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NEW ONLINE SOURCES

This semester we have added several new online sources to our electronic reference area. With the addition of Periodical Abstracts, we have added a second source of full-text information. This database has the complete text for approximately 500 journals and it is possible to print, download, or email the article(s). From the Uncover database, we now are offering subsidized faxing of articles for faculty and graduate students. (Call the Library at 3418 if you haven't already received information on how to do this.) Besides offering additional full-text information, we have added ABI Inform (a business online index), Biological and Agricultural Index, Dissertation Abstracts, INSPEC, and Periodical Abstracts. In addition, all of these files, plus Lexis/Nexis, are available for use remotely via your own computer and modem. Besides offering new periodical indexes, the Library has also just made available several new reference sources which can be searched in-house as well as remotely. These include Books in Print, County and City Data Book, the Encyclopedia Britannica Online (CSU trial 1/15/95 to 2/29/95), etc.

For a complete listing, see the attached [NEW FROM THE LIBRARY](#).

COMPUTER STUDENT ASSISTANTS IN THE LIBRARY

With all of these new electronic services being made available in the Library, we have received many requests for assistance in learning on how to use them. In an attempt to meet some of this demand, we have hired, on an experimental basis for this semester, a group of four computer student assistants who will be working in the reference electronic area on the first floor. They will be able to help troubleshoot hardware and software questions and are scheduled to work M-F, 10-3; Sat, 1-5 pm; Sun, 1-5 pm.

ELECTRONIC COURSE RESERVES SYSTEM UNDER DEVELOPMENT

A team of Library/Media Services staff are working with a small group of teaching faculty, representing all four colleges, to develop an electronic reserves system (ERS) through which course reserve materials can be served up to students over the World Wide Web. The pilot project to develop a model for such a system will be ongoing during the Spring 1996 semester, in hopes that the ERS could be expanded to include all interested faculty next fall. The team members from Library/Media Services are Wayne Perryman, Josh Washburn, Jana Rivers Norton, and Tom Mendenhall. Faculty participants in the pilot project are Bill Allen (Biological Sciences), Pat Bivens (English), Hal Campbell (Computing Sciences), Steven Hackett (Business and Economics), and Caleb Rosado (Sociology).

The basic ERS model, as currently envisioned, would be for an item submitted for course reserve to be digitized using a flat-bed scanner and then converted into a format which would preserve the integrity of the original document. Once in machine-readable form, the document would be made available to members of the campus community via a link on the Library/Media Services homepage (<http://library.humboldt.edu>). Types of materials which could potentially be offered up through the ERS include journal articles, passages or chapters from books, course syllabuses, lecture notes, sample exams, solution sets, and so forth. The possibility of linking to electronic documents which a faculty member might wish to make available from another campus server or remote site will also be explored.

Copyright will be one of the major issues to be addressed during the

course of the project. The application of existing copyright law, and, more specifically, "fair use" standards, to the electronic realm is still being explored both nationally and internationally. The intent of Library/Media Services faculty and staff is to adhere to established standards and practices to the fullest extent possible, while exploring ways in which developing technology can be used to better serve the academic needs of the Humboldt community. We will continue to monitor, and participate in the development of, evolving copyright policy as it relates to higher education. Other issues which will be addressed during the course of the pilot project include hardware, software, access, security, publicity, staffing, and training.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The HSU Library will host its annual book sale this year on Wednesday, February 21, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the main lobby. Books offered for this sale are those weeded from the Library's collection and gift materials not chosen for the collection. Over 4,500 books are for sale, with proceeds going to purchase new books for the Library's collection. This year's event offers a well-balanced variety of subjects. Particular strengths include reference materials and academic areas. Popular literature, maps, and books in many other subject areas will also be for sale.

Thinking of clearing out old books? Please forward any book donations as soon as possible to Mary Kay in Library Acquisitions, Ext. 3414, mhkl@axe.humboldt.edu.

MEDIA SERVICES UPDATE

Science B 133 and Art 102 classroom upgrades have been completed. Both rooms are now equipped with ceiling-mounted, multi-sync video/data projector with VHS VCRs. Wildlife 206, Founders Hall 163, Harry Griffith Hall 225 & 226 are scheduled for upgrades and two additional Infocus LitePros will be purchased.

The equipment money for the Educational Access "Point of Origin" project was approved. This acquisition will enable on-site access to the Cox Cable network as well as HSU's ability to deliver educational materials to the local area.

NEW MANAGER FOR MEDIA SERVICES

Effective April 1, Media Services will be pleased to welcome a new Manager, Reza Azarmsa. He'll replace Terry Flindt who left last summer. Reza will come to us from CSU, Bakersfield, where he has been Media Specialist and Adjunct Faculty for the past 8 years. He holds an Ed.D. in Instructional Technology/Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Northern Colorado and an M.S. in Educational Media. He has taught varied courses in instructional technology, computer-based instruction, and multimedia production. With his strong background and experience in so many areas that match the needs of HSU's Media Services, the staff is greatly looking forward to his arrival. We hope all faculty and staff will help us to welcome him.

PUBLIC SERVICES TASK FORCE

As a part of the Library's strategic planning endeavors, it was determined that we would like to solicit input from our users as to how we are doing and what possible new services would be most desired. During the fall semester a questionnaire was administered to approximately 430 undergraduates in 12 classes from different departments and at various times of the day. Working with a graduate Sociology class and their

instructor, Judy Little, areas of concern were identified and will be the subject of focus groups being conducted this semester. In addition to querying the students, we are also going to be looking for faculty volunteers for a focus group to be held in early March. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact either Judy Little, ext. 4561, or Sharmon Kenyon, ext. 5600, by February 26.

Preliminary results from the questionnaire show general satisfaction with the overall operation of the Library and our services. Some of the frustrations which were mentioned were locating materials; books checked out which were desired; Library not owning desired materials; using the electronic resources. Further information about the results of the focus groups should help us to refine what the Library's course of action will be in the future.

ENDANGERED STEELHEAD AND SALMON RESEARCH MATERIALS

Just a reminder that the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service has designated HSU as a depository for its ongoing status review of endangered steelhead and salmon populations in the Pacific Northwest and Northern California. A rich and varied collection of background information has been received and is available on permanent reserve at the Reserve Desk of the Library.

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