What's Happening?

This is the first issue of the UCC Library News. The News will appear twice each year, in May and November. It is designed primarily to inform students and staff of developments in the Library Service. It will also familiarise readers with the various services provided by the Library, as well as introducing the skilled staff who provide these services. The News will provide valuable information on opening hours and will give contact details for Library staff.

The Library Service is one of the College’s most important services to students. It is the primary support service to academic staff. Like most university library services, the Library Service at UCC has been struggling to balance limited funding with rising materials costs and increasing student numbers. This issue of The News will give you a glimpse of some initiatives which Library staff hope will make a difference in improving services to our customers. You will read encouraging news of a physical development planning initiative. You will also hear about recent additions to the resources offered by the Library’s Information Services. I hope that you will enjoy reading this and future issues of The News and that you will communicate any reactions, opinions, or ideas which you have to: Dílys Bateman, Editor, or to myself.

John Fitzgerald Librarian

Planning for the Library of the Future

The Boole Library building is now in its 13th year of service. It was designed to accommodate a maximum population of 7,000, with the potential capacity to provide a total of 1,900 fixed reader places. At present, over 13,000 registered readers share the available 1,600 reader places (registered readers include full-time students and academic staff as well as Adult and Continuing Education learners and external fee-paying readers). Further growth places. Phase II will see the Bookshop, Banks and Commerce Faculty IT facility move to the Applied Business/Languages Building. This will occur in 1997/98, by which time it will be necessary to have in place a distinct development plan for the utilisation of this and other affected Library space. In response to these developments, the College has recently approved the commissioning of a professional study of the future physical needs of the Library Service. This study will be undertaken by professional planners/architects and it is envisaged that it will be conducted in two successive phases: an initial physical needs assessment, followed by the formulation of a published Physical Development Plan. The initial assessment phase will comprise an exhaustive usage survey of existing Library buildings. This will reveal patterns and volume of use by staff, in providing services, and by Library customers, in gaining access to and using information. A formal process of consultation will be undertaken with all sectors of the Library customer base and with Library staff. This is sure to yield a considerable amount of information on the needs of everybody involved in the provision and use of the Library Service at UCC.

The subsequent Development Plan will detail the proposed modifications to the existing buildings and will also specify the preferred options for physical development of the Service. In making its proposals, the Development Plan will take account of the latest technologies for information storage, access and retrieval, as well as the wider implementation of the existing College Development Plan.

Accordingly, it is hoped that the Study and the associated Plan will form the basis for associated capital funding requests to the HEA.

This initiative is a welcome opportunity for a comprehensive review of the physical development needs of the Library Service. It is likely to result in exciting proposals for a re-designed and expanded Boole Library Complex. It is certain to result in an improved service and an enhanced and more efficient library space.

John Fitzgerald, Librarian (left) with Edwin McCarthy, Planning Officer

in the order of 2,000-3,000 readers is expected over the next five years. Many of you will be aware that a substantial portion of the Q-1 Floor has been withheld from the Library since the opening of the Boole Complex in 1983. The re-colonisation of this area by the Library is due to occur in two phases. Phase I will see the former Student Common Room being released to the Library in mid-June, 1996. This will provide a large reading area with approximately 250 extra reader places. Phase II will see the Bookshop, Banks and Commerce Faculty IT facility move to the Applied Business/Languages Building. This will occur in 1997/98, by which time it will be necessary to have in place a distinct development plan for the utilisation of this and other affected Library space.
CD-ROMs on trial

Family Law Reports
Contains the full text of every case reported in Jordan's Family Law Reports since 1980. Issues range from child abuse to financial settlements on divorce.

LegalTrac
Access to around 900 legal publications from English speaking countries around the world.

Useful Internet sites

Starting Points
An excellent starting point is the UCC Law Faculty Homepage, with Web links to Canadian, Australian, UK and US sites, and to the Law Library, UCC:

http://www.ucc.ie/ucc/depts/law/

The Law Society (UK) gives an alphabetical listing of legal sources world-wide:

http://www.lawsoc.org.uk/

Ireland
Darius Wheelan of Tallaght Regional Technical College maintains the IrishLaw home page, incorporating an e-mail discussion list on questions of Irish and Northern Irish legal issues:

http://web.rtc-tallaght.ie/staff/academic/law/irlaw.html

Mason Hayes & Curran is the first Irish law firm with its own home page:

http://www.mhc.com/mhc/  
(note the Irish Business links)

Law Library of Ireland, Four Courts, Dublin:  
http://indiga.ie/~gregk/main.htm

United States
Gateway to a whole range of legal materials, notably the Meta-Index for Legal Research containing US reports and legislation:

http://juris.com/web/law.htm

A wealth of legal material is available on the World Wide Web sites of Law Faculties in such universities as Chicago, Cornell, Emory, Indiana State, and Villanova, which have the status of "virtual law libraries". Try:

Cornell Law School

http://www.law.cornell.edu/lit_table.html

Chicago-Kent College of Law

http://www.kentlaw.edu/

A useful directory is Blackman, Josh The legal researcher's Internet directory (held on reserve at the Law Desk, Q.1).

Computer Assisted Learning (CAL)
We have the CD-ROM from the IOLIS initiative - the Law Courseware Consortium at the University of Warwick. Although not yet on public access, viewing can be arranged at the Law Desk. It contains an interactive program for the following subject areas: Contract, Criminal, Tort, European, Property, Public, Law for non-lawyers.

For further information contact the Law Desk Q.1.  
(90)2983, v.king@ucc.ie

Law Library staff:  
Valerie King (left) and Eleanor Bowen

For further information contact the Audio-Visual Centre Q.3.  
(90)2188, s.mcMahon@ucc.ie

New Equipment
Two high specification multi-media PCs have recently been installed in the Audio-Visual Centre on Q.3. These machines allow users to access CD-ROMs which contain interactive learning packages with sound and images.

Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia
All 21 volumes of the Academic American Encyclopedia on one disk. The database is searchable via multiple access points and it allows the use of sophisticated search techniques. In addition to the features offered by a traditional encyclopedia, the package incorporates video clips of historical events, animation sequences, and music sound clips.

National Gallery Complete Illustrated Catalogue
This CD-ROM offers high quality images of many holdings of the British National Gallery. The zoom-in facility allows the user a close-up examination of the art exhibits. Each image is accompanied by explanatory text.

Chaucer : Life and Times
The complete works in the original and in translation, over 200 images, and audio clips in Middle English from the General Prologue and other Tales.

New Videos
The Shock of the New  
Written and present-ed by Robert Hughes, this series attempts to relate modern art to life, social and scientific change, to politics and history and to everyday experience of the world in the last 100 years.

Antologia dei Cine Español
A collection of over 40 Spanish feature films. N 791.4

The Cuban Missile Crisis
This 2-part documentary in the Timewatch series uses unique archive footage and recently declassified documents to tell the inside story. N 972.9 CUBA

For further information contact the Audio-Visual Centre Q.3. (90)2188, s.mcMahon@ucc.ie

For further information contact Seamus McMahon (90)2190, s.mcMahon@ucc.ie

Internet access
One machine in the Audio-Visual Centre Q.3 has a network connection to the World Wide Web which includes access to other library catalogues. This service is being made available to Library users on a pilot basis. The address for telnet access to library catalogues around the world is:

http://www.cam.ac.uk/htlmnet/index.html

Useful WWW addresses in the Humanities include:

HUMBUL Gateway
Maintained from Oxford University, this gateway provides links to general resources and search facilities in the Humanities as well as subject specific resources, including electronic text centres and text archives.

http://sable.ox.ac.uk/departments/humanities/international.html

Bibliothèque Nationale de France
Includes access to the database BN-Qpale, which is the catalogue of the Bibliothèque Nationale, and up to 1000 images from the illuminated manuscrits collection.

http://www.bn.fr/brfqb.htm

Library of Congress
Includes hypertext links to the National Digital Library (American Memory) historical collections, and to the Library of Congress databases and online catalogue.

http://lcweb.loc.gov/homepage/1chp.html

For further information contact Seamus McMahon (90)2190, s.mcMahon@ucc.ie
Medical Library, Cork University Hospital
The Medical Library is undergoing a major expansion programme to provide an additional floor and enhanced facilities. The main entrance will remain on the first floor, which will contain a new issue desk/administrative area, computing facilities, and reorganised book and journal areas. The additional floor downstairs will include two library reading rooms, one of which will be accessible outside normal working hours, and a state-of-the-art Computing Centre for Medical and Dental undergraduates. Both computing areas will be networked, providing access to CD-ROMs, Internet, and word processing facilities.

Recent Additions
World Drug Index, a new CD-ROM subscription, lists properties and adverse effects of drugs commercially available, and provides current research.

Cancer incidence in Cork and Kerry 1991, shelved at W 614.4 CANC

Medical Home Pages
Niall McSweeney, Assistant Librarian in the Medical Library, is editor of the Irish Medical Home Page at:

http://www.kerry.com/imhp/
Developed last year by a group of doctors, computer specialists, and UCC librarians, it is aimed at healthcare workers in hospitals and in the community, and contains links to resources for solving patient care and public health problems. Much interest has been generated among clinicians in Ireland and around the world.

Niall is also coordinating a UCC Medical Faculty Home Page with Dr. Damian O’Connell. This site, at present under construction, will include a Cork University Hospital Library section, and will be found at:

http://www.ucc.ie/ucc/medical
For further information contact the Medical Library, Cork University Hospital. (90)2976, n.mcsweeney@ucc.ie

Grehan Estate Papers
These private and business records of the Grehan family of Cloghmeen, near Mallow, Co. Cork, are being listed by Carol Quinn, archivist. The papers give a fascinating insight into a world now disappeared. Although Catholic, the Grehans had a large landholding bought in the early 1800s, and played an active part in the vibrant social life that existed between the Big Houses in the area (Longueville, Oldcourt, Waterfoul, and Castle Cor being their main visiting places). Amongst the fascinating archives preserved are the war diaries and letters home of Major Stephen Grehan, who as a young officer served in France in 1916 and in Salonica. He was awarded an OBE for service as Aide to the Chief of the British Forces in Mesopotamia after the war. A keen amateur photographer, he regularly sent home photographs from his travels, and these are now preserved within the larger family collection.

The papers dating from the early eighteenth century up until the 1970s were deposited in the Boole Library by Major Grehan’s son Mr. Peter Grehan, now of Caherdaniel, Co. Kerry, so that historians and interested researchers could make use of this valuable resource. Access to the collection will be permitted when a full descriptive list becomes available in August.

InfoAccess
This CD-ROM database is one of the most comprehensive sources for undergraduate and graduate research on companies, markets, products, economies, and management disciplines. The incorporated Investext file is claimed to be the world’s largest database of company and industry analyst reports from more than 275 of the world’s leading investment, banking, and research firms. Informative abstracts, summaries, and full text of articles are also available.

For the researcher the system is designed to be used without additional search aids. On-screen instructions provide information on the function keys and the features which can be implemented at any time.

For further information contact the Social Sciences Information Office Q+1. (90)2111, u.nichonghaille@ucc.ie
**New Photocopiers**

All high-use photocopiers have been replaced over the last year, with the installation of 7 Xerox 5343 machines and 6 of the RICOH FT 6645 range. We are particularly pleased that students at last have access to new copiers as they prepare for examinations (the average use of each of their machines is 25,000 copies per month). Daily maintenance checks are carried out on all equipment, and we strive continually to give an excellent photocopying service throughout the year.

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