

## From the Bookshelf

**I**N THE 1990s, A NEW WORD WAS CREATED: nutraceutical.

It was coined by Dr. Stephen DeFelice, former chief of Clinical Pharmacology at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

He defined a nutraceutical as “any substance that is a food or a part of a food and provides medical or health benefits, including the prevention and treatment of disease.”

*Handbook of Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods* gives a current and comprehensive review of this burgeoning field of nutrition and food science. Edited by Dr. Robert E. Wildman, an associate professor of human resources at UL Lafayette, it contains contributions from an international panel of authors. Topics

include the history of nutraceuticals and the connection between nutraceuticals and disease prevention.

*Handbook of Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods*, published by CRC Press, also provides an in-depth guide to about 200 nutraceutical compounds.

**D**R. ROBERT BUCKMAN'S EXPERIENCES as a freelance journalist in Latin America, and as a U.S. Army reserve military attaché to Colombia, provide insight into *Latin America 2001*.

The book is part of the “World Today Series,” published by Stryker-Post Publications. It covers the history, government, politics, culture and economic problems and prospects of Latin America.

Buckman, an associate professor of communication at UL Lafayette, has lived and worked in Chile, Panama and Paraguay.



**H**EALTH INFORMATION ABOUT PATIENTS who receive medical care is often converted to numerical codes, so that it can be analyzed and used for a variety of purposes, especially physician reimbursement.

“The process of collecting and reporting these data is complex,” authors Anita C. Hazelwood and Carol A. Venable state in *ICD-9-CM Diagnostic Coding and Reimbursement for Physician Services 2002*. Venable is a professor of health information management at UL Lafayette; Hazelwood is an associate professor of health information management at the university.

The textbook introduces basic principles of coding and offers applications that are based on actual cases.

*ICD-9-CM Diagnostic Coding and Reimbursement for Physician Services 2002* is part of the American Health Information Management Association's Product Division.

**V**ULGAR EXHIBITIONS IS A BOOK WHOSE poems reflect the fact that I've become extremely conscious of a variety of unusual 'sources' for my work,” Jerry McGuire, an associate professor of English at UL Lafayette, said of his latest published work.

Out of that awareness arose the realization that a book, or even a particular poem or line, is a type of exhibition

that reveals critical information about a poet's life. McGuire said the volume also suggests that although everyone today is busy, “we need to demand the right to remove ourselves, to appreciate the value not only of participation, but of removal.”

McGuire is director of Creative Writing at UL Lafayette.

*Vulgar Exhibitions* was published by Eastern Washington University Press.

**T**WO UL LAFAYETTE FACULTY MEMBERS have contributed to books targeted at colleagues in their areas of specialty.

Dr. Paulette Hebert, an associate professor of interior design and associate dean of UL Lafayette's College of the Arts, contributed to *Recommended Practice for Lighting Merchandise Areas (A Store Lighting Guide)*. Published by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, the lighting handbook covers characteristics of light and

lighting, lighting design considerations, and techniques for lighting merchandising spaces. Contributors to the volume are members of the IESNA Merchandise Lighting Committee. The IESNA is the recognized technical authority on illumination.

Dr. Jay Huner, director of the UL Lafayette Crawfish Research Center, is the author of a chapter entitled “Procambarus,” in *Biology of Freshwater Crayfish*. He provides details about the red swamp crayfish, *procambarus clarki*, which is raised in Louisiana.

*Biology of Freshwater Crayfish* was published by Blackwell Science Ltd. It's expected to be used as a reference by professional biologists. ■

