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Luis 'toonist - Shirley Outen



Celebrate!

The CLUE is beginning its fifth year and Luis turns 5 years old! Half a decade and still going strong!

It's hard to believe but it's true! Our little Luis is growing up (sigh)! Take a walk down memory lane (or at least around this page) with us as we remember the many faces of Luis. In honor of Luis' birthday (and because we do this every year anyway), we're issuing the 4th in a series of coveted Luis bookmarks. Don't forget to pick one up at the Circulation desk in the HSC Library.

During the last four years, The CLUE has worked hard to keep you informed of the latest information resources and services the Shimberg Health Sciences Library has to offer. That's why we urge all of you, every semester, to "get a CLUE.....without it, you haven't got one!"

Now on Three Continents!

Since we're bragging, this would be a great time to mention that The CLUE is now distributed on three continents! First, we took the U.S. by storm, but that wasn't enough! Next we invaded the Czech Republic (home to some of Luis' most ardent fans)! Now we've expanded into Saudi Arabia! Maybe Luis could become our 'crude' ambassador. We have no idea how they heard about us but at this rate, our Luis 'toonist may have to start drawing Luis' head a little larger!



LAB BLAB

WANTED: HSC Computer Account

REWARD: Your passport to a world of information

Now that we have everyone's attention we would like to remind you what your HSC account can do for you. Not only does it give you access to e-mail and COM1 file space, but it also allows you to access databases that are licensed for the HSC community. We've partnered with Information Services (IS) to provide you with one account that takes you everywhere. Sort of like unlimited admissions to multiple amusement parks. Hey, we're in Florida. It's the theme. Yes, and that's our final answer! (Obviously written by someone who needs a vacation. Is the boss reading this?)

These are some of the databases available with an HSC account:

- * OID/mednet includes: MEDLINE, PreMEDLINE, CancerLit, Best Evidence, Cochrane Databases of Systematic Reviews, CINAHL, HealthSTAR, and Journals@Ovid which provides over 100 full-text journals with graphics.
- * MDConsult - 48 journals and 35 books, all full-text
- * STAT!Ref - journal abstracts and full-text books
- * Harrisons Online - full-text version of the book available online
- * Cochrane databases
- * Library of the National Medical Society - full-text books
- * GCG Wisconsin Sequence Analysis

Your HSC account also provides access to the computers in the library lab, including a scanner system.

To apply for an HSC account through IS, go to www.hsc.usf.edu/is Click on Service Request and then Account Request. All account requests are submitted, approved by your department, and delivered to you electronically. If you have questions about the account sign-up process, you can call the IS help desk at 974-6288.

Faculty Reserve Software

Faculty who own software can make it available to students by placing the software on reserve at the library. Faculty will be asked to fill out a reserve form, available from the Circulation desk, and submit the software licensing information so that we can comply with the agreement for use. We need the original software, as well as the original license agreement, which will be returned.

If it is to be used at the library we ask that you contact us to verify the software specifications, so that we can ensure it will run on the systems in the lab. If your software is on a floppy disk we will make backups to use for installation purposes.

Questions regarding this service should be directed to Rose Bland at rbland@hsc.usf.edu or call 974-2289.

CLUE TIPS

Scientist Protocols ONLINE!

www.protocol-online.net/

Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and Immunology protocols

BEHIND THE SCENES... WITH TINY ELVIS*

*former library assistant



Serials:

Return to Sender! The much coveted Journal Citation Reports (JCR) (see Impact Factor article in this issue) which is produced by the same company that brings you Science Citation Index, is available for your perusal anytime. The JCR is kept in the Serials office in the Library, so you'll have to beg, er, we mean ask a staff member at the Circulation or Reference desk. However, you can look, photocopy, etc. to your heart's content! Just remember to return it when you're finished.

Where are the cd-roms? You may occasionally come across a note in WebLUIIS stating that a supplement to a journal or a special issue is available on cd-rom only. These are currently being kept on reserve at the Circulation desk. (It should state this on the WebLUIIS record – if it doesn't, then shame on us!)

Don't be cruel! Unfortunately, due to the fact that the publisher decided that the electronic version of several of the Annual Reviews journals would no longer be free with our print subscription, we had to cancel the online editions. The new price to subscribe to both print and online is very steep. We're hoping the publisher will reconsider this increase next year. (Are we starry-eyed optimists, or what?!)

Tiny Elvis would like to take this time to wish Luis a Happy 5th Birthday and to pat himself on his tiny back for making it through the first five years of The CLUE! He'd also like to remind you to make our homepage YOUR homepage at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library>

"Thank you, thank you very much." - E.

Visiting Faculty & Students

STILL WANTED: HSC Computer Account

We love having new visitors in the library, but feel really bad when we have to deny someone access to the computer lab because they don't have an HSC account. Departments sponsoring visiting faculty or students, who will be working/studying here temporarily, should consider whether these individuals need an HSC computer account.

Without an HSC account these individuals will not be allowed access to the computer lab, which includes access to MS Office and the many research databases available.

WEBFEATS

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality <http://www.ahrq.gov>

Electronic Catalog to more than 450 AHRQ information resources. Funding opportunities, research findings, quality assessments, clinical information, consumer health, data, and surveys. Many may be ordered online and delivered FREE within 5 working days.

Medical Textbooks for Health Professionals <http://www.emedicine.com/content2.shtml>

FULL-TEXT, ONLINE, and FREE!! Reliable medical information, continuously updated. Textbooks in many disciplines, table of contents, indexes, definitions, images, illustrations, videos, digital images, and x-rays. Searchable content. Links to authors. Science textbooks provided by Gold Standard Media. Also, check the Resource Gateway on the Library's website for more Full-Text, Online, Free resources: Library of the National Medical Society, STAT!Ref, and MDConsult.

Clinical Trials <http://clinicaltrials.gov>

Currently contains over 4,000 NIH sponsored studies. Search for specific trials, browse by condition or sponsor, links to other health-related sites, and a complete user's guide.

IMPACT FACTORS.....ONLINE!

Journal Impact Factors from Science Citation Index are now available online. Where, you ask? Where else, we reply, but from one of our [BestMed Websites!](#) Links.

From the Shimberg Library homepage <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library> just click on the [BestMed Websites!](#) button. If you haven't been here before, check out the subject topics. We screen these Internet sites for authority and content and classify them using MeSH (Medical Subject Headings). Lots of quality information and images. Anyway, click on the Publications heading, and again on Instructions to Authors in the Health Sciences. You'll see the Journal Impact Factors (1994-1998) link just below the alpha list of journal titles. The most current year available is 1998.

What's an Impact Factor? It's the average number of times recent articles (those published in the preceding two years) in a specific journal were cited. This is also the page to visit when you submit an article for publishing and want to know the publisher requirements. This page contains links to Web sites that provide instructions to authors for over 3,000 journal titles in the health and life sciences.

Right now, this site provides Impact Factors only. Other statistical data such as Relevancy Factor, Impact by Subject Category, Immediacy Index, Times Cited Ranking, etc., are available in print format. Ask for the JCR, Journal Citation Reports, at either the Circulation or Reference Desk to get these numbers. (See Tiny Elvis column, this issue.)

CSA - Cambridge Conference Papers Index

A collection of online databases found in the Virtual Library (<http://www.lib.usf.edu/virtual/>) provides access to conference papers, poster sessions, abstracts, references, and some full-text documents covering Aerospace Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Aquatic Sciences, Biological and Medical Sciences, Computer Technology, Earth & Environmental Sciences, and more. Coverage is from 1982 to present and the database is updated bi-monthly.

From the Virtual Library website, click on Databases, then the by Vendor link. Scroll down to the Cambridge Scientific entry and click on the adjacent Resources link. This will display all of the available databases offered by Cambridge. See below.

- 1) agricultural and environmental biotechnology
- 2) aquatic pollution, ecology, and environmental quality
- 3) bacteriology and microbiology
- 4) environmental sciences and pollution management
- 5) environmental impact statements
- 6) water resources abstracts and Routenet (coming soon)

And there is much more! Soon they will activate their "hook to holdings" feature that will allow you to link to the titles that USF and the HSC have purchased FULL-TEXT electronic access.

LARGER THAN LIFE PILL IMAGES



Need to see what a medication looks like? Have something but don't know what it is? Just that it's octagonal, blue, and has DAN 5417 on it? Check **MDConsult** for access to Mosby's GenRx online for drug monographs and prescribing information for over 30,000 medications. You may search by drug name, class, or indication, and even access the 'compare cost of therapy' data. Maybe one day they will make this scratch and sniff (or taste) and hand out free samples, but for now we'll have to be content with large, full color images of prescription medications.

How do you get there? Through the Library's website or the Resource Gateway just click on the **MDConsult** button. Be ready to provide your HSC ID and password for access. From inside **MDConsult**, click on the Drug Information option, then Drug Information Guide/Pill Images. Now, select a letter from the alpha list for the generic name or imprint you want to find. Finally, scroll a little to the right to find the numeric 'trade code' column. Click here and, voila!, you get a pill picture.

If you haven't used **MDConsult** before, check it out while you're here. You'll find FULL-TEXT searchable medical resources that include 35 renowned medical textbooks, 48 leading journals, over 600 peer reviewed clinical practice guidelines, patient education handouts, clinical topic tours, and 450 CME modules to choose from—offering Category 1 credits across 25 specialties.

CLUE TIPS

Life Science Research Protocols ONLINE!

www.BioProtocol.com
FREE Registration

Tangled Web

PubCrawler <http://www.pubcrawler.ie>

You can be out having a pint doing your own pub crawl, while this little program is doing your research for you. It goes to the library. You go to the pub.™

Developed in the Department of Genetics, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, PubCrawler is a FREE (we love that word) Update Alerting Service for PubMed and GenBank that scans daily updates to the NCBI Medline (PubMed) and GenBank databases. PubCrawler can keep you informed of the current contents of Medline and GenBank, by listing new database entries that match your research interests, whenever you run your stored GenBank and Medline searches on your computer. Get your results daily as a Web page or by e-mail.

· PubCrawler Configurator:

Helps you compose searches and set up preferences

· PubCrawler stand-alone program for professionals:

Install a copy of the PubCrawler program on your own computer (PC/Mac/Unix)

PubCrawler searches the NCBI PubMed (Medline) and Entrez (GenBank) databases daily using search parameters (keywords, author names, etc.) specified by the user. There is no limit on the number of searches that can be carried out. Previous search hits are stored and only the newest PubMed or GenBank records are shown each day. The results are presented as an HTML Web page, similar to the results of an NCBI PubMed or Entrez query.

(P)URLS...

FOR YOUR PERUSING PLEASURE

'Tis the season...

FluNet - WHO

<http://oms2.b3e.jussieu.fr/flunet/>
The World Health Organization's Global influenza surveillance page.

Influenza Sequence Database

<http://www.flu.lanl.gov/index.html>
Search 6000+ influenza sequences.

Influenza Bibliography

<http://www.nimr.mrc.ac.uk/Library/flu/>
A current awareness service begun in 1971 to serve the worldwide influenza surveillance and research community.

CDC Influenza Home Page

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/fluvirus.htm>
Influenza prevention and control.

O.K., enough about those nasties that we all look forward to each year. Instead, we'll take a look back at how bad it used to be at:

The Museum of Questionable Medical Devices

<http://www.mtn.org/quack/>
In the words of the site manager:
"Devious Displays of Quackery, Fraud, Deceit and Deception — the largest collection of medical chicanery and mayhem ever assembled under one roof !!!"
What a great place to go on vacation! We can't wait to try out the electric gadget that increases your virility while curing prostate problems! But, hey, what about the foot powered "Breast Enlarger" for the ladies! There's something for everyone!

Submit Your Papers Online!

Many of the electronic journals have made the process of submitting papers for publication a little more convenient. They allow for online submissions! If you haven't checked this out yet on a journal or journal(s) that you would like to have publish your work, now would be a great time. A number of electronic titles even advertise their "Call for Papers" on their websites. For example, the American Physiological Society currently has a special call for papers on their site where it also mentions that they have recently begun accepting online submissions. These "call for papers" have been popping up on journal sites all over the Web, so check out your favorite journal(s) website and burn up those lines!

List of Full-Text Journals

Wish you had a quick reference to the full text journals available from MDConsult and OVID? Say no more, a list is now available online. Follow the link from our homepage: [E-Help to Electronic Handouts to Full Text Journals in Databases \(http://www.med.usf.edu/HSC/Education/Ehandouts/FullTextJournals.htm\)](http://www.med.usf.edu/HSC/Education/Ehandouts/FullTextJournals.htm)

Copies are also available from the Reference Office.

Our New Look



The Shimberg Health Science Library home page has a new look! Check it out at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library>. A more streamlined appearance will afford quick access to electronic databases, electronic reserves, monthly library classes, hours, online renewals, ILL requests, maps, even current and back issues of [The CLUE!](#)

Renew Library Books Online

If you find you are not quite ready to return your books at the end of our three-week due date, renew it online for an additional three weeks. From our Home Page (<http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library>), click on the drop-down box for [Circulation/Reserves](#), choose [Renewal](#), then enter the required information.

webTeacher <http://www.webteacher.org>

Novice to experienced Internet users can benefit from this self-paced Internet Tutorial that offers both basic and advanced information about the Web. This interactive guide offers two versions: a condensed Web Primer with introductory lessons for those just getting started and a full Tutorial offering in-depth information. Topics covered include Web browsers, search engines, email, HTML, FTP, telnet, chat rooms, media files, Java Scripts, CGI, and Flash 4.

OASIS From Elsevier Science

Speaking of online submissions, Elsevier Science has created an online tracking facility for papers that have been accepted for publication in any of the [Biochimica et Biophysica Acta \(BBA\)](#) titles.

OASIS, or Online Article Status Information System, informs you of the status of your article including general production status (i.e., in preparation, in proof, in issue), date of publication and reprints dispatch date, and issue, volume and page numbers.

See for yourself at: <http://www.elsevier.com/oasis/>

Check Out the E-Journals from the APS!

That's right! Our friends at the American Physiological Society (APS) have granted us access to all of their online full-text journals. These include the [American Journal of Physiology](#), [Journal of Applied Physiology](#), [Journal of Neurophysiology](#), and [Physiological Reviews](#). You can currently access the online version of these titles by clicking on the URL located in the title record in WebLUIIS. They may also be available via the Virtual Library by the time you read this.

The APS journals are IP-based so if you connect via your HSC account, you should have immediate access. If you are signing in via an outside server, such as AOL or Roadrunner, you will need to set up a proxy account. Instructions for [Proxy Help](#) are available on our homepage at: <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library>

PreMEDLINE Now Available

PreMEDLINE is now available to HSC account holders through the Library's OVID Mednet database. [CLUE](#) readers might recall from last month's issue that PreMEDLINE is the NLM's in-process database for MEDLINE. It provides basic citation information and abstracts before the citation is indexed with NLM's MeSH heading and added to MEDLINE. OVID will provide daily updates of PreMEDLINE. Records will appear with the tag "MEDLINE record in process" until they are available in full form in the MEDLINE database. Prior to this, access to PreMEDLINE was only available to HSC users through NLM's search service, PubMed.

**What kind of doctor fixes broken websites?
A URLogist!**

tee hee hee



NURSING INSTRUMENTS

It's the Fall Semester and Nursing students will soon be given the task of locating nursing instruments for their research. The biggest FAQ we get about this assignment is "what is an instrument?" No, it's nothing that you blow, pluck, or strike. In this case it's a survey, you know, questionnaire, assessment, test, measurement tool...

We have websites, databases, handouts, and references to help you find what you're looking for without having to do all the work from scratch. These resources will help you find instrument reviews that provide descriptions, evaluations, validity, reliability, author contact information, etc. The most important thing to remember is that very few sources will provide the ACTUAL INSTRUMENT (there are some available, but most will have to be requested from the author/owner).

Don't wait until the last minute to start your research!

From the Library website www.hsc.usf.edu/library click on the [E-HELP!](#) button, then on [Electronic Handouts](#). From this page, click on [Nursing Instruments](#) and [Nursing Instruments Bibliography](#) (take note of the [Nursing Theory](#) link, you'll need it later). These online handouts are available in the Library, or you can print your own right from the screen.

Additional Internet sites that may be not be on our list when you read this are:

[Test Locator](http://ericae.net/testcol.htm) <http://ericae.net/testcol.htm>

- Over 10,000 test and research instrument reviews (NOT the tests!) containing author, population, uses, publication dates, and availability information. Also contains other sites.

[Buros Institute's Classified Subject Index](http://www.unl.edu/buros/index00.html) <http://www.unl.edu/buros/index00.html>

- Good starting point to identify tests by subject area if you need to focus your topic, 19 categories. Provides references to Mental Measurement Yearbook reviews.

[NCS](http://www.ncs.com) <http://www.ncs.com>

- Instrument reviews to measure personality, intelligence, outcomes, pain, quality of life issues, PTSD scales, suicide screening, and patient assessment.



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Go Bulls!

Don't forget to pick up the latest Luis bookmark at the Circulation desk!

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