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Use of the Library Soars

Faculty, students, and others continue to make heavy use of the library and to take advantage of this multi-million-dollar resource. The following figures speak for themselves. When tracked over five or ten years, the increases are even more startling.

| | 1990/91 | 1991/92 |
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| Databases and computer files provided | 83 | 160 |
| Gift items added to the collection | 4,020 | 5,177 |
| Individuals entered the library | 1,084,405 | 1,087,705 |
| Highest day attendance | 7,491 | 7,845 |
| Items checked out of the library | 448,119 | 460,646 |
| Items used in-house or checked-in and reshelfed | 726,642 | 871,483 |
| Reference questions answered (est.) | 94,000 | 115,093 |
| Disabled students received personalized help | 25 | 38 |
| Colorado residents registered to use the library | 2,088 | 4,696 |
| Journal issues used during one month (April) | 35,580 | 46,455 |
| Items used from course reserves | 46,084 | 53,744 |
| Items loaned on interlibrary loan | 25,763 | 28,584 |
| Hours of searching provided on CD-ROM databases | 8,221 | 12,142 |

Joan Chambers

Director of Libraries

Electronic Journals Coming to Campus Network

For years scholars, librarians, and publishers have discussed the electronic distribution of scholarly communications. Many researchers are already aware of the numerous electronic discussion groups on Internet. Some people, however, may not be aware of the availability of electronic newsletters and peer-reviewed journals that are currently being published.

The bona fide concept of the electronic journal involves production and archiving of information that is available only in electronic form; this format offers many advantages over print journals. Such journals tend to be cheaper to produce because publishers no longer have the

expense of paper and ink. Publishers can distribute the publications to subscribers more quickly and efficiently and without paying postage costs. Researchers can search and retrieve the full text of an article using a computer. Finally, libraries do not have to deal with physical space considerations when acquiring electronic publications.

It is unlikely that electronic journals will completely replace the printed version in the foreseeable future. It is more likely that both formats will co-exist for

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Dispelling Reserve Myths

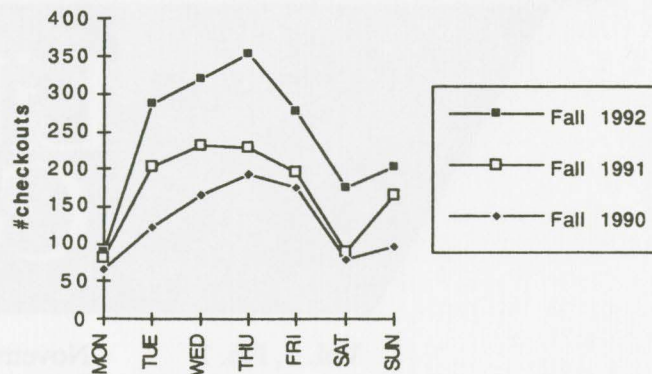
- "It's so much effort to place materials on Reserve."
- "Library books are the only acceptable materials that can be placed on Reserve."
- "If my textbook isn't available at the bookstore, my students are out of luck."
- "Students don't use Reserve."

These are but four of the myths of Reserve which I hope to clear up for those of you unfamiliar with Reserve Desk procedures.

Materials can be placed on Reserve with relative ease. You must do some prep work, but the rest is our job. We ask that you place only required reading materials on Reserve and a good rule of thumb is to start early! The Reserve processing backlog is at its worst the first two weeks of the semester.

Now, how do you start? Currently, printed forms are available at the Reserve Desk (some faculty have created the form on their own PC for easier updating). List the materials you want placed on Reserve. If library materials are included on your list, we will collect them for you (supplying call numbers speeds this process). We hope to make this process even easier in the next few months by providing electronic access on the campus network. Watch for updates!

Library materials are not the only items that can be placed on Reserve. Personal copies of books, lecture notes, etc., can also be housed at the Reserve desk. We do warn you that the Colorado State University Libraries cannot assume responsibility for damaged or lost personal materials. If you place photocopied items on Reserve, it is a good idea to keep a duplicate copy in your



office. These types of materials are often subject to heavy wear and tear.

One good example of a personal book you may need to place on Reserve is a copy of your textbook – especially if the beginning of the semester rolls around and the bookstore has not received your book shipment. At Reserve, we offer same-day processing of any textbook not available at the bookstore.

Students DO use Reserve. In fact, we keep getting busier! The graph above illustrates usage during the first week of fall semesters 1990, 1991, and 1992. The trend continues throughout the semester.

Written guidelines and a copy of our Reserve form are available at the Loan/Reserve Desk in Morgan Library. Questions can be directed to Jim Farmer, Reserve supervisor, in person, via e-mail (jfarmer@vines.colostate.edu), or by phone (491-1842). Give us a try.

Jim Farmer
Reserve Supervisor

New Developments on CARL

Colorado State University Libraries has recently had its initials (CSU) added to the UnCover database on CARL. These initials appear in the list of Owners for articles and journal titles. UnCover has more than 12,000 unique journal titles and nearly 3,000,000 articles. It is updated daily, and can be searched by authors' names and keywords from titles and summaries.

UnCover 2 is a document delivery service of UnCover, making every article available for fax delivery within 24 hours, Monday through Friday. Costs for the faxed articles may be charged to VISA, MasterCard or special accounts. Departments may set up accounts with CARL Systems by calling (303) 758-3030.

In addition, several new journal indexes and a business information database have recently been added to CARL. On the main menu under "Current Article Indexes and Access" you can now find: *Magazine Index*, *Business Index*, and *Expanded Academic Index*. Together they index more than 2,400 journal titles. *Magazine* and *Business Index* offer document delivery in the

form of online text or faxed articles. Costs for receiving the full text online or by fax can be charged to a VISA or MasterCard account. *Expanded Academic Index* covers more than 1,400 scholarly journals and the *New York Times* and is updated monthly. This new journal index is a good source for topics from the humanities, social sciences, and general sciences.

Company ProFiles is a business information database that gives directory listings for more than 100,000 private and public companies. This database is found under the main menu entry "Information Databases." Included in the directory listing are addresses and phone numbers, SIC codes, size of labor force, revenues, management personnel, and descriptions of products and services. It is possible to search *Company ProFiles* by company name, SIC code, zip code, or names of products and services.

Joan Beam
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"Corner on Collection Development"

Library Liaisons Serve an Essential Role

Libraries have seen the impact of technological change in a way unimagined barely a decade ago. Both librarians and teaching faculty have gone through a restructuring of work habits thanks to the changing nature of capturing information. While collection development has also been affected by the computer revolution, one of its basic foundations remains relatively unchanged: the collaboration between bibliographers and faculty in building appropriate collections. Although faculty liaisons to the library serve in many capacities, one of their essential roles continues to be advising and aiding in the selection of resources.

How are liaisons chosen? Each academic department selects a faculty member to represent the department's resource needs and interests to the library. There is no typical model of a liaison. Representatives range from the most junior member of the department to the departmental chair. For some liaisons, library responsibilities are one more added duty to their service requirements. Others are bibliophiles spending much of their time in the library and taking active roles in collection building. Some faculty have served many years as liaisons and are well-known to library staff.

Through the liaisons, subject librarians provide collection activity information to their assigned departments. Examples include providing recent accessions lists in appropriate subject areas and reviewing potential journal cancellation candidates. In turn, liaisons funnel their department's book and journal recommendations to the subject librarian and review weekly shipments of new books.

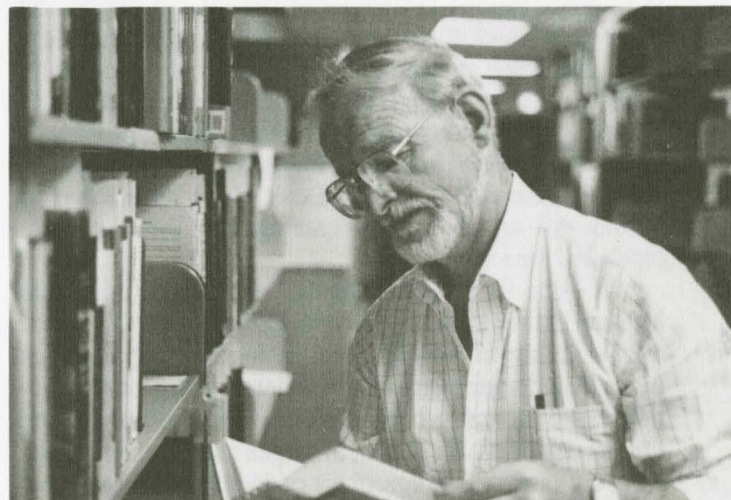
As long as academic libraries continue to be repositories for intellectual resources, library liaisons will serve as the critical link in building dynamic collections that serve the pursuit of learning and research.

Joel Rutstein
Collection Development Officer

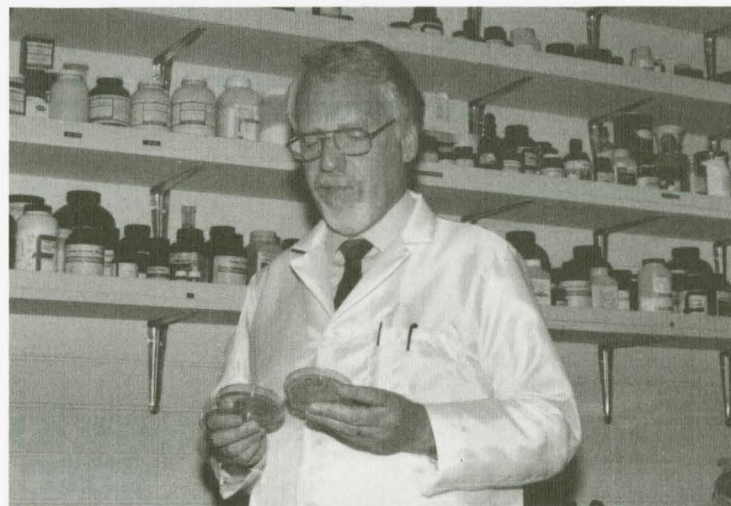
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many years to come. The Colorado State University Libraries have started to receive a limited number of electronic journals and must consider how to store, disseminate, and preserve these new publications. It seems counterproductive to receive electronically distributed journals and have them accessible only within the Libraries. Computer Training and Support Services and the Libraries are collaborating on a project to explore the options available to provide menu-driven, campuswide access to these electronic journals.

The Libraries will provide access to a limited number of electronic journals on the campus network as



Professor Gilbert Findlay, faculty liaison for the Department of English (Photo by Tom Delaney)



Professor Kenneth Doxtader, faculty liaison for the Department of Agronomy (Photo by Tom Delaney)

a test file for library patrons to use and critique. Possible titles are *EJournal*, *Electronic Journal of Communication*, *New Horizons in Adult Education*, *Postmodern Culture*, *Psycology*, *Journal of the International Academy of Hospitality Research*, and *Online Flora*.

Details on how to access these journals will be forthcoming. For more information, please contact Donnice Cochenour at 491-1821 or Tom Moothart at 491-1875.

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Telnet Access to Distant Libraries

Are you interested in gaining immediate access to library catalogs elsewhere in the United States and other countries? If so, the catalogs of more than 300 institutions are available via computer link. All that's necessary to access these catalogs is for you to obtain the Telnet address and log-on instructions for the library of your choice. Morgan Library has this information available at the General Reference Desk. If you have access to Telnet, you can dial up the catalog from your home or office PC free of charge.

The General Reference Desk has two separate Internet listings. The first, compiled by Art St. George of the University of New Mexico, arranges library catalogs by state and nation and includes detailed log-on instructions. The second, a compilation by Billy Barron of the University of North Texas, arranges catalogs alphabetically by institution regardless of locality and has brief instructions. Both lists are worth consulting.

Among the library catalogs available for dial up are Cambridge, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, New York Public, Oxford, Princeton, Stanford, Yale, and UT-Austin. A handful of catalogs from non-English speaking countries are also accessible; remember when dialing into these institutions that the catalog will be in the language of the country of origin.

Also available in Morgan Library are reference books such as Lee Ash's *Subject Collections* and the *Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the United States*. These guides can help you pinpoint libraries that have specialized collections in your areas of interest. Subsequent consultation of the computerized catalogs can save you valuable time on-site or perhaps even eliminate the necessity of visiting some institutions.

This technology is still in its infancy and some catalogs are more user-friendly than others ... so, for more information and assistance, call Doug Ernest, 491-1861.

Doug Ernest

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Second Floor, Morgan Library

"Library of the 21st Century"
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