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Computer-based programs provide enhanced opportunities for students to develop problem solving skills. Computer-based "patients" are available day or night and students can see the results of alternative strategies.

Shelley Bader
Director

Spotlight on the Himmelfarb Library Microcomputer Lab

Himmelfarb's Microcomputer Lab addresses the importance of the microcomputer in the curricular and extracurricular activities of Medical Center students, faculty and staff. Computer Assisted Instructional (CAI) software is being added in conjunction with faculty members, and is often required to supplement existing curricular materials. Medical students, now required to meet computer literacy requirements, find the lab an essential part of Himmelfarb's services. Additionally, other Medical Center students, faculty and staff use the Lab's services for personal and academic microcomputer needs.

Computer Assisted Instructional (CAI) Software such as the *Scientific American Discotest* series and the *Massachusetts General Hospital RXDX* cases are collected. Interactive videodisc programs, especially case simulations, make up the newest part of the collection. In addition, the Lab offers popular software for word processing, data base management, spreadsheet and graphics applications, to name but a few.

The Microcomputer Lab is located on the third floor in the Library's Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center. It is open Monday-Sunday during the hours the Audiovisual Study Center is staffed. This summer, the Lab was expanded into two rooms. Room 305H is the IBM Lab and contains 10 IBM compatible computers, 7 of which have hard disks and color monitors. There are also three Epson dot matrix printers and one letter quality printer. Room 305J is the Macintosh Lab which houses 2 MAC 512K, two MAC Plus' and two Apple IIe micros. Four Apple Imagewriter dot matrix printers are available for the MAC's and an Epson for use with the Apple IIe.

Some recent, noteworthy additions to the Lab include: *The National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) OBGYN Test Cases*-comprising simulations of physician-patient encounters in order to test clinical competence. *Cardiovascular Laboratory Videodisc*--a simulation of experimental dog lab conducted by the basic sciences student. *Pathology Videodiscs*--4 videodiscs entitled *Morphological Expressions of Cell Injury, Thrombosis, and Neurosis*.

Orientations to the Microlab are held each Wednesday at 12:30. No registration is required. For further information regarding Lab orientations, software or hardware call Elaine Martin at ext. 41826 or Lynn Povanda at ext. 42856.

Fellowship Programs for Medical Students

The Himmelfarb Library, in conjunction with Dr. R.I. Keimowitz, Dean for Academic Affairs and Dr. Michael Jackson, Dean for Research, is now offering a directory of fellowship programs for medical students. The *Directory of International Opportunities and Research Fellowships* is a collection of funding sources for medical students interested in spending a portion of their academic career conducting research in the United States or for studying abroad.

The Directory contains pertinent information about the programs such as the sponsor's name, program name, amount of award, eligibility requirements, duration of award, and application deadline. These programs are competitive and limited in number. Sponsoring institutions include Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund, March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$22,000 and often include a stipend for incidentals.

The *Directory of International Opportunities and Research Fellowships* along with brochures, pamphlets, and application forms are available upon request at the Himmelfarb Reference Desk.

New Staff

Valerie Bowles is the new Accounting Assistant. She comes to us from Temporary Resources in Rockville, MD and is a Senior at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Janine Hutchinson joins our staff as the new Bindery Assistant. Previously, she worked at Second Story Books and is a Senior attending the University of the District of Columbia.

Our new Interlibrary Loan Assistant is Elizabeth Ziemba. Elizabeth comes to us from Georgetown University's Medical Library and is a native of Poland.

Hypertext: Friend or Foe

Dr. Tidball's Hypertext class has been rescheduled. It was October 10th, 9-11:30. It's now November 14th from 10-12pm.

Current Contents Database Now Available!

The Current Contents database is now available for searching by Medical Center faculty, staff, and students through an arrangement between the Himmelfarb Library and the University of Maryland Campus for the Professions. The database is produced by the Institute for Scientific Information, publishers of the familiar *Current Contents: Clinical Practice* and *Life Sciences*, and includes references from over 5,900 journals in the basic and clinical sciences. The database is designed to serve as a current awareness tool. References are input without delay. Six months of the most recent materials are maintained online. The database is quick and easy to search. Passwords for searching the database cost \$50 annually and provide unlimited access to the database. There are no long distance telephone charges or monthly fees. To learn more about the Current Contents database, attend one of the demonstrations scheduled on either **October 27, 1989 or November 16, 1989 from 2-4 PM in Room B103 of the Library.** All demonstrations are free of charge. Simply call ext. 42850 to register. For further information about the database and to obtain passwords, call Anne Linton at ext. 48478.

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1988 Faculty Publications Compiled

Each issue of the Information Interface contains a list of recent publications authored by Medical Center faculty and staff. A list of those books and articles published in 1988 has been cumulated into a single volume entitled *Publications of the Faculty of the George Washington University Medical Center*.

This volume is available at the Reference Desk of the Library. Interested individuals are welcome to review and photocopy it. References are listed alphabetically by author within each Medical Center department and should be of special interest to individuals preparing grant applications or needing to review Medical Center research interests. For further information, contact Anne Linton, Online Coordinator, at ext. 48478.

Attention

HIMLOC, the Library's online catalog, is now available to dial access users. Instructions were mailed to each registered user on Sept. 11. If you did not receive your information, please contact Laurie Thompson at 994-2853.

Attention ISN Users

There are new access procedures for ISN users. If you have not received your new instructions, please contact Laurie Thompson at 994-2853.

New Bindery Schedule

The Library has contracted with a new bindery, American Bindery of Colonial Heights, Va., to bind our journals. Because the bindery is located just 2 hours away, we will now be sending and receiving shipments every two weeks, instead of once a month. That means that journals will be off the shelf for a maximum of three weeks rather than six weeks as in the past, and that fewer journals will be gone at any given time.

Faculty who have had binding done through the Library in the past may continue to use the service. A representative from American Bindery will be contacting you about their services. If you have not been called, please notify Laurie Thompson at ext. 42853.

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LIBRARY HOURS

2nd Year INTEGRATED EXAM SCHEDULE

	Library	BAVSC
Friday, Nov.17	7:30 am - midnight	7:30 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday, Nov.18	9:00 am - midnight	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday, Nov.19	9:00 am - midnight	10:00 am - 10:00 pm

THANKSGIVING

	Library	BAVSC
Wednesday, Nov.22	7:30 am - 6:00 pm	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday, Nov.23	-----CLOSED-----	-----CLOSED-----
Friday, Nov.24	-----CLOSED-----	-----CLOSED-----
Saturday, Nov.25	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday, Nov.26	10:00 am - midnight	10:00 am -10:00 pm



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