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NEW! BASSETT MANUSCRIPTS IN HSL ARCHIVES

Columbia has finished its contribution of digitized books to the Medical Heritage Library through the Sloan Foundation grant awarded to the Open Knowledge Common (OKC). We have scanned 5,429 items from the Health Sciences Library, totaling 2,198,209 pages. For now the titles can be found in Internet Archive: http://tinyurl.com/47l9uct

Later this year these files will be added to the Hathi Trust, and they will all be accessible via CLIO.


Archives & Special Collections at Columbia University’s Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library is pleased to announce the opening of the papers of C. Andrew L. Bassett (1924-1994).

Charles Andrew L. Bassett was a member of the faculty and staff at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center for most of his career, which spanned from 1955 until 1986. He was a professor of orthopedic surgery at the College of Physicians & Surgeons from 1967 to 1982 and head of the Orthopaedics Research Laboratories from 1957 until 1986. He was also engaged in private practice from 1986 until his death in 1994.

Dr. Bassett is best known for his work in the field of electromagnetics, most notably in the treatment of non-union fractures, nerve regeneration, wound healing and tissue revascularization.

The papers in the Health Sciences Library Archives & Special Collections document Bassett’s academic career at P&S and his later private practice. There is very little information on his personal life. Included are: correspondence, conference papers; research notes; raw data, photographs and x-rays from experiments; publicity files; treatment protocols for specific injuries/illnesses; video and audio recordings; grant applications and reports and other fundraising correspondence; materials from cases where he served as an expert witness, as well as various malpractice suits against him; and patient files. More at: http://vesta.cumc.columbia.edu/library/archives/findingaids/Bassett.html
NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION: REGULAR FILE BACKUPS!

Don’t spend another year risking the loss of important files and information on your computer! Take time now to start a regular backup schedule, either by setting a reminder for yourself to manually copy files to a disk, external hard drive or USB key, or by using one of the many automatic back up programs to run a routine backup for you.

Manual Backups
A manual backup is simply copying files from your computer, such as Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, image and music files, archived emails or data from other specialized programs and saving them in a place other than your computer. External hard drives have become very inexpensive lately and can be an easy place to copy all of your files for either manual or automatic backups, while CDs and USB keys offer portability. Simply identify the folders on your computer that you save to most often and copy the folder – on Windows computers this is typically your “My Documents” folder. Other programs such as your email client or web browser’s Favorites may need to be backed up via an export or other unique method, look in the program’s Help menu for instructions.

Automatic Backups
Scheduling an automatic backup is much easier these days using programs that are native to Windows or Macintosh operating systems. You can choose to automatically back up a range of specific folders and files, or schedule a full system backup that can restore programs and specific settings in the event of a serious computer problem such as a virus or hard drive failure.

Windows 7 – You can find the Backup and Restore program in your computer’s Control Panel under System and Security. Use the default settings to allow Windows to choose what to backup or selected settings for scheduled backups initiated by your computer at regular intervals. This method may require a DVD, external hard drive or network drive for additional storage space. Find out more at: http://tinyurl.com/vldudfT.

Macintosh – Time Machine is the backup and restoration program included in OS versions 10.5 and later. The program can be found in your System Preferences under the System heading. Time Machine is generally used for comprehensive backups to an external drive, and automatically includes most files needed by the computer user. See http://tinyurl.com/66wmec for information and instructions. More basics on backing up are online in our Computer Security tutorials at http://tinyurl.com/5tsjb4g.

WIRELESS IN THE TOWERS

Hundreds of Athens wireless access points have been installed in the Towers for student housing and campus connectivity. CORE Resources, the joint NYPH-CUMC group that manages the entire wired and wireless network for the Medical Center campus, worked hard during recent months to install and configure all three Towers to be able to use the Athens secure wireless campus network.

We appreciate students’ help and patience with the work that had to be done in some apartments in order to implement Athens. Aside from installing access points, behind-the-scenes networking equipment was set up or reconfigured to allow for widespread wireless at these buildings. As a result, some network or “data” ports in the Towers are no longer active; we will be posting a list of these ports or otherwise notifying affected apartments shortly. We apologize for any inconvenience but are very happy to have completed this major upgrade in networking services for the CUMC community.

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