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**NEWS FROM PERSONNEL:**

New Hire: Trina Kokalis, SL-2, effective 8/1/02. Trina will be working as a full-time evening/weekend manager in the Science/Engineering Library. Trina comes to us from Emma Clark Library, and is a recent graduate of Stony Brook University.

**EMPIRE BLUE CROSS NEWS:** (Human Resource Services)

As you may have heard in the news, a number of Long Island Hospitals have been negotiating with Empire Blue Cross for higher reimbursement rates. Empire Blue Cross is planning to send letters to enrollees to advise them that, effective August 11, 2002, certain Long Island Hospitals will no longer participate in the Empire Blue Cross network.

We continue to be in contact with Albany regarding this, and are hopeful that the hospitals will reach an agreement with Empire before August 11. In the meantime, Empire has just informed us that they will be sending letters out to enrollees to explain what might happen and how it could affect health insurance coverage. These letters are scheduled to be mailed to all Empire Plan enrollees this week. Please read the letter carefully so that you understand how this event would affect your coverage. Again, we are hopeful that the hospitals and Empire will reach an agreement. We have no additional information at this time but will keep in touch with Albany and will communicate any new information as soon as we have it

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To all my friends at the library.

I cannot thank you all enough for your care and concern since I have been home and unable to work.

also, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your generosity in the time that you have donated to make my recovery easier.

We are both very appreciative and thank you again.

Sincerely,

Norm & Charlie

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