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## *Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library ...*

### **Journal Price Increases Mean No New Titles For 1991**

Did you know that the library paid \$5,189.63 for Brain Research in 1990? Biochimica et Biophysica Acta cost us \$4,349.58. Between 1986 and 1990, the price of the titles in Index Medicus has risen 73%. Prices for 1991 are increasing another 18-20%.

There are a variety of reasons for the increases. This year and for several years in the past, the dollar has fallen dramatically against foreign currencies. Nearly half of the library's journals are published by foreign presses. The cost of postage has also increased.

Unpredictable price increases occur when the publisher adds extra issues or increases the publishing frequency (from quarterly to bi-monthly, for example). The library often does not know about these changes until it has renewed its subscription for the year and cannot cancel.

What does this mean to you? Normally at this time, the library announces its new journal titles for the following year. Library staff had over 100 titles to consider for addition in 1991. However, there will be no new journals. In addition, we have had to make difficult cancellation decisions. We have examined use statistics, program needs, and current subject coverage in the collection and have identified 17 titles to cancel. Since this is still not enough to cover the journal our price increases, we will also be using this year's library endowment funds which are normally earmarked for monographs to make up the difference.

#### Titles Cancelled for 1991

Advances in lipid research  
Advances in ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery  
Australian and New Zealand journal of medicine  
Essays in biochemistry  
General pharmacology  
Harvey lectures  
Instructional course lectures  
Progress in cardiology  
Progress in neurological surgery

Progress in drug research  
Progress in molecular and subcellular biology  
Progress in pediatric surgery  
Report of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry  
Results and problems in cell differentiation  
Science citation index (CD-ROM version)  
Subcellular biochemistry  
Transactions of the American Clinical and Climatological Society

## Spring Reserves

The Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library will soon be accepting requests for all items to be placed in the Reserve Collection for the Spring 1991 semester. In mid-November, faculty will be receiving Reserve information packets. For more information call Mary Ann Urka at ext. 44806.

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## Microlab is Growing!

The Micro-computer Lab is growing to accommodate new curriculum requirements for computer-assisted instruction. There are six new microcomputers in the AV study centers carrels, running the Anatomy Department's CAI program; case studies in medicine, psychiatry and Emergency medicine; programs for physiology students, and for students studying for National Boards. In addition, the diagnostic program *Dxplain* may be accessed on these stations.

These programs are accessible from menu on each computer, and require no software checkout. For more information about these or any programs available in the microlab, call Barbara Collins at ext. 41825 or the AV Dept. at 42856.

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## New Videodisc Program

Interactive videodisc technology presents a learning environment in which students can practice diagnostic and treatment skills in situations that mimic real life. The microlab's *DXter* simulations have long been popular with students, who practice life or death decision-making and determine the fate of various patients by the quality of their decisions.

The Microlab has added several new programs that employ the videodisc touch-screen technology, all of them designed for self-directed independent learning.

*Nursing Care of Elderly Patients with Acute Cardiac Disorder*

*Nursing Care of the Elderly Patient with Chronic obstructive Pulmonary Disease.*

*Nursing Care of the Cancer Patient with compromised Immunity*

*Psychiatric interview series*

*Managing the Experience of Labor and Delivery.*

All these programs are available on stations located in the Main AV area on the third floor.

## Classroom Display Services

Classroom Display Services has moved from Ross Hall Biomedical Communications to the 3rd floor Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center, Himmelfarb Library. Two full-time staff members, Truman Chambers and Junior Roberts are responsible for providing audio-visual projection equipment and services throughout Ross Hall, the Hospital and Burns/ACC classrooms and conference rooms. Projectionist and audio/video duplication services are provided for a fee. There is no charge for equipment loan services.

### Projection Services

The main lecture rooms in Ross Hall, the Main Conference Room and 6 South in the Hospital are permanently equipped with slide projectors and public address systems. Most but not all other conference rooms and classrooms have projection equipment. If additional equipment or services are required, Classroom Display Services staff must be notified 48 hours in advance.

### Media Duplication Services

Reel-to-reel, cassette-to-cassette, and tape-to-tape duplication services are available. Allow 1 week for completion. Rush services can be provided for an additional fee. The client is responsible for dropping off and picking up items.

### Equipment Loan

Equipment from Classroom Display Services central pool will be loaned at no charge on a first come first served basis to Medical center faculty and staff. A loan form must be signed and the borrower assumes responsibility for loss or breakage beyond normal wear and tear. Loan equipment must be picked up and returned by the borrower. To guarantee equipment availability, 48 hour notice is required.

To request Classroom Display Services contact: Truman Chambers in the Himmelfarb Library room 302 or at ext. 43770 and Junior Roberts in the Hospital room 1723 or ext. 42284.

Messages and equipment may also be left at the Himmelfarb Library, 3rd floor Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center Circulation Desk.

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## NEW STAFF

Walter Syriani is our new Data Technician. He is a Graduate student in the department of Engineering here at the University.

The new Head of Cataloging is Susan Leister. Susan joins us from the U.S. Department of Labor Library.

Denise Johnson is the new Acquisitions Assistant. She joins us from the Biomedical Communications Department.

Two part-time employees have accepted full time positions in the Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center (AVSC). Catherine Miller is now AVSC's Library Specialist and Sokeipiriye Harry is the unit's Senior Clerk.

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## Desktop Publishing Consultations

Himmelfarb Library staff offers consult services, designed to assist GWUMC faculty, staff and students in the development of desktop publishing or presentation graphics projects.

The purpose of desktop publishing support is to provide basic instruction in the use of WordPerfect, Aldus Pagemaker and Harvard Graphics for the development of brochures, flyers, transparencies, slides, newsletters, short publications, etc. The instruction is aimed toward the client's self-service use of the desktop publishing resources of his/her office or in the library's Microcomputer Lab.

There is no charge for up to two hours of consult time. For further information call the Reference Desk at ext. 42850 or the AV Study Center at ext. 42856.

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## *Biomedical Communications...*

### From the Medical Illustration Department

The medical illustration department of Biomedical Communications comprises a team of four illustrators with the ability to produce desktop publishing, general illustration and graphics, computer slides and medical illustrations. In this issue of Information Interface we will highlight our medical illustration section.

The specialized field of surgical and anatomical illustration requires very specific training. Only a handful of universities offer this program as a BS or MS degree. We at GW are lucky enough to have Judy Guenther on our staff. Ms. Guenther has attained a master's degree in medical illustration from the University of Georgia. Most University programs admit just three to five students a year. Ms. Guenther was one of three students in the Medical College of Georgia's three-year program, where she attended pre-clinical courses with medical students as well as illustration courses. She has a strong background in science and art. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois, and served as an instructor of histology and embryology at Auburn University.

"A medical illustrator must be able to speak a doctor's language," she says. "If you understand what a doctor is saying, you can execute a drawing that gives the viewer visual references for complex information. Asking questions is an important part of this. I've grown to know some kinds of questions to ask." Ms. Guenther's experience includes making surgical sketches in the operating room; producing life-like illustrations for textbooks, slides, print materials; and using various techniques such as pen and ink, carbon dust, acrylic paint, and most recently a Macintosh computer.

As a backup to Ms. Guenther, we have the advantage of another viewpoint from Myra Feldman who studied under the tutelage of Dr. Richard Snell, Ph.D., M.D., then chairman of the Anatomy Department. Ms. Feldman illustrated his series of textbooks covering first year medical education for Little Brown & Co., Boston Massachusetts.

Please call the medical illustration department with your ideas and concerns at ext. 43621.

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Monday-Thursday Dec.17-20	7:30am-10:00pm	7:30am-10:00pm
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