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Unlike most of us who at some point dislike birthdays, this library has hit a major milestone and plans to celebrate all year. Forty years ago this Fall, the first students in the School of Medicine walked through library doors in the little adobe structure that is now known as Med Building #2. Founding Dean of the UNM School of Medicine, Reginald Fitz, MD, made his first visit to the current home of the library in October as part of an anniversary celebration for the Health Sciences Center and was surprised, but pleased, with what the library program has become and how it was filled with students and computers. He was also one of the first to see a new medical history collection which had just been gifted and endowed by George and Mary Voelz (see page 3).

Other visitors to HSLIC this Fall included Joseph W. Toussaint, the chief designer of the current library building, who worked at the time for architect Harvey Hoshour. Mr. Toussaint walked down memory lane with Ed Merta, evening manager of library operations and relayed that he and Mr. Hoshour had no idea that the computer revolution was coming when they designed the building, so they made no allowances for it whatsoever.

The library’s first endowment was a noteworthy milestone but several other milestones have made 2004 a very good year. The education development and informatics arms of the library are new cornerstones for the library’s growth over the next 40 years and we welcome new faculty members in these areas (see this page and page 2).

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Erv Klink, PhD, joins HSLIC as Adjunct Assistant Professor

Dr. Erv Klink, CIO of TriCore Reference Laboratories, was appointed to a volunteer faculty position as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of the HSLIC in September 2004. Erv has six years of research experience in medical informatics at the University of Missouri – Columbia. His work includes image analysis, automated diagnosis, and modeling of the medical decision process. While at the University of Missouri, he published several papers, including one he co-authored with Donald A. Lindberg, M.D., who is the current director of the National Library of Medicine. In 1982, Erv received his PhD in electrical engineering. He has held various technical and management positions in private industry working primarily in the clinical laboratory field, including positions with SmithKline-Beecham Clinical Laboratories in Collegeville, Pennsylvania and the Medical Arts Laboratory in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Most recently, he took the post of Chief Information Officer at TriCore Labs in 2000, where he oversees the IT infrastructure that services Tri-Core’s $65 million per year reference laboratory business.

Erv plans to use his medical informatics and managerial expertise to participate in the development of HSLIC’s Medical Informatics Program. He will be working on strategic planning, development, grant writing, and educational projects. Erv is also exploring possibilities of research opportunities at TriCore Labs for future medical informatics fellows and for innovative project opportunities between TriCore and UNM.

Philip Kroth, MD, MS
Assistant Director,
HS Informatics Program Development
Movin’ In & Movin’ Up

Proving that everything is truly connected, Taos native Cathy Brandenburg, granddaughter of UNM past president James F. Zimmerman (think Zimmerman Library) joined this library as Administrator. Cathy graduated from ENMU with a Bachelor of Arts in English and most recently worked in UNM HSC Cardiothoracic Surgery.

From retail sales to call center, from web support to HSLIC Helpdesk support, Vanessa Curtin, User Support Analyst I does not shy away from providing communication and service to people. Vanessa earned a Bachelor Degree in History at UNM and worked in technological services, including a stint at United Healthcare offering web support to clients in Russia, the Middle East, and South America, she earned a CompTIA A+ certification at TVI.

Sally (Sarah) Bowler-Hill, formerly the HSLIC Administrator, moved into the Information Systems Planner position this past August. She now applies her degrees—Bachelor of Arts in Moving Image Arts from the College of Santa Fe, and Master of Arts in Art Education from UNM—to the fine and creative art of strategic planning. As IS Planner, Sally assists and advises KMIT groups in knowledge management and planning.

Deb (Deborah) LaPointe, Assistant Director of Education Development, received a joint faculty appointment with the UNM College of Education (COE) at UNM Organizational Learning and Instructional Technologies (OLIT) program. My appointment at the HSC gives me the opportunity to continue this work. I am a faculty member within HSLIC with a secondary appointment in the Organizational Learning and Instructional Technologies (OLIT) program within the College of Education (COE) at UNM. Within the OLIT program, I teach hybrid courses such as Theory and Principles of Distance Education and Distance Education Course Design. Those courses combine face-to-face sessions with online discussions, using a variety of media. One goal of this course is to model how the physical, geographical, and psychological distance can be reduced or overcome through effective course design, delivery, creation of social presence, and personal feedback.

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Deborah LaPointe, Ph.D.
Assistant Director, Education Development

Who Is Deb LaPointe?

“Every expansive area in the history of humankind has coincided with the operation of factors which have tended to eliminate distance between peoples and classes previously hemmed off from one another.” This quote from John Dewey frames my work as an educator. To me as an educator, the word distance, refers to (a) the physical, geographical distance between the learner and instructor or among coworkers in an organization, (b) the psychological, transactional distance between learners and instructors or among coworkers in an organization, and (c) the extent of the personal experience with or connection to the course material a learner feels.

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NCLIS Award Bestowed to Dr. Catherine McClain

Catherine McClain, MD, Director of the Center for Development and Disabilities (CDD) was awarded the Blue Ribbon Consumer Health Information Recognition Award for libraries given by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS).

CDD was established in 1990 and is New Mexico’s University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service. The CDD created the LINC (Library and Information Network for the Community) offering the largest collection of disability resources in New Mexico. The “CDD offers access to both its impressive array of resources via LINC and customer-responsive services such as reference librarian assistance,” observes Jon Eldredge, HSLIC Academic and Clinical Services Coordinator. “We hope that the NCLIS Consumer Health Award will bring favorable attention to this locally-based, unique organization that serves the whole state.” NCLIS awards libraries that do the best job of offering health information to their users. The award was made on the basis of the program’s potential innovativeness, impact, and replicability. This is a new award and the first time this award is being given.

HSLIC hosted a reception for Dr. McClain on November 22nd. Attendees included CDD Staff, HSLIC Faculty, Robert Katz, MD (Chair of Pediatrics), Paul Roth, MD (Dean of Medicine), Philip Eaton (Ex Vice President for Health Sciences) and Richard Akeroyd (State Librarian).

Catherine Brandenburg
Administrator
Dedication Reception for Voelz Collection

On October 15, 2004, the Library celebrated the dedication of the Voelz Collection of medical history (see *adobe medicus*, September-October 2004) with a program and reception attended by members of the Voelz family and friends. The Collection was donated by Mary W. Voelz and her husband, the late George L. Voelz, M.D., and consists of nearly 200 volumes of the Classics of Medicine Library series of facsimiles of classical works in medicine. In addition to the collection, the late Dr. Voelz and Mary Voelz gave $10,000 to start an endowment to continue development of the collection. This was the Library’s first endowment.

Guests at the dedication included daughter Valerie Voelz Rothsenthal, M.D., and daughter-in-law Judi Gore Voelz, M.D., both graduates of the UNM School of Medicine. Speakers at the program included Holly Shipp Buchanan, Associate Vice President for Knowledge Management and IT and Director of the HSLIC; Judy K. Jones, Associate Vice President for Strategic Initiatives; Janis Teal, Deputy Director for Library Services; John Trotter, PhD, Vice Dean of the School of Medicine; Mary Wesselman Voelz; and Susan Crow, Director, Health Sciences Center Development. HSC representatives relayed their appreciation to the Voelz family for the collection and endowment, emphasizing the benefit to the Health Sciences Center community and to the State of New Mexico.

The Collection is housed in room 416 of the Library; materials circulate internally and externally by special permission.

Janis Teal, MLS, MAT
Deputy Director, Library Services

Enhanced Public Access to NIH Research Information: What You Need to Know

On September 3, 2004, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced a proposal to establish, “a comprehensive, searchable electronic resource of NIH-funded research results [that provides] free access to all.” This draft policy requests, but does not require, NIH-funded investigators submit the final, peer-reviewed author’s copy of their scientific manuscripts to NIH. These articles will be released to the public six months after the date of publication and are made available from PubMed Central, the National Library of Medicine’s free digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature.

The creation of a stable permanent archive of peer-reviewed NIH research publications will assist NIH in monitoring its scientific productivity, setting research priorities and meeting its mission of improving health through research. It will also make the published results of NIH-funded research readily accessible to scientists, physicians and the public. This model will preserve the critical role of journals and publishers in peer review, editing and scientific quality control processes. It will not affect the copyright of the author or the journal of publication if the copyright is transferred.

During the 60 day comment period on the draft proposal many associations endorsed the plan including the Association of American Medical Colleges, the National Academy of Sciences, the American Association of Universities and the Association of Research Libraries. Elsevier, a publisher of science and medical journals, has also announced its support of the proposal. Additionally, the Wellcome Trust has held talks with the National Library of Medicine about creating a “European PubMed Central” that would make the results of the research funded by the Wellcome Trust freely available to the public.

The NIH proposal is just one example of how the world of scholarly communication is changing. HSLIC offers resources addressing these changes and how they impact researchers, libraries and publishers. HSLIC’s scholarly communication webpage (http://hsc.unm.edu/library/sc) provides an overview of the issues and links to relevant resources. HSLIC is also co-sponsoring UNM’s third annual Scholarly Communication Symposium in the spring of 2005 that will address topics related to standard and alternative models of scholarly authorship and publishing.

Erinn Aspinall, MSI
NLM Second Year Associate Fellow

Greg Gaillard, HSLIC Deputy Director of Technology Support, hosted for two days in November, University of Montana colleague Ryan Alter, Director of Academic Information Technology, providing an introduction to how knowledge management and information technology are structured and managed at the Health Sciences Center, how we work collaboratively with HSC users, and how we support standardized faculty workstations.
Giving to the New HSLIC Endowment Fund

HSLIC recently began a special initiative to build the Future of the Library endowment as an additional resource for the future of the library. Donations to this fund will provide critical resources benefiting current and future generations of students and researchers as well as health care providers and their patients. Interest from this fund will add resources to the collection which HSLIC would be unable to purchase solely through its budget. Inflation of books and journals has outpaced budget increases for 20 years, making it essential for the Library to identify new funding sources. The holidays are an superb time to make contributions, in honor of a family member, friend, or colleague. We will send an acknowledgement to both the donor and the person honored. This endowment fund is also an excellent way to make memorial gifts at any time of the year.

All contributions to HSLIC are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center and sent to Mary Lujan-Kerlee, Business Services, Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center, MSC09 5100, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001. If you have questions about this or other giving opportunities, please contact Janis Teal, 272-4688 or jteal@salud.unm.edu.

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