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COLLEGE OF LIBRARY AND
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FACULTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE FACULTY SENATE 2 MAY 1990

The Faculty Library Committee welcomed the new Dean of Libraries, Dr. Arthur Young at its first meeting in September. Throughout the year, the Committee was informed of new developments and projections of the new library administration which will be available in the annual report of the Dean.

An activity of note by the library faculty and staff is the online catalog, (USCAN) which is now fully operational and adds a significant dimension to library collection searching both in Thomas Cooper and outside via modem or dedicated terminal access to USC Computer Services.

The major activity of the Faculty Library Committee this year centered on visits to all Colleges and Departments on the campus and with representatives from other campuses of the University. Each member of the Committee along with the particular unit's Cooper Library selector made arrangements to visit each unit on the campus during a regularly scheduled faculty meeting. The purpose of the visits were to let the faculty know that they had an advocate for them to the University and Thomas Cooper administrations related to library matters. The visits were also intended to help faculty become better informed as to the processes, developments, and projections of services that they can expect from TCL. (see attached "Fact Sheet") During the meetings also, the faculty were given the opportunity to express concerns, ask questions, or make suggestions related to their particular needs and those of their units.

The meetings were very positive and a number of issues were raised that have been passed on the Dean Young. Almost all of them have been operational concerns which require management decisions on the part of the Dean and his faculty. Dean Young has agreed to take the input and report back to the Committee in September. The Committee has agreed to also continue the visitations until every unit has had the opportunity to hear and be heard.

Submitted by Dr. Daniel D. Barron, Chairperson

Thomas Cooper Library
Fact Sheet

The Thomas Cooper Library collection consists of materials housed in the Thomas Cooper, South Caroliniana, Business, Mathematics, and Music Libraries.

Volumes	2,250,183
Microforms	2,445,731
Periodicals/Serials	16,746
Materials Budget	\$2.4 million

Collections

- The Collection Management Officer has overall responsibility for development of the collection. Contact: Alexander Gilchrist, extension 7-7667.
- Collection building is a shared partnership between library faculty and teaching faculty. Each academic department has a library representative who should work closely with the appropriate library selector. (List attached)
- Documents. A depository for United States Government publications and documents of the European Communities and the United Nations supplement the regular collection.

Services

- Online Catalog (USCAN). Records now entered through September 1989 with biweekly updates scheduled to begin by March 1990.
- Data Base Searching
 - * Access to more than 350 databases is available through the Thomas Cooper Reference Department, the Science Library, and the Business Library. See attached list to schedule an interview.
 - * CD-ROM. Additional compact disk equipment will be arriving this semester. New titles will include *Dissertation Abstracts*, *Psychological Abstracts*, and *Science Citation Index*.
- Bibliographic Instruction. Presentations and bibliographic guides are available for undergraduate and advanced classes. See attached list to schedule a session.
- Films. Over 3,200 films covering academic subjects such as psychology, sociology, art, history, religious studies, and the physical sciences are available for classroom instruction. The University Movietonews Collection is also available. Contact: Pat Jones, extension 7-2858.
- Interlibrary Loan. Provides materials which are neither owned nor readily available for purchase. Contact: Jens Holley, extension 7-2805.
- Copy Service. Copiers are located throughout the library. A Photocopy Center on the Ground Floor and copiers on the Science Level are available for Departmental copying. More machines and a supplementary debit card system are expected by September 1990.

New Developments

- FY 91/92 budget increase expected to be \$500,000 - \$800,000.
- Major approval plan for trade books to complement current University Press Plan. Expected initiation July 1, 1990 or January 1, 1991.
- Thomas Cooper Library Society - Being organized to promote and cultivate interest among the USC community, alumni and the public in the Thomas Cooper Library.