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LCS DIAL ACCESS

The log-on changes for dial access to LCS on the IRCC Network Switch are continuing to cause problems for patrons. It is not yet clear if the solutions lies in program changes at University Systems or IRCC.

S. Logan reported a 78% increase in dial access transactions, from 234,000 in 1984/85 to 410,000 in 1985/86.

PROGRAM FUNCTION KEYS

This week's LCS Update (no. 145, August 26, 1986) included an announcement about rearrangement of the Telex terminal program function keys (used for "turning pages" in LCS). The function of the keys will change before Fall Quarter begins; a student assistant from the Automation Office will re-do the key caps and a notice will be distributed for posting on the keyboard.

BARCODES

The CAERE Corporation has barcode equipment which already has been linked at other sites to Telex terminals and which is relatively inexpensive ($500 - $700). The choice of barcode equipment will be affected by the type of LCS terminal in use. In two to three years, it is expected that the LCS terminal will be a microcomputer.

INNOVACQ SERIALS

A demonstration of the INNOVACQ serials check-in system was held recently. It appears that check-in will be simple and that the links with LCS and binding should be possible. It was noted that the INNOVACQ system provides capabilities for label printing and journal routing.

STATE LIBRARY

The State Library will subsidize public library use of ALANET within Ohio for electronic mail, including interlibrary loans, on an experimental basis.
Centralized graduate library among proposals by council

By Jo Ann Iven
Lantern staff writer

The construction of a new main library and merging of existing departmental libraries have been proposed by the Library Council.

If the university does build a major library, it must be centrally located, but it won’t be on the Oval, said David Marsh, vice president for facilities planning.

Marsh said he predicts it will be 10 to 15 years before all the plans are completed and the new library is built. The project is only in the discussion phase, he said, and no site has been proposed. The library’s location will depend on its size and need.

Marsh said the building will be the same size or bigger than the Main Library, which is about 200,000 square feet.

President Jennings referred to the proposal in his State of the University Address to the University Senate on Oct. 11.

Jennings said the report from the Library Council calls, “not only for significant additional space, but for a fundamental change in philosophy: consolidation of some regional and departmental libraries that exist throughout our campus.”

Jennings has not officially replied to the Library Council’s report presented to him last spring, but he asked the provost and the Office of Campus Planning to do a cost and feasibility study, Joan Leitzel, associate professor of academic affairs said.

The council hopes to get the results of the feasibility study by December. The president will then ask for a campuswide discussion of the plan, Leitzel said.

Library officials said the new library will emphasize graduate work in humanities and social sciences.

“From the standpoint of the graduate program we have to provide better library study facilities,” William Dancy, chairman of the Library Council said.

“It would be difficult to convert the Thompson (Main) Library into a good graduate library,” Marsh said.

“For the Ohio State University to become an internationally important university, it must also keep pace where the library is concerned,” Dancy said.

Another aspect of the proposal is the consolidation or regionalization of the libraries.

Consolidation is combining libraries with similar disciplines, like health and science.

Regionalization is using the same building to house several different collection, similar to Sullivant Hall, which houses several libraries, Marsh said.

The major issue is whether the university should begin consolidation or regionalization and how it should be done, Leitzel said.

The first step in consolidation began with the plans for a new Science and Technology Library, which will be built on the site of the Brown Hall Annex, Marsh said. It will combine the Math, Engineering, Physics and Chemistry libraries.

“When you look at the amount of space available for libraries, we’re short. Especially when you project into the year 2000,” Marsh said.
From the Director's Desk

Faculty who have questions or concerns about library issues are encouraged to contact the librarian who is responsible for liaison with the college, department, or program. Most colleges or departments also maintain committees to represent the collective interests of faculty in the development of library collections and services or the direction of a specific campus library.

The Library Council acts for the University community in matters that affect broader library operations and policy. While not generally visible to daily library users, the council has a significant impact on many important issues, such as policies on circulation of library materials.

A standing committee of the University Senate, the council's sixteen members are drawn from all areas of the University. Nine of the members are faculty who are elected for three-year terms by the Faculty Council. For the 1989/90 academic year, the following faculty members (with closing year of term) are serving—Jack M. Balcer (History) 1990; Morris G. Cline (Botany) 1992; Li-Sheng W. Fu (Mechanical Engineering) 1991; Charlotte E. Kitchell (Landscape Architecture) 1992; Sandra E. McCormick (Human Services Education) 1990; Robert L. Mills (Physics) 1991; Kenneth E. Naylor (East European and Slavic Languages and Literatures) 1992; Margaret M. Sanik (Family Resource Management) 1990; and Roy A. Tassava (Zoology) 1991.

Four council members are students serving one year each—two are undergraduates, appointed by undergraduate student government; two are advanced students, each appointed respectively by graduate and professional student councils. The director of Libraries, the designee of the vice-president for Academic Affairs and Provost,

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...and the dean of the Graduate School are also members.

Responsibilities of the Library Council are outlined in section 3335.5-482 of Rules of the University Faculty. Succinctly, the council, in cooperation with the director of Libraries, formulates policies governing the operation of University Libraries and assists in the interpretation of library services in the
presentation of major library needs to the University administration.

During the past year, the council has addressed a number of important issues, consideration of some of which will continue into 1989/90. Among these is the Libraries' role in the Ohio Library and Information System (OLIS), a project of the Ohio Board of Regents. Open meetings will soon be held regarding this important new system, and an article on the subject is planned for a future issue of Tracings.

Concerns about inadequacy of funding for the Libraries, particularly relating to the acquisition of books and serials; and outcomes of the Libraries program review are also on the council's agenda. Not too far into the 1990s, the council will play a key role in the formation of faculty-based committees to advise on planning for major construction (and renovation) of library space on the central campus.

William J. Studer