DOS |
| Feb 10 2:00 - 4:00 | Introduction to WordPerfect |
| Feb 17 2:00 - 4:00 | Introduction to Lotus 1- 2-3 |

NEW STAFF

Editor's Note: We would like to welcome to the Library three new staff members: Joe Simpson, Susan Masakayan and Orlando Conanan.

Joe Simpson is the new Technical Systems Coordinator. He comes to the Himmelfarb Library from OCLC Local Systems, where he installed the LS/2000 Integrated Library System for three years. Joe grew up in La Jolla, California, migrated to the east coast by way of Louisiana, where he worked at the Louisiana State University Law Library as Head of Technical Services. He has an M.L. from the University of South Carolina and an M.B.A. from the University of San Diego.

Susan Masakayan is working as Bindery Assistant while she pursues an M.B.A. at G.W. After receiving a B.S.C. degree in Business Management in Manila, Susan worked in the D.C. area for a business firm before coming to Himmelfarb.

Orlando Conanan is the new Acquisitions Assistant in Technical Services. He is a native of the Philippines, and is working toward a B.A. Degree in International Economics. Orlando has a keen interest in global issues, the media, lacrosse and tennis.

NLM LITERATURE SEARCHES

The following new literature searches from the National Library of Medicine may be seen in the Reference Department.

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS): fourteenth update, April through June 1987. no. 87-7

Differential diagnosis of Alzheimer's and other dementing diseases. no. 87-6

Depression and suicide in childhood. no. 87-5

Localized prostate cancer: January through May 1987. no. 87-4

Newborn screening. nos. 87-2

Sickle cell disease and other hemoglobinopathies in the newborn. no. 87-1

To order single copies at no cost, list the name and number of the searches desired and send a self-addressed mailing label to:

Literature Search Service
MEDLARS Management
National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

CLASSES AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

The instructional librarians can arrange to hold any of the classes or tours listed below for your department or group at a mutually convenient time. A five-person minimum and two weeks notice is required. Call the Reference Desk at x42850 to arrange a class.

miniMedline Instruction

Library tour

BRS/Colleague

Library Skills and Resources

Workshop for Secretaries
and Research Assistants

HSN PROGRAMS ON AGING

The Hospital Satellite Network has developed a 20-part series of programs called **Caring for an Aging Society**. Aimed at all health care workers interested in issues related to aging, programs range from cosmetic surgery to problems with medication compliance.

The Library will record these programs onto 1/2-inch videotapes, and make them available for checkout in the Audiovisual Study Center on the third floor of the Library. For further information, call Barbara Collins at x41824.

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NEW LIBRARY SOFTWARE: Smartcom II



(Editor's Note: With this issue of the Information Interface, we will begin a regular column on new software available in the Library. Software may be checked out at the AV Circulation Desk on the third floor for two-hour use in the Microcomputer Lab. The Educational Services Coordinator, Lynne Apostle, can work with faculty to integrate the use of software into the curriculum.)

Smartcom II is a Telecommunications program for IBM or IBM-compatible computers. Telecommunications programs are used to connect your microcomputer, via telephone lines, to another computer. Information can then be sent back and forth. In libraries, these programs are most commonly used to access remote online databases such as MEDLINE.

In order to use this type of software, your microcomputer must have certain additional hardware. You'll need a modem, a device which changes electrical signals to audio signals so that they can be carried over phone lines, and the necessary cabling or computer card. You'll also need access to a phone line. Finally, you'll need to know the appropriate phone numbers, log-on procedures and passwords for the systems you want to use.

Smartcom II is produced by Hayes, the modem manufacturer that has set the industry standard. **Smartcom** often comes bundled with the purchase of a Hayes modem. This is a menu-driven program with the ability to store passwords and log-on procedures, dial the phone, make the connection, and then print or download (send to a disk) your interaction with the other computer.

The Library has two copies of **Smartcom II** for use in the Microcomputer Lab. One is installed on the IBM-XT's hard disk. The other copy is available for two-hour checkout, and may be used on the IBM-PC closest to the Microcomputer Librarian's office. Phone numbers and log-on procedures have been installed on these copies of **Smartcom** for the following systems: MEDLARS, BRS/Colleague and PaperChase. You must have your own password on these systems in order to complete the connection. Phone numbers and log-on procedures have also been installed for the computer-assisted-instruction programs from Massachusetts General Hospital and Ohio State University and for the Dean's List. A "Cheat Sheet" that explains how to use **Smartcom** is available in the Lab.

If you are interested in doing your own online searching, but have no microcomputer, or no modem, you may wish to use the Library's equipment. Ask at the Reference Desk for information about obtaining passwords on MEDLARS, BRS/Colleague or PaperChase. Remember that even though you may be searching in the Library, you will be charged for your online time and the bills will be sent to you!

For assistance in searching, the Microcomputer Librarian is available in the Lab Monday - Friday, from 2:00 - 4:00. At other times during the week, ask for assistance at the Reference Desk, from 8:30 - 5:00.

MiniMEDLINE HAS GROWN

We are pleased to announce the expansion of the miniMEDLINE database. Beginning in January, the database will include references from over 404 journals, all located in the Library, covering the years 1986 to the present. Medical Center faculty, staff, and students may search the database from terminals located in the Library at no charge.

MiniMEDLINE has been available in the Library since July 1987 and is a proven success. From July to January it contained references from the 117 mostly clinical journals indexed in the Abridged Index Medicus. The additional titles will increase coverage in many basic science and non-clinical areas. Included in the expanded database are journals in the following areas:

| | <u>Titles</u> | | <u>Titles</u> |
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| Administration | 9 | Otorhinolaryngology | 5 |
| Biochemistry | 17 | Parasitology | 4 |
| Cardiology | 11 | Pathology | 10 |
| Emergency Medicine | 8 | Pediatrics | 8 |
| Endocrinology | 7 | Perinatology | 4 |
| Epidemiology/Public Hlth | 6 | Pharmacology/Pharmacy | 29 |
| Hematology | 6 | Physiology | 10 |
| Immunology | 15 | Psychiatry/Psychology | 20 |
| Internal Medicine | 15 | Radiology/Nuclear Med | 12 |
| Microbiology | 15 | Rheumatology | 4 |
| Neurology | 15 | Surgery/Anesthesiology | 30 |
| Nursing/Allied Health | 12 | Toxicology | 4 |
| Obstetrics/Gynecology | 8 | Urology | 6 |
| Oncology | 15 | Virology | 4 |
| Ophthalmology | 7 | | |

Library staff considered many factors in selecting the new titles, including: inclusion of the title in Himmelfarb's collection, indexing of the title in MEDLINE, presence on a high-impact journal list, frequency of use in the Library during the past year, as well as recommendation by Medical Center personnel. We would like to thank everyone who suggested titles to be added to miniMEDLINE. For a complete list of titles or to make a recommendation for further additions please ask at the Reference Desk. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Laurie Thompson, Assistant Director, Library Operations, at x42853.



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Library Hours

Regular Hours (effective January 4, 1988)

| | <u>Library</u> | <u>AVSC</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Mon. - Thurs. | 7:30 am - Midnight | 7:30 am - Midnight |
| Friday | 7:30 am - 10:00 pm | 7:30 am - 8:00 pm |
| Saturday | 10:00 am - 10:00 pm | 10:00 am - 6:00 pm |
| Sunday | 10:00 am - Midnight | 10:00 am - 10:00 pm |

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