Notes From

The Library

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You Can Use E-Mail

Last issue we introduced five electronic mail addresses through which you may obtain the full range of library services. The response has been good, and has helped us to meet your needs faster and more completely.

Here, again, are the e-mail addresses we are using:

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<td>LBACQ</td>
<td>Acquisitions - for questions about library acquisitions (or call Ruth Miller at x1769).</td>
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<td>LBCOLL</td>
<td>Collection Development - for suggestions of books and other materials (or call Ruth Miller at x1769).</td>
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<td>LBILL</td>
<td>Inter-Library Loan - for ILL requests and questions (or call Louisa Kwok at x1748).</td>
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<td>LBRREF</td>
<td>Reference - for all types of reference and informational questions (or call Terry Leung at x1539).</td>
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System: Power On!

Our automation program began to take off in October with the installation of the integrated library system, INNOPAC. The three modules already in use are acquisitions, cataloguing and serials control. Currently, journals are being checked in online. So if you are curious about when issues of your favorite journal are received, stop by the Reading Room; the desk attendant will be glad to look it up for you.

By February, the database will be loaded into INNOPAC. Users will be able to search the Library collection from any computer connected to the network.

JUPLAC Card

Arrangements are currently being made for the creation of a JUPLAC (Joint University and Polytechnic Libraries Advisory Committee) Card. This card will permit academic and academic-equivalent staff at all UPGC member institutions to borrow materials from the libraries of any other member institutions.

COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT - REFERENCE

The Library's reference collection is available for use during working hours. While much of it remains in storage, care has been taken to maintain a functional core to meet your current needs.

A large portion of the collection consists of dictionaries and handbooks. These range from the general, i.e., the 20 vol. McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology, to the specific, i.e., the Marine Technology Reference Book.

Two recent arrivals are Setting Up In Hong Kong, which is a valuable aid for the University's overseas staff, and the China Report: Social and Economic Development, 1949-1989. This compendium is available in both its English and Chinese language editions.

Some of you may wish to refer to the United States College Catalog Collection on microfiche, for which a reader/printer is available.
News From the Site

As construction of the Library proceeds, extensive planning has gone into making the building an inviting and modern learning facility. Tenders have gone out for furniture, shelving, counters, and equipment; and bids are due later this month.

Throughout this process, care was taken to assure that those items purchased would fit together in functional design and color arrangements. The interior color schemes are on display in the 5th floor Reading Room.

Media Resources

October saw the arrival of the Head of Media Resource Services. Jerry Donen is committed to developing a top-notch collection of non-print materials for classroom and research use.

If you see a program on TV or at a conference, hear something on the radio, or read about a new media tool in a journal, let us know. Send e-mail to LBCOLL, or call Jerry at x1768.

Reading Room - New Hours!

In response to your requests, the Reading Room is now open on Saturday mornings. The new hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm and Sat., 9am-Noon.

So far, over 450 visits have been made to the Reading Room. Some of the more heavily used newspaper and journal titles have been: Ming Pao, South China Morning Post, Time, Hong Kong Statistics

So far, the Library has received 26,100 items, including 21,000 English and 3,700 Chinese language books and 1,400 journal subscriptions. Arrivals continue at the rate of 2,000 per week.

We have filled 81 ILL requests, with 21 more being processed; 15 requests for loans to other institutions have also been met.

There were 16 requests for DIALOG online searches since September.

Thirty-two people have joined the Library staff to date, with another five appointees to join us in the next two months.


It is important for us to learn whether the items in this collection are of use to you. Given the space limitations, those titles which are not being used can be replaced with ones which will be. We welcome your suggestions.

Requests for Purchase

Have you seen a book which should be part of the Library's collection? Do you want to make sure a journal will be available? Let us know. Send e-mail to LBCOLL, or call Ruth Miller at x1769. You may also fill out a materials request form in the Reading Room.

Ruth joined the staff in November as the Collection Development librarian.

Notes Are Available Online

If you missed the last issue of Notes From the Library, you may read it online in the NEWS area of the University's computer. Look for the 'Library_News' newsgroup. A few print copies are still available in the Reading Room. A contact list for the library is also available in NEWS. To inquire, call Flora Yip at x1785.