Dear Members,

You all should have received your mailing for the Spring meeting to be held at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles on April 9-10. If you have not received the packet, please call me (312-579-4040), and I'll see that you get one. If you are feeling like I am at this time of the year, the thought of spending some time utilizing the facilities offered in the brochure seems awfully tempting!

The meeting promises to be challenging also: learning more about the SILO list and how we can use it most beneficially; hearing from Ruby May on her ideas for sharing resources, as well as what's happening in GMRMLN; and Dr. Reed's keynote speech on liability and library service expectations from a physician's point of view.

Plan to attend the HSLI Board Meeting on Thursday afternoon, the Wine and Cheese Reception Thursday evening, and the Illinois Council Meeting Friday morning. You might want a "significant other" to meet you and extend your stay to take advantage of the bargain rates and theater package during the weekend.

The committee has done an excellent job in planning a most interesting meeting. Hope to see you in St. Charles.

Think Spring!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE DESIRES YOUR INPUT!

The Legislative Committee would like input from HSLI members on the following topics:

(1) Your feelings on the Report on the Systems;

(2) The effect an institution's internal politics has on its library;

(3) Any bibliographic information or names of individuals who deal with legislation/politics in health science libraries.

Please send your thoughts and comments to Committee Chair:

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REGION 3 NLM ONLINE SERVICES TRAINING

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1987 SCHEDULE OF ADVANCED CLASSES

| JUNE | 22-26 Milwaukee, WI |

1988 ONLINE SERVICES UPDATE

The dates for the 1988 Updates will be scheduled in August/September, 1987. For additional information call 1-800-MED-RML4.
The Council met in January for its winter meeting. Gerald Dujsik was elected as Assistant Chair and Nancy Dale was elected as Secretary. Listed is the full membership of the Council. If you have any questions, comments or complaints, be sure to contact one of the members so the item can be discussed at Council. Remember, this Council is your Council! If you would like for a Council member to speak at your consortia meeting, etc., please invite us. We would be happy to make a presentation on the Council and its activities.

GMRMLN Regional Council will be meeting in Chicago at the Americana Congress on March 12 and 13, 1987. GMRMLN has just published a Region 3 Fax Directory which is available from the Management Office for five dollars. GMRMLN has developed a collection development program. This program's intent is to enable the Network to more effectively and efficiently meet the information needs of the region's health science professionals. Grants will be awarded to those who participate in the program depending on the needs of the Region. Most of the Resource Libraries will be participating in this program as well as approximately 25 Basic Units. For a collection of 50,000, it is estimated the collection development evaluation will take between 20-30 hours. If you as a basic unit are interested in participating in this study, please contact Nancy Stump, Sangamon State University, Springfield, IL 62794-9243 or call 217-786-6601. A information packet describing the program and requirements will be sent to you. All interested libraries will then apply to the state councils who will make a recommendation to the GMRMLN Collection Development Committee. The GMRMLN Collection Development Committee will make the final decision. This process will begin in late March, 1987.

Region 3 NLM Online Services Training workshops, 1987, are:

- March 9-13 Chicago
- June 15-19 Milwaukee
- August 10-14 Cincinnati
- December 7-11 Detroit

An Advanced Workshop is June 22-26 in Milwaukee.

The 12th edition, 1986, of the Illinois Health and Science Libraries Serials Holdings List is now available in microfiche. The cost is $10.00 (no complimentary copies) for Illinois libraries. Make checks payable to The University of Illinois and send to:

Library of the Health Sciences
Attn: Jackie Fogerty, Administration
University of Illinois at Chicago
P.O. Box 7509
Chicago, IL 60680

With the microfiche, you will also receive a paper copy of the Users Guide. There are also a limited number of the 11th edition in paper copy which can be purchased by Illinois libraries for $15.00.

In June, 1986, those institutions who participated in the
Illinois Health and Science Libraries Serials Holdings List received a letter of invitation from GMRMLN to be input into the GMRMLN Serials Union List free of charge. For most libraries, updates would be under $10 or possibly free depending on the number of subscriptions sold. Recently, you received a complimentary copy of your holdings of this list and a letter from Chuck Hughes at the University of Louisville. This letter spoke of updates and quoted each institution a maintenance fee depending on the number of your titles in the list. I'm sure this maintenance fee was a surprise to all who received the above. I have contacted Ruby May at the GMRMLN Management Office... she was not aware of this maintenance fee and is now contacting Chuck to get more information. The Council will keep you apprised of this situation.
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UNION LISTS OF SERIALS -- AN OVERVIEW
by Julia B. Faust
February 1987

[This paper is an informal attempt to clarify the confusion of the various union lists of serials (and the data bases from which they are produced) of importance to health science librarians in Illinois. This is all correct as far as I know; however, if you find any errors, please contact me.]

1. "The Illinois List." The correct title of this list is the Illinois Health and Science Libraries Serials Holdings List. This is the old favorite upon which, through the years, we have all grown. In 1986, the Illinois State Library discontinued funding this list and the University of Illinois will, therefore, no longer produce this list. Prior to 1986, the funding had already been cut and the last update (1986) of the list was only available in microfiche for about $10.00. The 1984 edition is the last hard copy edition available; copies are still available from the U of I for about $15.00.

2. "UCMP List." The University of Illinois contracted with the Medical Library Center of New York for the production of the Union Catalog of Medical Periodicals (UCMP). This center maintained the data base from which the Illinois List was produced. This data base can still be used even though the U of I no longer produces the Illinois List from it. For example, the Metropolitan Consortium of Chicago has produced updated subsets of the Illinois List for their consortium. UCMP is happy to produce print copies of the list and to bill members for the cost of their copies.

3. "GMRMLN List." For several years the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) Greater Midwest Regional Medical Library Network (GMRMLN) Region has been producing a Union list of serials of the region's resource libraries. The data base which produces this GMRMLN list is located at the University of Louisville (Hence, the list is sometimes referred to as the "Kentucky List"). Recently, GMRMLN has been soliciting basic unit libraries to participate in this data base. However, this list has never been available in hard copy and, as far as we know, plans for the future include only microfiche.

4. "SILO List." (Serials of Illinois Libraries Online.) Several years ago Northern Illinois University received a grant to create a union list of serials for the State of Illinois to include all kinds of libraries and collections. In recent years they have encouraged health science libraries to participate and have succeeded in getting a large number of basic units (91) and several large academic libraries to join the data base. The large libraries presently in the data base are Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Chicago Medical School, Loyola University Medical Center, Rush University, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, American Medical Association, and the American Dental Association. SILO will
print subsets of the list at reasonable cost. The entire data base is
accessible on-line through OCLC. The Illinois State Library will
provide the major funding for the first off-line product (hard copy)
of health science library holdings. These will be distributed via
consortia for a small fee. SILO is available on-line via OCLC;
Non-OCLC participants in the SILO data base can receive microfi che
copies of the entire list.

5. DECLINE. DECLINE is an online mechanism for obtaining
interlibrary loans funded by NLM; it is not a locator tool. DECLINE
uses the SERHOLD data base of NLM. There are several levels of
participation; the two most often discussed are "level X" and "level
3". Level X allows holdings to be entered as "current plus X years"
and is not volume specific. Those in level X are being encouraged to
upgrade their entries, but for small health science libraries which
discard older holdings this would be very cumbersome because it would
mean that every year the beginning volume of every title would need to
be changed.

6. Transferring holdings from data-base to data-base. The records in
the UCMP data base which represented the Illinois List were "dumped"
to SERHOLD in order to make DECLINE available to large numbers of
libraries. Library holdings can also be "dumped" from the UCMP data
base to the University of Louisville data base for the GMRLMN list.
The UCMP, GMRLMN, and SERHOLD data bases are, apparently, not
compatible with SILO and, therefore, records cannot be transferred
from them to SILO (Don't ask why!). SILO holdings can be "dumped"
to SERHOLD (no one seems to know why the transfer can be made in one
direction but not the other). For most of us, the compatibility of
data bases is not important; it only effects us when we have to make
our lists available to other data bases and this explains why we had
to start over to have our holdings entered into SILO.

Spring is in sight at last,

and so is

the H.S.L.I. SPRING MEETING !!!

April 9-10, 1987

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