

Ebsco projects 10.5% serials price increase

Ebsco Subscription Services projects a 10.5% increase in serial prices for academic libraries in *Serial Price Projections: 1994*. The report cautions that actual cost increases or decreases will depend on the prevailing currency exchange rates in October and November and on fixed exchange rates set by some European publishers. In 1993 the total cost of a typical subscription list was \$1,549,344.68, a 10.4% increase from 1992. There was an 8.6% increase in the cost of a typical subscription list in 1992, a 17.7% increase in 1991, and an 8.3% increase in 1990.

Penn State gets \$1 million bonus

Gifts and pledges from Penn State faculty and staff to support the university have passed the \$2 million goal ahead of schedule earning the library an extra \$1 million. Penn State Board of Trustees chairman William A. Schreyer and his wife, Joan, pledged the \$1 million to the library if faculty and staff committed \$2 million between July 1, 1992 and June 30, 1993 to the university programs of their choice. Proceeds for the Campaign for the Library now total \$6.7 million. Head football coach Joe Paterno who heads the Campaign for the library said that giving by faculty and staff who work in the libraries has reached a record 95 percent to date; "This figure shows the tremendous enthusiasm generated by the new addition to Pattee Library."

Library student assistant wins \$500

Tracy Doyle, a University at Albany, SUNY graduating senior was the first recipient of the University Friends of the Libraries Student Service Excellence Award. Doyle worked as a student assistant in the acquisitions Department for two and a half years while maintaining a 3.83 grade point average. The award is supported by an endowed fund established through the generosity of donors. The purpose of the award is to express the appreciation of the Friends of the Libraries to an individual who has served as a student assistant in the libraries



while maintaining a strong academic record.

Virginia Libraries share electronic texts

Five Virginia university libraries recently agreed to join forces to purchase and provide access to electronic full-text databases for their students and faculty. The College of William and Mary, George Mason University, University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic

and State University, and Virginia Commonwealth University will first purchase Chadwyck-Healey's The English Poetry Full-Text Database which contains the entire corpus of English poetry from Anglo-Saxon times to 1900. It will be mounted on an IBM RS/6000 computer at the University of Virginia and searched with Open Text Systems software. The database makes available via computer from home, office, or dormitory, the works of 1,350 poets in 4,500 volumes. The universities plan to purchase additional full-text compilations as they become available.

University of Illinois library faculty vote to merge departments

The faculty of the Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) voted May 13, 1993 to merge its general services and departmental library services into a single department. The question of the merger had been the occasion of some internal strife for many years, but the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the change. Under the new arrangement, the faculty will be organized into nine operating units grouped approximately by subject and function. The library began operating under the new arrangement on August 21, 1993 although final approval must come from the UIUC Senate and the U of I Board of Trustees.

Library gets check-off box on student fees cards

The 1992-93 Student Senate at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville voted to put a \$1 check-off box on student fee cards with the money to be earmarked for the libraries. "The check-off will be implemented spring semester 1994,

when student fee cards are redesigned," according to dean of libraries Paul Kaufman.

Kaufman indicated that almost \$7,000 has been added to the libraries' coffers from student fund-raising efforts. The Student Government Association (SGA) began raising money for the libraries two years ago after the budget crunch resulted in cuts in hours and periodical subscriptions. The 1991-92 SGA raised \$4,000 from student organizations which "adopted" periodicals or paid the three-year subscription rate of a magazine slated for cancellation. Other fundraising activities have included a Love Your Library 5k fun run (\$1,400), sales of "Beat 'Bama" buttons at the UT-Alabama football game (\$1,500), and donations of money earned from selling a campus coupon guide (\$750).

The senior class of 1993 plans to establish an acquisitions fund at the libraries as part of its class gift.

ACRL has new book for rare book catalogers

ACRL announces the publication of *Examples to Accompany Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Books*. This book helps rare book catalogers apply the Library of Congress' descriptive code for rare books, *Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Books*, published in 1991. Anyone who uses *DCRB* or is concerned with providing description and access for rare materials will find something of value in this compilation. Fifty MARC-tagged catalog records are shown, with facsimiles of title pages and text on the facing pages. The handbook is fully indexed and contains a bibliography of useful tools for the rare book cataloger. This publication is intended to assist the novice or infrequent rare book cataloger, as well as provide guidance on difficult and obscure points for more experienced catalogers. For purchasing details, see the publications insert in the center of this issue. Be sure to note two other new titles in the insert: *Scholarly Communication in an Electronic Environment: Issues for Research Libraries* and *Sourcebook for Bibliographic Instruction*.

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University of Manitoba inaugurates ZIPDOC

ZIPDOC Services, a free 48-hour delivery of selected documents not in the libraries' collections, is being tested by the University of Manitoba Libraries. The selected documents include articles from approximately 60 research journals. Records for the journal titles have been loaded into the libraries' online catalog. Recent articles can be ordered upon completion of a ZIPDOC or ILL request form. Interlibrary loan staff will rush orders involving designated ZIPDOC journals at no cost to the user. The commercial document delivery services of both CARL Uncover and Faxon Xpress are being tested by the libraries.

Treasures of library published by San Francisco State

San Francisco State University has published *The Fine Printers Represented in the Frank V. deBellis Collection*, an illustrated book highlighting the treasures of its library of Italian culture and history. The book is an illustrated catalog of 15th and 16th century publications from master Italian printers and was compiled by former deBellis curator, Raymond van De Moortell. Copies are available from San Francisco State University Library, 1630 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132 for \$10.00.

ACRL issues new standards procedures manual

ACRL's Standards and Accreditation Committee (SAC) approved a revised procedures manual at the ALA Annual Conference. If your ACRL unit is developing or revising a standard or guideline make sure you have a copy of the latest *Standards & Accreditation Committee: Policy and Procedures Manual*. Write the ACRL office: SAC Manual, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611 to obtain a copy.