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Intercampus library service

FROM 5 APRIL students and staff of the University of Adelaide may request the delivery of items required for the purposes of study and research, from libraries located on other campuses of the University.

For example a student based at the Waite campus may request delivery of items from the Roseworthy Campus and any of the North Terrace Campus libraries (Barr Smith, Law, Performing Arts); a student at the Law Library may request delivery of items from the Roseworthy and the Waite Library but not from the Barr Smith Library or the Performing Arts Library.

Full details of what may be requested and how to go about it are available from all of the University of Adelaide libraries -- ask for the leaflet describing this new service.

LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN

The Strategic Plan for the Library for 1994 has been completed, and copies have been sent to all Deans and Heads of Department. Three strategic issues have been identified by Library staff for special attention in 1994:

- (i) to describe the collections of the Library, and to organize in association with the academic community a policy for the future development of collections in relation to the teaching and research of the University;
- (ii) to expand the use of information technology to support the services of the Library; and
- (iii) to review, and possibly reorganize, the organizational structure of the Library to best support our activities over the coming years.

Copies of the [Strategic Plan](#) can be obtained by contacting the office of the University Librarian (ext 35370).

Photocopiers go green

FOLLOWING ON from a trial period late last year, two of the Barr Smith Library's photocopiers are now permanently stocked with recycled paper. The machines are located on Level 1 South adjacent to the stair well, and in the Reserve collection.

The cost of copies has once again been held at the same level as the previous year, except for a slight extra charge for recycled paper copies to cover the increased costs associated with their use.

Copy prices for 1994 are:

A4 copies on standard paper: 9.2cents

A4 copies on recycled paper: 9.7cents

A3 copies, LaserWriter copies, microform reader/printer copies: 12.4 cents.

P.S. -- The COPY CARD machines have now been modified to accept the new plastic ten dollar notes.

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University Library Committee

LAST SPRING the Academic Board elected five members of the University Library Committee. The three elected academic members are:

Dr Angela Pierce (Dentistry), Dr John van der Hoek (Mathematics) and Dr Frederic Zuckerman (History) and the two elected student members are Ms Rebecca Shinnick (undergraduates) and Mr Brian Astill (postgraduates). The member elected by the Library staff to the Committee is Mr Stephen Cramond. Ex-officio members are Professor Mary O'Kane (Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research) and Mr Ray Choate (University Librarian).

Dr Zuckerman was elected Convener of the University Library Committee at its first meeting for 1994.

The Committee will meet ten times during the year, and will advise and assist the University Librarian in matters relating to the formulation of University policy and budget strategies relating to the Library.

The Library Liaison Committee, representing all the Faculties of the University, and with additional student and library staff members, will meet four times during the year and will be concerned with user services.

Ms Ruth Slater of the Library staff has been appointed Secretary to both Committees.

Access to the Joint Library Store

ALMOST A QUARTER OF A MILLION older and little-used volumes from the University of Adelaide Libraries are located in the Joint Library Store on the campus of Flinders University. These volumes are identified in the library catalogue, and their retrieval from the Store may be requested at any of the University of Adelaide Libraries. Please complete a request form and hand it to a member of the library staff; items requested from the Store will normally be available (from the Loans desk in the case of the Barr Smith Library) within three working days.

If you wish to consult a large number of items in the Store, or to consult an item urgently, a personal visit may be made. There are good quality study facilities there, including a photocopier. Registered borrowers may borrow items directly from the Store and items so borrowed can be returned at any of the University of Adelaide Libraries.

The Joint Library Store is open between 2.00 and 5.00pm Monday to Friday. The Joint Library Store is located on the south side of the Flinders University campus with access through car park 9.

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Library's New Computer Up and Running

ON MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY the Library transferred its computer systems from its Encore Multimax to a new Alpha computer manufactured by the Digital Equipment Corporation. Although it is no larger than a normal PC, the new computer has startling power; both memory and disk storage are more than doubled.

The DEC Alpha computer was acquired for three main reasons. It was relatively cheap to buy and is very cheap to maintain, and will be cost-effective over the period of its life. Secondly, the computer represents a growth in computing capacity and offers considerable growth potential, whereas the Encore had almost reached its technical limits. Third, the Alpha offers the potential to provide a greater range of information access facilities to library users and library staff; these services are currently at the development stage.

At present it is licensed to drive 160 concurrent terminals, but it has the technical capacity to drive many more.

The precise configuration of the new machine is:

DEC Alpha AXP 3000 model 600S computer

192mb memory

11.55gb disk storage (5 x 2.31gb disk drives)

2 x 4gb DAT tape drives

Lynx II 3KVA uninterruptable power supply

4 x 32-line Annex terminal servers (unchanged)

2 x 16-line Annex terminal servers (unchanged)

Dataproducts LX1 system printer (unchanged)

160 user UniVerse licence (maintenance changed)

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Reciprocal borrowing

STAFF MEMBERS and Advanced Level students (for example, students enrolled for doctorates, masters degrees, graduate diploma or honours degrees) and students in years 4 to 6 of their courses are able to borrow from the Libraries of Flinders University and the University of South Australia under a reciprocal borrowing agreement between the three universities.

To take advantage of this scheme, first check at the Services desk at the Barr Smith Library (or with the librarian at the Law, Performing Arts, Roseworthy or Waite Campus Libraries) to verify that you qualify. You will need to present your University of Adelaide ID Card and obtain an **AUTHORITY TO BORROW** form. You then present the signed **AUTHORITY TO BORROW** form and your University of Adelaide ID Card at the library where you wish to obtain borrowing rights.

A leaflet is available explaining what may be borrowed and the loan conditions that apply.

e-mail users please note

IF YOU CAN receive electronic mail through the University of Adelaide network or through AARNet you may choose to receive your library notices electronically. At present you will still also receive notices in paper form, but by e-mail they will, of course, reach you much sooner.

To make it happen, all you need to do is to tell us your e-mail address, using the Borrowers Loan Details option on the library's computer catalogue system.

New Waite Library Under Way

WORK HAS FINALLY STARTED on the new Library at the Waite Campus. Scheduled for completion in early December 1994, the building will be on two levels and has been designed to complement the existing heritage buildings on the site.

During the move into the new premises, the existing Waite Campus Library's collections will be integrated with library material from the Department of Primary Industry, while the Library building will also be a home for the separate collections of the Australian Wine Research Institute and the CSIRO Division of Soils Library.

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