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From the Desk of the Associate Vice President

I am sorry to have to announce the death of HSLIC faculty member Deborah LaPointe, PhD, on May 19, 2009. Dr. LaPointe, joined HSLIC in June 2004, as an assistant professor in the School of Medicine, with a secondary appointment in the College of Education, where she was sought out as an expert and teacher in distance learning. Deb established the HSLIC Learning Design Center and was active in many teaching endeavors at the HSC.

A memorial service in honor of Deb was held Saturday, May 23, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church. In addition, HSLIC faculty and staff had a small gathering in HSLIC on May 26th to honor Deb and the time she shared with us; attendees shared memories and thoughts about Deb and the kindness and creativity that she contributed to HSLIC and the HSC.

Several initiatives are underway to honor Deb. A scholarship fund has been established in Deb’s name through the College of Education, UNM. The family requests that contributions be made to the Deborah LaPointe Scholarship Fund, OLIT Program, College of Education, MSC05 3040, at the University of New Mexico, 87131.

In addition, as many of us remember Deb LaPointe’s passion for learning; her willingness to try new, innovative, and at times unorthodox approaches to old problems; and her positive and upbeat attitude towards life; HSLIC would like to name a memorial in Deb’s honor in the Phil and Olga Eaton Sculpture Garden of Healing. The Garden offers several naming opportunities from trees to flower beds to a garden bench where we can have a constant reminder of Deb’s presence on the HSC campus and her lasting contributions to HSLIC. For those of you interested in being involved in contributing towards it, please contact Laura Hall (lhall@salud.unm.edu) or Cathy Brandenburg (cbrandenburg@salud.unm.edu).

Holly Shipp Buchanan, EdD, MLn, MBA, AHIP Associate Vice President, Knowledge Management and IT

The Return of Reason

For years, biomedical “megapublishers” – such as Elsevier, Wiley-Blackwell, Springer, and the Nature Publishing Group - have bundled their most important and widely read journals with hundreds, even thousands, of niche journals with small readerships.

At issue is the restrictive nature of these contracts.[i] The megapublishers enjoy a near monopolistic control over the biomedical publishing industry. It is only possible to pay for these more expensive unbundled journals by severely reducing the overall size of the journal collection.

During FY09 and FY10 $200,000 in HSLIC’s collections budget was reduced to $152,000. As a result, library patrons will see significantly fewer journals in the library collection.

To guide their decision, HSLIC health sciences librarians will make quality, not quantity, the basis upon which we build future collections.

Brian Bunnett, MLS, MA Director, Library and Education Services

i “A Challenge to Goliath” Mark Rossner, 2009. Article distributed under the terms of an Attribution-Share Alike-No Mirror Sites license. (http://jcb.rupress.org/cgi/reprint/185/4/571)
Going Green? But What Can One Person Do?

HSLIC faculty recently discussed what the library could do to be more environmentally conscious. You may have noticed some of these changes already, such as turning off the dome lights of the main building during sunny days.

But what can you as an individual do? Here's a laundry list, collected with the help of Jon Eldredge (HSLIC Faculty), Dianne Zincke (HSLIC Facilities Manager), Pat Theuer (UNM Safety & Risk Services), UNM Recycling Department, and other HSLIC faculty members who joined in the discussion.

Conservation

Conserving electricity is an easy place to start. Start by turning off lights in your office or other rooms when they're empty. Some employees have expressed concern that this might give the appearance that you are "gone for the day." This may be a simple cultural expectation that should change.

Many HSLIC computers are already Energy Star compliant, although you may be able to change your power settings to be more consistent with your work patterns. If you're not sure how to do this, contact the HSC Help Desk (272-1694) or see this UNM ITS web page: http://its.unm.edu/green/. Regardless, you should always turn off your computer at the end of the day and especially on weekends. It used to be that leaving computers on at night was encouraged to allow updates to occur but this is no longer the recommended practice.

Unplugging your computer or other electronic devices (in addition to turning them off) will probably not conserve electricity unless the device uses a transformer. If you're not sure if the device uses a transformer, a good rule of thumb is that if the power cord plugs into the wall and charges a battery (such as in a cell phone, iPod, or laptop) then it uses a transformer.

Recycling

As long as the items result from UNM work (please don't bring in recyclables from home), you’ll be pleased to know that UNM accepts many types of materials that the City of Albuquerque does not. UNM accepts glass & plastic bottles, aluminum & steel cans, office paper, corrugated cardboard, and also:

- Hard styrofoam (disposable cups, packing materials): Cups and packing wedges can be placed in the same bins as cans and bottles. Packing peanuts should be sorted separately into a clean trash bag since they are handled separately. Incidentally, UPS will also gladly accept donations of packing peanuts for re-use.

- Paperboard (e.g., cereal boxes): Even though the City of Albuquerque does not accept paperboard for recycling, UNM will. Boxes should be unfolded and flattened and placed next to recycling bins.

- Kraft paper (e.g., grocery bags): These can be placed in the "colored paper" recycling bins.

- Some batteries: Call Pat Theuer at UNM Safety Office (272-7504) to arrange for pickup of Lithium, Nickel-Cadmium, Lead-Acid, and many other types of batteries for recycling. Unfortunately, the most common types of batteries (alkaline, non-rechargeable) cannot be recycled and should be disposed of in regular trash receptacles. The following web site gives more information on battery recycling: http://www.ehso.com/ehshome/batteries.php.

The most important thing to consider when recycling? SORT ITEMS PROPERLY. Bins that are “contaminated” with inappropriate items have reduced value, or may be disposed of as garbage entirely. Good intentions, but sloppy sorting, can reduce the value of the entire bin and actually lead to reduced recycling, especially since the market value of recyclable materials has decreased several fold recently. You can find a guide to UNM recycling and other helpful tips at the Recycling Department web site: http://srs.unm.edu/recycling/index.php.

Randall Stewart, MD
Biomedical Informatics Research, Training and Scholarship
Muddling through Moodle

In early 2006, HSLIC adopted Moodle, an open-source learning management system, to present trainings to learners both within UNM and from a growing national audience. This has presented a unique set of challenges: while Moodle is free to download and use, support for it is extremely limited.

Since the inception of the HSC Moodle site, the Moodle Designers’ Group has been meeting to discuss Moodle tips, tricks, and teaching techniques. The group is made up of both HSC and UNM Moodle users, as well as community members with an active interest in Moodle. Recent topics have included course evaluation, creating lessons, and effective use of quizzes.

The Moodle Designers’ Group is always open to new members who plan to create a course in Moodle, or who are just interested in teaching techniques for an open-source learning management system. If you have a need for providing training to users outside of UNM, or would just like to learn more, you can join the Designer’s Group on the second Tuesday of odd numbered months, at 12:00 pm in HSLIC room 226. Anyone wanting to learn more about the Moodle Designer’s Group can contact Jon Eldredge at the Learning Design Center at 272-0654.

Leslie Sandoval
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HSC TV continues to focus its lens on the HSC’s dynamic range of programs, people and events, as we work to expand the multimedia project’s accessibility. Planning is underway to enhance HSC TV’s Web presence, making its regularly posted videos easier to view and browse.

In the meantime, HSC TV continues its work with the campus’ marketing and communications staff to produce a diverse slate of programming. Since January, stories have taken viewers through the College of Nursing’s simulation lab, Pete’s Playground at UNM Children’s Hospital, and the HSC’s brand new community health clinic in Albuquerque’s Southeast Heights. We’ve also shed light on the UNM Eye Clinic’s efforts to fight diabetes-related blindness and a Department of Neurosurgery telehealth program aimed at helping hospitals across the state treat traumatic brain injuries, just to name a few more of the recent stories we’ve posted.

Videos focusing on important HSC research, the hospital’s midwifery program, and a new interprofessional education program highlight a slate of new stories now in production. To see HSC TV’s feature of the week, visit http://hsc.unm.edu.

John Arnold
Multimedia Development Specialist

Above: Fighting diabetes-related blindness at the UNM Eye Clinic
Right: Dr. Karlett Parra’s research in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology could one day help fight cancer.

Left: A new state of the art community health clinic is serving residents in Albuquerque’s Southeast Heights.

Right: The College of Nursing’s Simulation Lab

Above: A new state of the art community health clinic is serving residents in Albuquerque’s Southeast Heights.
Celebrating New Mexico’s Women in Medicine

This spring the HSLIC hosted “Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America’s Women Physicians” traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine™. The exhibit tells the extraordinary story of how American women who wanted to practice medicine have struggled over the past two centuries to gain access to medical education and to work in a medical specialty of choice. While the exhibit was on display, April 10-May 20, HSLIC hosted a number of events highlighting prominent New Mexico women physicians.

These physicians such as – Cheryl Willman, who is internationally recognized for her research in childhood leukemia and the current CEO of UNM Cancer Center; Melvina McCabe, Director of the New Mexico Geriatric Education Center where she has championed for American Indian elders for more than ten years, and Helene Silverblatt, co-founder for the Center for Rural and Community Behavioral Health at UNM which is a nationally recognized program for its unique approach and innovation – spoke of their experiences in medicine, what inspired them, and how women have changed and continue to change the practice of medicine. Whether practicing in rural settings or in leadership roles, they have introduced new ways of health and well-being while balancing family life and other interests with careers in medicine.

In addition to these events, HSLIC hosted a Girl Scout day and a number of school group tours. While on display, the exhibit was seen by approximately 400 visitors.

Laura J. Hall
Manager, Special Collections
Jon Eldredge, Hippo Award Winner

HSLIC faculty member Jon Eldredge, MLS, PhD, received a 2009 Hippo Award for excellence in teaching as a “distinguished professor of Phase I” from the second year (Class of 2011) medical students at a ceremony held on Friday, April 24, 2009.

In presenting his Hippo Award, students noted that Dr. Eldredge had taught them the science in Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) database searching, instead of relying on guesswork. In honor of his award, the students sang the song, Info Man, written by Joseph Avalos (Class of 2011). The song references using Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) terms in their EBM searches.

The Hippo Awards ceremony parodies the Academy Awards, with comedic video sketches revolving around medical student life. This year the second year medical students honored 13 SOM faculty members: William Buss, Deborah Dellmore, Jon Eldredge, Eve Espey, Kathryn Foucar, Robert Glew, Diane Goade, Mario Kornfield, Steve Mitchell, Bill Shuttleworth, Craig Timm, Fernando Valenzuela, and Dorothy Vanderjagt.

The Khatali Medical Alumni Association sponsored the Hippo Award ceremony.

Deb LaPointe, PhD
Assistant Director, Education Development Learning Design Center

Info Man  (sung by the SOM Class of 2011 to the tune of IronMan)

He is Info man
Searchin’ PubMed as fast as he can
Has he fused his mind
What he searches for, he will find

Chorus:
Nothing can stop him
He just MeSHes the world
He can always find it
No database is too bold

Now the time is here
For Info man to find you
Searching high and low
If something is lost he will know

Chorus
He was turned to steel
In the great magnetic field
Where he traveled time
For the future of mankind

Nothing can stop him
He just MeSHes the world.

Holly Buchanan Elected Fellow of the Medical Library Association

Holly Shipp Buchanan, Associate Vice President for Knowledge Management and Information Technology at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, was recently named a Fellow of the Medical Library Association (MLA) and was honored as such at the MLA's annual meeting in Honolulu in May. Fellows are elected by the MLA Board of Directors for their "sustained and outstanding contributions to health sciences librarianship and to the advancement of the purposes of the MLA."

Holly is widely thought to be the youngest person ever elected as President of the MLA. She was also, in 1987, the association's first pregnant president-elect. Those of you who know Holly will not be surprised to hear that strategic planning was a major emphasis of her presidency. Holly has served on eight MLA committees (of which she chaired five), has been elected to the MLA's Board of Directors on two occasions, was the association's first Section Council chair, is a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals, and was named one of the "100 Most Notable" leaders in the field of health sciences librarianship by the MLA during its centennial celebration.

Holly's numerous contributions to medical libraries have been recognized once again by the MLA. In doing so it has honored one of its most prominent and influential members. Congratulations to Holly on being named a fellow of the Medical Library Association.

Brian Bunnett, MLS, MA
Director, Library and Education Services
HSLIC Presents 2009 Medical Student Awards

The UNM School of Medicine sponsored its annual Awards Ceremony on May 14th in the Health Sciences Center Canyon Garden. The Ceremony included Khatali Alumni, Academic, Research, Service and Professionalism award categories. School of Medicine Senior Associate Dean for Education Ellen Cosgrove, MD, officiated at the Ceremony. HSLIC faculty honored four medical students for a total of three awards at the ceremony in the Service and Professionalism category.

HSLIC Award for Excellence in Teaching Service
Matthew Smith, MD, received the HSLIC Award for Excellence in Teaching Service Award in recognition of his teaching skills in the academic clinical environment. HSLIC faculty members noted in their award recommendation that Dr. Smith shared high-quality reference information with patients and their families that helped them make choices in their care, listened with empathy, and provided written and visual resources to his patients, so they could better understand their choices in disease management. Dr. Smith spent time with his patients to discuss the resources and to answer their questions. He regularly brought visual resources and high-quality reference materials to the clinical teams as well. HSLIC faculty member Deborah LaPointe, PhD, coordinated the nomination and selection process for this award.

HSLIC Excellence in Informatics Award
Two graduating seniors shared the HSLIC Excellence in Informatics Award for their outstanding use of informatics in their student research project. Katie Forman, MD and David Meredith, MD authored the research paper “Postmortem Analysis of Synovial Fluid: An Alternative Method for Determining the Presence of Ethanol” that drew upon a thorough literature review coupled to laboratory results from local institutions such as TriCore and the Office of the Medical Investigator. HSLIC faculty member, Dick Carr, MLS, reviewed the ten research papers written by graduating medical students nominated by the School of Medicine Research Committee in order to make his selection for this award.

Award for Excellence in Information Seeking & Critical Appraisal
Five different UNM School of Medicine faculty members nominated second year medical student Mr. Kurt Pedrotty for the HSLIC Award for Excellence in Information Seeking & Critical Appraisal. They based their nominations upon his demonstrated information seeking and critical appraisal skills during Phase One problem-based learning tutorials. Mr. Pedrotty, who has just completed his Phase One blocks, won this award for bringing high quality information to tutorials, citing his sources, describing his search strategies, applying critical thinking skills to the information he brought to tutorials, and receiving a perfect score on the Evidence-Based Medicine Informatics component of his Summative 2 Exam.

Jon Eldredge, MLS, PhD,
Student Awards Chair

Photos on left - Award winners Katie Forman, David Meredith, Kurt Pedrotty, and Matthew Smith
Photos on right - Meredith and Smith at SOM Student Awards, and the article author Jon Eldredge at the event (Photos by Anastasia Anderson)
**Student Lounge Remodeling**

As part of the LCME School of Medicine self-study process for accreditation, HSLIC is leading the way on a Student Space Renovation Project. Plans are moving forward to refurbish 3 different student spaces: 2 in the Basic Medical Sciences Building (BMSB) and one in the Domenici Center.

In the BMSB we are updating the student lounge in the basement and on the first floor lobby area. The basement lounge will be getting all new furniture, a large LCD screen for computer hook-ups, a large table for groups to congregate and also 2 game tables for some “break” time. Foosball and Ping Pong should help relieve some stress. The basics of the refurbishment include cleaning and replacing carpet and ceiling tiles, and giving the walls fresh coats of paint.

In the lobby area we will be starting with new paint and carpet as well as adding new furniture and seating for faculty, staff, students and our guests. This refurbished area will be uncluttered with the bulletin boards coming down from the walls and a new Kiosk being placed in the center of the area.

The third space to be re-done is the student lounge in the Domenici Center. The first step will be to re-locate all of the lounge’s existing furniture to the west building in areas where seating is sparse. Then we will bring in new lounge seating for our HSC students.

Marcia Sletten, MA  
Manager, Division Support Services  
Business Services

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**GroupWise™ Server Update**

In an effort to improve the hardware reliability of the GroupWise electronic mail system, the HSLIC Systems Group recently undertook a project to replace the existing GroupWise post office servers with new, standardized hardware. The project involved migrating all of the user mailboxes from the existing post office servers to new servers with faster processors, more memory and nearly seven times the storage capacity.

Over the past few years the operating systems on the existing GroupWise post office servers had been upgraded and patched multiple times. By starting “from scratch” with new hardware and clean installations of the most recent release of the operating system we are hoping to improve the GroupWise environment. In addition, the post office storage volumes had been expanded; storage space was fragmented and near capacity which was causing additional issues. This new hardware will allow us to continue to provide for growth at the levels experienced over the past year.

In conjunction with the e-mail administrator at UNM Hospital, we are continuing to work with the software vendor to address issues with the latest release of the GroupWise server software. The software vendor is expected to release an update to address issues that have been present since the upgrade to GroupWise version 8. We are also anticipating a project later this summer or early fall to upgrade HSC workstations to the most recent version of the GroupWise client software.

The server hardware upgrade and anticipated software update is only one part of the effort to improve the GroupWise user experience. The Web Team has recently redesigned the application behind the link to GroupWise web access in order to present a single link that will provide access to an available GroupWise web access server (instead of presenting a list of servers for the user to select from). This updated link will verify response from one of several GroupWise Web access servers before automatically directing users to an available server.

We appreciate your patience during these upgrades and hope that our efforts result in an improved user experience.

Thomas Sanford  
Manager, Information Services

HSLIC’s new server in action,  
Photo by Tom Sanford
Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education, Phase II

Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education, Phase II is scheduled to open in January, 2010 (with the exterior completion date in August). Phase II will be dedicated to specialized instruction, and not be open to the general public. Phase II will require authorized badge access. Clinical Performance Labs will be housed on level one and the Human Anatomy Lab will occupy Level 2. There will also be three study rooms and one shared classroom.

Dianne Zincke
Facilities Manager
Business Services