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FROM THE CHAIR:

Plans are moving along for the Spring GHSLA and FHSLA (Florida) combined meeting at Jekyll Island, Georgia, on April 25-26, 1985. So please make your plans accordingly. I want to remind our members to renew their membership in GHSLA, and to encourage fellow librarians to join. We need the support of all our members. I wish to thank our editor, Mary Fanslow, for the excellent and outstanding job in publishing the UPDATE. Mary's last day with Mercer University is November 21st. She has accepted a position in Kingsport, TN with the Tennessee Eastman Company Research Library as an Assistant Research Librarian. We will all miss you, Mary, and wish you success and happiness in your new job. Our editor will be Kim McInnis. Thank you, Kim, for accepting this responsibility. I would also like to wish all our members HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND SEASONS GREETINGS!

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If the mailing label on this newsletter has a dot next to it, please read this:

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE GHSLA MEMBERS!

The blue dot indicates that you are not on GHSLA's current membership list. GHSLA welcomes past members to rejoin and extends a special invitation of affiliation to all new hospital and medical librarians in Georgia. Your membership and support is needed in order for GHSLA to truly be a statewide health sciences library association. As a GHSLA member, you will receive the quarterly newsletter, the UPDATE, and be entitled to reduced registration fees at the GHSLA annual meeting in April. Please complete and mail the enclosed membership application. Thank you for joining!

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ATTENTION ALL CURRENT MEMBERS!

It's membership renewal time! Dues are now payable by January 1, 1985. So beat the Christmas rush and mail the enclosed membership form today! Please consider joining as a personal member if you are not already. Discounts of \$1 are available on dues to personal members if their respective institutions are current GHSLA members. If you are currently a personal member, please consider submitting an institutional membership as well if your institution is not a GHSLA member. As of November 12, GHSLA consisted of 11 institutional members and 55 personal members. So, GHSLA needs continuation of your support and your help in recruiting new members. Thanks for renewing your membership!

Please indicate any questions about your membership status on the enclosed membership form.

CURRENT MEDICAL AWARENESS SERVICE

CURRENT MEDICAL AWARENESS is a weekly publication produced by the Educational Resources Library at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alton, Illinois. According to the St. Joseph's librarian, Betty Byrd, the publication evolved from a need to encourage increased utilization of the Library's journals and from a philosophy that the Library is not simply a reading center but primarily an information resource.

Production of the current awareness tool is an ongoing process. As journals are checked in, the content pages are checked for relevancy. A master copy is typed from the checked content pages, and it lists the journal titles, journal dates of publication, and journal locations. Because St. Joseph's is a member of the Areawide Hospital Library Consortium of Southwestern Illinois, it receives content pages of unique journals from other Consortium members.

When the weekly listing is completed, it is reproduced and distributed to administrative staff and inhouse departments as well as to subscribers.

St. Joseph's emphasizes that CURRENT MEDICAL AWARENESS is a reference tool which should be reviewed promptly to be effective. St. Joseph's does not subscribe to commercial publications such as ISI's CURRENT CONTENTS because the commercial issues' scope is too broad for the Library's needs and commercial issues can not be freely reproduced.

The subscription price for one year (52 issues) is \$75. Subscribers may reproduce multiple copies for their clientele.

The Southwest Georgia Hospital Consortium subscribes to the current awareness service through Colquitt County Memorial Hospital (Moultrie) which then reproduces the weekly listing for each of the other three hospital libraries in the Consortium: Phoebe Putney (Albany), John D. Archibald (Thomasville), and the South Georgia Medical Center (Valdosta). Susan Danner, the circuit librarian for the Consortium, has subscribed to the service when employed in Illinois. The Consortium libraries have found the service useful for obtaining non-Region II journal articles.

More information about CURRENT MEDICAL AWARENESS may be obtained from the following addresses:

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RIDING THE CREST OF THE WAVE AT KEY BISCAIYNE

The 1984 Southern Chapter MLA Annual Meeting was held October 10-13 in Key Biscayne, Florida, under the sponsorship of the Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami School of Medicine. According to an informal (and very unscientifically executed) polling of librarians who attended, the Meeting was a success in all aspects - from the scenic "Banquet on the Bay," which honored MLA Past-Presidents from the Southern Chapter, to the excellent program speakers.

"Riding the Crest of the Wave" was the theme of the Meeting. Appropriately, the speakers' topics drew analogies from this theme. For example, Jane Lambremont of SEARMLS spoke on "Sink or Swim: The Hospital Librarian's Dilemma," in which she pointed out that one can never figuratively step in the same river twice because just as the river changes course, so does that individual. Other speakers also deftly alluded to the theme in talks such as "Books - Not Bread - On The Waters" and "Navigating in Turbulent Times."

Copies of the session tapes are available from the University of Miami for \$5.00 each or \$35.00 for all eight session tapes, plus a \$1.00 shipping and handling fee. Orders or inquiries may be sent to the Department of Biomedical Communication (R-4), University of Miami School of Medicine, P.O. Box 016960, Miami, FL 33101.

The 1985 Meeting will be hosted by the Bowman Gray School of Medicine Library, Winston-Salem, NC. If the quality of the recent Southern Chapter Meetings is any indication, the 1985 conference can only be a critical success.

FHSLA Briefs

The Florida Health Sciences Library Association reports that it has arranged for Mike Rust, the Director of Physical Affairs for the Florida Hospital Association, to speak at the April FHSLA/GHSLA meeting at Jekyll Island. Mr. Rust will speak on hospital cost containment measures and cost benefit analysis procedures.

Several FHSLA members would like a "Training the Trainers" C.E. course to be offered at the April meeting. Region 2 would sponsor the course, which teaches MEDLARS searchers how to train health professionals to do their own searching. GHSLA and FHSLA are investigating this possibility.

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