**DISASTER**

On June 8, 2001, tropical storm Allison hit with full force, bringing up to 32 inches of rain to the Houston area. The Library was not spared. The street level was flooded with about 4 feet of water, enough to cover computer equipment and furniture, knocking down the electricity, phone system, and several partition walls in the Library.

The NN/LM SCR offices, Library Systems, Health Informatics Education Center (computer lab, computer classroom and teleconference room), Internet Cafe and staff lounge, were all destroyed. The lowest 3 shelves of archival materials were totally submerged. Unfortunately, it may take several months to dry and determine which damaged books, journals, archives and videotapes can be saved. Computers will all have to be replaced, including the proxy server used for Remote Access Services, which is down indefinitely.

The staff of the HAM–TMC Library would like to thank all our colleagues and friends who offered help, surplus journals and concern during this difficult time.
Beth White in the Archives

Teleconference Room

Library Classroom

HIEC Computer Lab

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Systems Department Offices

Jesse Gonzalez Helps in the Clean Up Process

Library Staff Pack Materials for Freeze-Drying

Deborah Halsted Surveys Damage in the NN/LM SCR Offices

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Ruicha Mishra in the NN/LM SCR Offices

Remains of the Internet Cafe

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NEW DATABASES

- **sciBASE** is a free database produced by The Scientific World, providing access to scientific, technical, and medical research literature. SciBase contains the full MEDLINE database from 1993-present along with citations to scientific articles not found in MEDLINE.

sciBASE currently includes approximately 12 million citations to articles published since 1993 in more than 20,000 journals and is updated daily with approximately 7,000 new articles. sciBASE is also a document delivery service.

To access the new database go to: http://www.thescientificworld.com/scibase/search.asp?uid=&bid=

- **Library Literature and Information Science Full Text** is produced by the H.W. Wilson Company. This database provides full-text access from a number of periodicals. Other publication types indexed include: books, chapters in collected works and pamphlets. The database can be accessed from the library, any authorized IP address, and through remote access by visiting: http://hwwilsonweb.com/

REMOTE ACCESS CHANGES

Effective September 1, 2001 the HAM-TMC Library will be making significant changes to its Remote Access Service. The current proxy server is being reconfigured so that patrons will be assigned different means of access according to their institutional affiliation. This change is being implemented so that we can continue to meet our contractual obligations with the vendors and publishers who provide the online journals and databases to which we subscribe.

Look for more information regarding changes to the Remote Access Service later this summer.

SOME SCIENCE DIRECT TITLES NOW UNAVAILABLE

The HAM-TMC Library receives its ScienceDirect titles through a licensing agreement between the UT System Digital Library and Elsevier Science B.V. At the time the agreement was signed, there were still questions regarding how ScienceDirect would handle titles offered by publishers other than Elsevier. In April, ScienceDirect cut off access to titles supplied by third-party publishers.

If, when you are looking at the list of journals available through ScienceDirect, the page icons in front of the links are white, then we do not have access.

- **Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health**
  - If the icons are green we do have access.
  - **Patient Education and Counseling**

The Library and our colleagues at the UT Digital Library are working to resolve this issue.

LIBRARY HOSTS FELLOWSHIP

The HAM–TMC Library participated in the International Faculty Development Fellowship in Family Medicine sponsored by Baylor College of Medicine Department of Family and Community Medicine. Twelve physicians from Argentina, Bolivia, El Salvador, Honduras, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela attended the eight-week fellowship from March 5 to April 27, 2001. On March 6-7, 2001, Library staff taught PubMed, an introduction to the Library online catalog and PowerPoint classes. As requested, Beatriz Varam and Donald Barclay taught these classes in Spanish.

LIBRARY ADDRESS TO CHANGE

Effective July 9, 2001, the streets MD Anderson Boulevard and John Freeman Avenue will switch names.

The Library's new address will be:

1133 John Freeman Avenue, Houston, TX 77030-2809
NOTEWORTHY

Deborah Halsted and Donald Barclay have co-authored a book titled *The Medical Library Association Consumer Health Reference Service Handbook*, which covers all aspects of the role libraries can play in putting healthcare consumers in touch with information. The book identifies and annotates print and electronic consumer-health information resources, gives tips on interpreting medical language, understanding legal issues, conducting reference interviews, creating websites, developing publications, promoting resources and services, and collaborating with non-library agencies and organizations to promote public health.

Two poster sessions on Library projects were presented at the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association held in May 2001. Marsha Sullivan and Deborah Halsted presented a poster on *Providing Consumer Health Information to Asian Americans: A Collaborative Model*, and Beatriz Varman and Deborah Halsted presented a poster on *Community Discussion Forums* on the “On Our Own Terms: Moyers on Dying” series.

Beatriz Varman attended a reception to open the exhibit *The Once and Future Web, Worlds Woven by The Telegraph and Internet* on May 21, 2001 at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland.

**FOOD DRIVE**

The Texas Medical Center Food Drive benefiting the Houston Food Bank, has been re-scheduled for October 12, 2001. The Library will be accepting food and monetary donations. For more information contact Zina Hayes at: zinah@library.tmc.edu or call (713) 799-7116.

CONGRATULATIONS

From left: Donald Barclay, Dr. J. Robert Beck, Felicia Little and Dr. Ana Cleveland

Congratulations to Felicia Little, Web Specialist, who graduated from University of North Texas on May 12, 2001, with an MLS degree.

LIBRARY LINES

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