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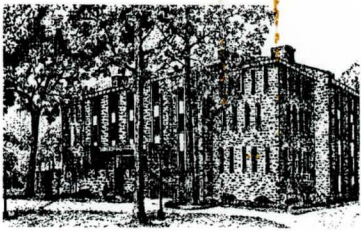
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Myrin Bibliographic System Enhancements

New Menu Accesses Added Features

Over the summer months a number of new features were added to MBS, the Myrin Library's online system. The system is evolving into much more than just a "computerized card catalog", with library patrons now having the choice of several options, including searching the online catalog.

In addition to the catalog, new options include a library staff directory; the library's semester and holiday schedules; a list of recent acquisitions by subject heading and by call number; and an online interlibrary loan (ILL) and new acquisitions ordering component.

The added capability of sending ILL requests and new acquisition recommendations from remote locations such as faculty offices, the Olin microcomputer labs, the Chemistry Library in Pfahler Hall and the Berman Museum Library, and from home offices has already proven its popularity.

In fact, Library staff were surprised and delighted to receive several online acquisition recommendations while this new capability was still being tested in late August. Dr. Jeff Hughes from the Biology Department sent the first online

recommendation for the title *Protein Methods* by Daniel Bollag. Following soon afterwards was Dr. Andy Economopoulos' online interlibrary loan request for an article from the *Journal of Economic and Business History*. Dr. Economopoulos also sent an online ILL request for Colwell's *The Ways and Means of Payment*, first published in 1859. Discovering the new system option

next was our own President Richter who sent us an online recommendation for the book *Generations: the History of America's Future* by William Strauss. President Richter sent in his request at around 11:30 p.m.

on a Monday night, one and one half hours after the Library had closed for the day.

Additional enhancements are in the works for the Myrin Library Information Gateway. They will be announced as soon as implementation dates are set.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Contact Charles A. Jamison, Library Director at x2243 or David Mill, Information Services Librarian at x2301 for more information or to discuss these system enhancements.

Welcome to the Myrin Library Information Gateway

1. Library Catalog
2. Recent Acquisitions Lists
3. Interlibrary Loan Service
4. Library Hours
5. Staff Directory
6. Suggest Library Purchase
7. EXIT

Library Summer Update

While summer finds relatively few patrons in Myrin, the "behind-the-scenes" work of ordering and adding new materials to the collections continues at an undiminished pace. In addition, Library staff and student assistants are kept busy preparing for the return of full scale activity in the Fall. Following are some of the special projects and changes carried out during the summer months.

Popular CD-ROM Workstation Added

To accommodate the growing demand of student, faculty, and staff researchers using *Academic Index*, an additional CD-ROM Workstation with a second subscription to the popular laser-disk database was added. *Academic Index* includes citations to some 400 journal titles, ranging from the popular to the decidedly scholarly. Veteran users will note software changes as well. A "Powertrac" option, which provides sophisticated searching capabilities, has been added. Please stop by the Information Desk if you would like a demonstration.

Additional Shelving in Fine Arts Folio

The capacity of the Fine Arts Folio room (3rd floor, room 318) was increased by 75% with the addition of new shelving. This should make it considerably easier to browse this splendid collection.

Funding for the custom-made shelving came from the Friends of the Library,

book sale proceeds, and from the sale of surplus computer equipment.

Shelf Reading Project Makes Great Gains

In order to ensure that those items marked "Available" in our online catalog really are, over half of the books in Myrin's collections, some 76,000, were checked to be sure that they were in their expected places. To keep things in reasonable order and minimize your frustration, the Library asks that you do not re-shelve books after use. Please place these items on the red shelves after you are finished. They will be picked up and re-shelved by Library staff.

Staff News

The Myrin Library welcomes Tamara Schlag to Ursinus College. Tami was hired in July as a full-time Media Services Assistant. Originally from Maryland, Tami most recently hails from Charlotte, North Carolina. She attended Montgomery County Community College in Rockville, Maryland earning her Associates Degree in Communications and Broadcasting. Tami is excited to be on the campus and looks forward to her busy schedule as a Media Services Assistant.

Media Services Marks a Milestone!

Wednesday, August 19th was a red letter day for the Media Services Department. On this day the collection reached a milestone—its 1,000th videotape. The title that receives the honor of being the 1,000th video added

to the collection is a debate done in the Oxford style entitled *Public Right to Know vs. Candidates Right to Privacy*, Purdue Public Affairs Archives, 1988.

Since last summer over 250 titles have been added to the collection, many funded by the Library's Collection Development Grant. The collection is expanding in many areas, including foreign films, art history, prominent series, and feature films that are culturally and educationally significant.

A list of recent acquisitions, updated monthly, is now available at the Media Services Desk. Here is a sampling of this summer's recent additions:

<i>Thelma and Louise</i>	Film 967
<i>1492: A Portrait in Music</i>	Film 970
<i>Hables Ingles?</i>	Film 975
<i>Europa, Europa</i>	Film 977
<i>Inherit the Wind</i>	Film 983
<i>Hearts of Darkness</i>	Film 985
<i>May Fools</i>	Film 995
<i>Seurat's Drawings</i>	Film 1001
<i>Toulouse-Lautrec</i>	Film 1004
<i>Pretty Woman</i>	Film 1011



ERIC Arrives in Myrin *Advises on Literary Canon*

Actually, the literary canon is just a tiny sample of ERIC's broad coverage. ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center), a collection of documents

covering all aspects and levels of education and its allied disciplines, including communication, psychology, and sociology, arrived in Myrin late this summer. The 100,000 plus microfiche collection includes some 75,000 documents, many of which are papers presented at scholarly conferences, published from 1986 through 1991.

The ERIC documents are best accessed via Myrin's CD-ROM index located on the main floor opposite the bank of MBS online terminals. ERIC's "advice" on the literary canon includes some 28 documents. Samples are noted below:

ED306602 *Literature as Lessons on the Diversity of Culture.*

ED322505 *New Additions to the American Canon.*

ED331057 *Does a Literary Canon Exist in Our Secondary Schools? Or How Many Students Need to Read the Same Body of Works before It Can be Called a Literary Canon?*

The ERIC documents are located in the lower level of the Library filed under their ED numbers. A microfiche reader is available close at hand and a reader/printer is located on the main floor adjacent to the photocopier.

The ERIC collection was purchased with funds from Myrin's Collection Development Grant.





Federal Government Information on Compact Disk

A number of federal agencies have begun releasing their reports and databases in CD-ROM format. This means that a great deal of data is now available and can be printed on paper or "downloaded" to a floppy disk in a form than can easily be manipulated by a number of readily available word processing or statistical programs.

Some of our recent acquisitions include:

Reserve *1987 Economic Censuses*
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Provides a wide variety of statistics on retail and wholesale trade, service, construction and mineral industries, women and minority businesses, and transportation.

Reserve *National Trade Data Bank: the Export Connection.*
382.4
N213

Provides international economic data from 15 federal agencies.

Reserve *NPSAS: National Postsecondary Student Aid Study.*
378.3
N213p

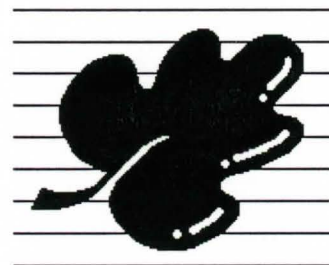
Includes data on how postsecondary student financial aid is targeted, received, and used.

Reserve *OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) Regulations, Documents, and Technical Information.*
613.62
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Provides electronic copy of the text of all OSHA regulations, etc. from the OSHA Computerized Information System (OCIS). Includes fact sheets, Hazard Information Bulletins, and other materials.

Library Hours Fall Holiday

- Oct. 16 (Fri.) 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17 (Sat.) 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Oct. 18 (Sun.) 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Oct. 19 (Mon.) 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Oct. 20 (Tue.) 8 a.m. - Midnight



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