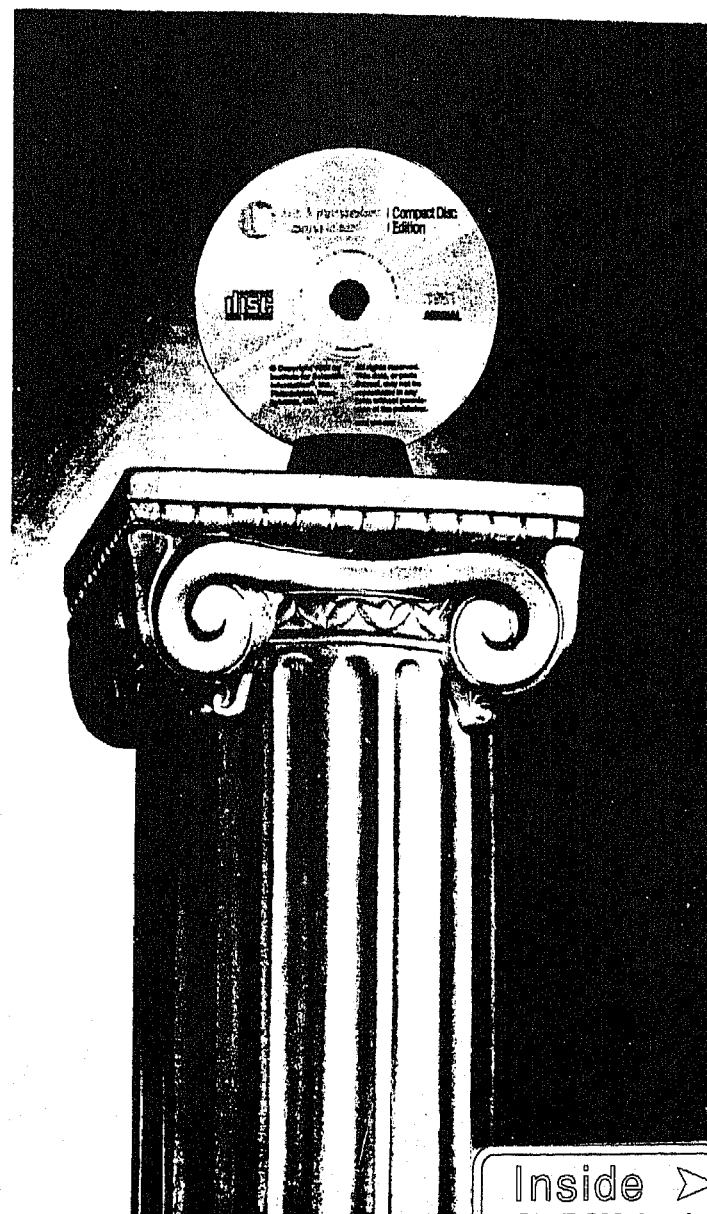


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**A** sign of the present parlous times of ever-increasing Library staff workloads is the late appearance of this issue\* of University of Adelaide Library News; we trust that it will prove to have been worth the wait.

One definite advantage accruing from the delay is that we are able to bring you Liz Lee's entertaining (some would prefer to use the word 'depressing') account of life in the University of Adelaide Libraries during the recent long vacation. Taken together with the article on pages 26 to 27 describing some of the projects that are being undertaken by Library staff, it might also serve to explain why you have had to wait longer than usual to receive this issue.

By the time you read this, there'll be two interesting exhibitions in the entrance foyer of the Barr Smith Library. The British Council will have some 200 books and journals in a display on the theme Environmental Issues and there will be a presentation by Urban Ecology Australia Inc.—well worth a visit.

A new service offered by the Libraries is access to the NIKKEI database; if you are interested in up-to-the-minute data on Japan's finance and business, full details are inside.

Talking of databases, the University of Adelaide Libraries has greatly expanded its range of CD-ROM services since we last published an article on this service a while back. To bring you right up to date we've included a complete list of what's available, together with a brief subject index, on pages 15-25.

Also in this issue there are profiles on two new Subject Librarians, Peter Newnham and Chris Smith, details of the new edition of the Bibliography of publications produced at the University of Adelaide, information about another publication: Research resources in South Australian relevant to British Studies, and a description of yet another Library-initiated project, The Dawn index.

We end with an item by Stephen Beaumont on a valuable John Olsen painting which will soon be put on display in the Barr Smith Library.

With any sort of luck, we hope to get the next issue out more or less on time, later this year.

*Alan Keig*

\*a note to our acquisitions friends — there was only one issue last year: don't claim volume 14, number 2 — it doesn't exist!

# Yet One More Long Vacation Down the Drain...

by Liz Lee

*'The secret of success is making your vocation your vacation.'*

—Mark Twain

I had such plans for this year's long vacation. I was going to catch up on all those low priority but nevertheless make-the-world-go-round type jobs I didn't get done last year (and the year before), revolutionize all my seminar programmes for the coming year, finish those projects which are half done, start those projects which won't be worth doing if I leave them any longer, and generally be dynamic and charge into the year with a clean slate and well-prepared to cope with the coming throng of Library users.

I say that every year, and every year the 'vacation' disappears under mounds of reading lists, yet more Reserve list problems, user guides — updating, regenerating or just plain creating new ones for yet another incomprehensible reference tool, seminar preparation for new courses, compiling new bibliographies and updating old ones, shelfreading, stocktaking, and teaching oneself to use yet more CD-ROM databases, not to mention cataloguing, book selection, Information desk rosters, evening rosters, and queries from those ever-keen postgraduates and academic staff...

Apart from all that, this is how some of us at the University of Adelaide Libraries spent the long vacation!

## Stocktakes and shelf checks galore

The long vacation is the traditional period for collection-orientated projects, as it is the only time of the year when the paucity of students cluttering up the aisles ensures that there is at least some hope of finding a semblance of order on the shelves, in other words, there is the possibility of proving that the book is after all not lost, just very well used! Though a thankless task, the never-ending round of **stocktakes and shelf-checks of the various library collections** is the only way of increasing — for a time at least — your chances of finding the book you want on the shelf!

The Barr Smith Library — though staff numbers were heavily depleted (leave during term time in most departments is restricted because of the problem of maintaining services) — struggled to complete its usual complement of annual housekeeping tasks.

With their usual verve the team of Stephen Beaumont, Teresa Atkinson and Jim Anderson organized yet another chapter in the great **Main collection stocktake** saga and a total of 90 staff laboured diligently — not continuously, thankfully, but as far as other pressures allowed — over some months, checking 40 000 volumes on the shelves against the catalogue records and fixing up any discrepancies. Under the tutelage of Helen Walton and Jordana Arezina, approximately 7 000 records were amended. In the process much of the old Fulton Library material was re-classified, re-Cutted and re-labelled to reflect Barr Smith Library practices, and the records of Fulton and Barr Smith Library copies were merged. Book repairs and re-labelling alone totalled some 5 000 items. The classification numbers 300-499, and 900-999 have now been completed, representing nearly half of the total number of books on the shelves of the Main collection. With nearly two million volumes in the University of Adelaide Libraries, however, we fear that the end is not yet in sight...

Matt Doyle presided over the **Reserve collection stocktake**, with 29 000 items checked against the catalogue and 913 records amended to reflect changes in lecturer status. The annual weeding of the collection was even more essential this year because the cost of running a restricted access collection is becoming increasingly prohibitive in this era of staffing cuts and storage problems. Library staff are now in the process of adding newly requested items to the collection.

Kay Leverett galvanized the Subject Librarians into action yet again to do a **stocktake of the Reference collection**. It is a never-ending task to keep the collection current — to ensure that new subject areas are adequately catered for, new editions of bibliographies are ordered, older material which is no longer relevant is removed, journal updates are received, and of course that possibilities for cancellation are identified in anticipation of the next round of journal cuts. To the intrepid Subject Librarians it is a valuable learning experience; yet another compensation is the finding of missing Main collection books hidden amongst the more obscure bibliographies! Meanwhile in **Special collections**, Susan Woodburn and Iolanda Tonello tackled the shelf-reading of the Thesis collection.

**Law Library** staff finished the first stages of their **stocktake** of the items with classification numbers 342, 344 and 347 and are in the process of amending catalogue records. Some 37% of the book collection has now been checked and to the amazement of staff, only a small proportion of books have proved to be missing. The ongoing program of **weeding the book collections** of old editions to be sent to compactus — and multiple copies to be discarded — is continuing. In addition, the Law Librarian, Dick Finlay, reports that the largest revamp of the Law Library's collections since 1967 has taken place

over the long vacation. Some 30 000 volumes have been moved — some to compactus shelving — enabling the **reorganization of the Law Reports and Statutes collections** and the re-numbering of a large proportion of the stacks. Law Library devotees will rejoice to find that the stack numbering is now easier to follow.

With Mick Draper at the helm, the **Roseworthy Library** staff managed to shelf-read the whole collection, as well as undertaking a stocktake — and a concurrent weeding — of the Reference collection. In addition, selected wine science materials were transferred to the Waite Library, and a list of Australian Standards identified for transfer to the Barr Smith Library. Meanwhile at the **Waite Library** Ellen Randva's dynamic band shelf-read some 52 000 volumes, undertook a weeding of the Reserve collection, transferred the Herbarium collection to the Waite Library, and integrated 345 pamphlets into the Library's Main collection.

Many professional librarians are also busy these days not only **shelf-reading sections of the Main collection** — i.e. putting out of order books on the shelves back in order — but also helping with **re-shelving on a regular basis**. Even in this the quietest period of the year the backlog of re-shelving runs to some 200 shelves. Although the full complement of shelvers is currently available, the backlog is indefatigable and additional assistance must be provided by pulling staff off other duties. Librarians these days must make tough decisions about priorities. Books must be put back on the shelves after use so our users can find them and if there is no money to hire sufficient shelvers or even student helpers...

### Mainly user education

Another traditional task over the long vacation is user education preparation for the coming year, both Orientation Week guides and handouts for individual courses. Subject librarians forever live in hope of salvaging enough time over the summer to enable them to gear up to face new onslaughts and new demands.

Jane Wannan, Stephen Cramond, Gordon Abbott, Ninette Ellis and Alan Keig have been busy perfecting yet another edition of their respective **Library Skills Workbooks — for Science, Medicine and Dentistry, Music, and Arts** respectively. Roseworthy Library has also produced a pilot workbook for students in **Environmental Science and Rangeland Management; Agriculture; and Agricultural Business**. Approximately 2 000 students will be cutting their teeth on one or other of these *magna opera* in the not too distant future.

Liz Lee is looking at **CD-ROM user education** — experimenting with new

methods for teaching students and academic staff how to develop search strategies applicable to the various CD-ROM databases. She is currently compiling and testing a number of 'How to use' self-instruction sheets for individual CD-ROM databases, accompanied by self-guided assignments, as a possible method of helping students to help themselves. The assignments include answers in the form of suggested search strategies. The self-instruction method will be used initially for teaching English students, as well as those secondary school teachers taking the new Graduate Certificate in Australian Studies.

Joan Manners and Roland Avard have been **redesigning the CD-ROM area** behind the Information desk in preparation for the arrival of a range of new databases in 1993. New machines are desperately needed — most of our machines are sadly outdated and stuffed to the gills already with a large number of databases.\* We need not only to be able to spread the databases over a greater number of machines to allow more people to access the data at a time, but also to upgrade the equipment so that larger files can be accommodated more efficiently. In fact the Library is unable to network certain databases because they will not run on the equipment we currently have available. Given the current state of funding it is sad to report that pigs may still not fly in the foreseeable future!

### Yes, we're still working on the catalogue...

The Library's Systems Team — Steve Thomas, Roland Avard and Margaret LeMire — plunged into their annual summer program of **computer catalogue index rebuilds**. This task is as much as possible scheduled for the long vacation, and, where possible, on weekends, in order to cause minimum inconvenience to users. This year rebuilding the Author and Title Keyword Index — involving more than 10 million words — caused more headaches than usual due to hardware problems. If the computer was 'down' when you wanted to use it, that was why!

Meanwhile Pat Scott and Anna Gill have spent many hours writing **specifications for the up-grading** of those annoying **brief records** left in the database. Unravelling the signs and symbols of ancient hand-written catalogue cards dating from the beginning of this century and translating them into computer fodder was a challenge which enthralled these two dedicated cataloguers while the rest of us can only marvel at their tenacity! At the other end of the spectrum, Jane Wannan — in between other commitments — is busy with a project to incorporate **electronic journals** into the Library's computer catalogue system.

\*For a list of what databases are available, please turn to page 15 of this issue.

The conversion of journal receipt records into machine readable form to allow the utilization of the Dynix Serials Module to accession newly received issues of journals continues steadily, thanks to the dedication of Valerie Balagengadaran, Anne Austin and their team, and the hard working staff in the **Journals Receipt Section**. The receipt of issues of approximately 60% of the Barr Smith Library's journal titles is now being recorded online, enabling details of the latest issue received to be displayed in the public catalogue. Over the long vacation staff in branch libraries have been able to apportion more time to the task of adding their own journal records online, and Dick Finlay reports that **Law Library** staff are making real inroads into this massive task. In the process of reviewing these accession records, catalogue records for these materials are being updated where necessary — the Library's database is thereby being progressively tidied up.

Meanwhile the Dynix takeover is proceeding as **Waite Library** staff learn the intricacies of the Serials Module and **Roseworthy Library** staff — in anticipation of the arrival of the Circulation Module on their doorstep — are busily preparing both themselves and data for the changeover. Brief records for most Roseworthy books are now available on the computer catalogue. These also will be upgraded.

## Seldom heard and seldom seen

Behind the scenes **Technical Services** staff braved yet another mountain of material to be processed in time for first semester.

**Acquisitions** struggled as usual with the backlog of Christmas mail, their normal efficiency somewhat hampered as they are still in the process of learning the secrets needed to trick the Dynix Acquisitions and Serials Modules into doing what they want them to do. In spite of it all, 2 922 titles were ordered and 8 899 books and journal issues were processed for cataloguing or the Current journals Display, while 4 242 items in non-book format arrived during the 'holiday' period.

Apart from the fallout from the stocktake, some **Cataloguing** staff were preoccupied with working through an accumulation of approximately 2 300 volumes requiring end processing — i.e. the allocation of Cutter numbers, labelling, and processing of volumes after they have been catalogued. In addition, 550 volumes — extraneous to those unearthed by the stocktake — were 'patched up'. Meanwhile our dedicated cataloguers are knee-deep in cataloguing material required for courses this year. The output of this silent team is prodigious — in December alone, approximately 800 bound volumes — not including journal issues — were added to the Library.

## Amalgamations — a never-ending story

The **Performing Arts Library** — steered by Gordon Abbott — has continued to mend fences in the wake of the University of Adelaide/SACAE City Campus amalgamation. The remaining performing arts material (Dewey Classification numbers 792-793) was moved from the Barr Smith Library to the Performing Arts Library and the catalogue records amended accordingly. The merging of music biography material from the Barr Smith Library and the old Fulton Library has been completed, the problem being caused by the different classifications used for these items by the two libraries. Similar classification discrepancies in the Performing Arts Library's Reference collection caused by the amalgamation of the two collections have also been rationalized. New catalogue records have also been created for approximately 60 former Fulton titles — you can now find them on the computer catalogue!

Ellen Randva, the Waite Librarian, — having been seconded on a half-time basis to manage the Department of Primary Industries Library — is, with her typical panache, directing plans for their coming amalgamation with the **Waite Library**. This involves not only the amalgamation of the collections — in the case of the Waite Library some 52 000 volumes — but a shift into a new library building. The excitement arising in numerous breasts at the possibility of saving money through cancelling duplicate subscriptions is almost too much to contain!

## Sundry other momentous events

H.C. Li, our new Japanese and Asian Studies Librarian, descended from Canberra and is proceeding to evaluate the Library's **Asian Studies** section. Li's appointment is funded by a grant from the Shoyu Club in Japan at the request of the University's Centre for Asian Studies.

One of Liz Lee's **publications projects** over the long vacation was to compile the second edition of the *Bibliography of publications produced at the University of Adelaide*. She is also collecting data for a central register of publications in print by University of Adelaide staff members, which will be held on the Unibooks database. [More information is given on page 13 of this issue].

Another of Stephen Beaumont's traumas over the long vacation was the change-over to a **new photocopying card system** — from Resource Card to COPY CARD. The same cards can now be bought and used interchangeably at all of the University of Adelaide Libraries. The new system will be managed by the Library itself, allowing the cost of most copying and the cards themselves to be reduced. It is expected to be fully operational in February if all goes to plan.

## Orientation Week looms near

Library staff face the advent of Orientation Week each year with increasing trepidation as staff numbers dwindle and student numbers increase!

**Lending Services** staff are heavily involved in enrolments, with five staff seconded from 9.00am to 6.00pm for nine days to issue new student ID cards (replete with mug shots), upgrade old ID cards and STA cards, and hand out *Library Skills Workbooks* and a *Library Guide* for new students.

Alan Keig has been working industriously for months updating his clutch of 16 individual **library guides** which attempt to initiate newcomers into the wonders of the Barr Smith Library. As usual he is also orchestrating the 140 **orientation tours** needed to cater for those 1500 eager new students who every year yearn desperately to know how to find their way around the Library. Approximately 40 'volunteer' library staff members oblige with either wild enthusiasm or determined dedication for this annual test of one's ability to survive the sheer exuberance of youth en masse!

## And so to work...

Having survived the long vacation, we console ourselves with the thoughts of Lao-Tse who noted that 'A thousand mile journey begins with one small step.' Despite the quagmires and mountain ranges which keep getting in the way, by this supposition we at the University of Adelaide Libraries are making steady—rather than plodding—progress and if persistence and determination are the basic requirements for success, we will get there in the end. And then to rest?

Now, if I have to listen to one more comment about how there can't be much to do in the Library when the students aren't around...!

# British Council Book Exhibition on Environmental Issues

The Barr Smith Library will host a British Council travelling book exhibition on Environmental Issues from 17 March to 16 April 1993.

The content of the Exhibition is geared to areas of specific interest to Australians and is the result of consultation between Professor Ian Falconer, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and members of the British Council.

The collection includes approximately 200 books and journals covering key environmental issues ranging from water conservation and management, and the conservation of buildings and the countryside, to the management of nuclear waste, and publications on earth science. A wide selection of books on 'green thought' is also included. Material featured includes commercial publications, government and institutional reports, and the published proceedings of specialist conferences.

The Exhibition will be held in the Entrance Foyer of the Barr Smith Library. Further details are available from Stephen Beaumont, Facilities and Planning Librarian (telephone extension 5016).

### Coverage includes:

- Climate, pollution and acid rain
- Development, population and food
- Earth Sciences
- Energy and the nuclear industry
- Environmental management, agriculture and gardening
- Forestry, woodland and trees
- Green thought
- Recycling and waste disposal
- Transport, buildings and urban development
- Water conservation and management
- Wildlife and the natural world
- Journals and Reference sections

# NIKKEI database in English

The NIKKEI database in English is now accessible through the Barr Smith Library by applying to:

**Mr. H. Li** (Subject librarian for Asian Studies)

or

**Les Howard** (Subject librarian for Economics)

## The Database

NIKKEI is the largest economic database in Japan, with 20 menus for online access to extensive data on Japan's finance and business.

Current news items are available as they come in through the broadcasting mode: full text or headlines can be retrieved from current and even tomorrow's editions of Japan's leading English language newspapers — the *Nikkei Weekly* and the *Japan Times*. 200 000 English language articles from selected English language publications in Japan and other Asian countries are also on tap.

Up-to-date information is available on stock and share quotations, listed government and corporate bonds, Tokyo interbank exchange rates, and short-term interest rates provided immediately after closing of the markets. Also included are foreign exchange rates, commodity market prices, macroeconomic indicators and other data on activities of industries and export-import trade. Fluctuations of stock quotations, bond quotations and the financial conditions of listed companies are provided for the analysis of long term trends. In addition to Japanese data, basic financial information on 12 000 Chinese industrial companies and the corporate outlines of over 4 000 listed companies in Korea and Southeast Asia are available.

## Conditions of use of NIKKEI database

- ◆ All University of Adelaide staff and students may request searches, which must be related only to research, study and teaching at the University of Adelaide.
- ◆ Users must complete a Nikkei database questionnaire for each search and they should acknowledge NIKKEI DATABASE as the source of any data used in written assignments and research publications.
- ◆ The international telecommunications cost of A\$35 per hour may be paid personally, or debited against departmental funds by means of a requisition.
- ◆ If members of the University of Adelaide wish to make commercial or government consulting uses of the database, these will attract considerably higher charges and must be made through the Nikkei Project manager at the Australia-Japan Research Centre of the Australian National University in Canberra.
- ◆ Downloading of results to disk is employed rather than printing online: users should bring their own IBM formatted HD 1.44 megabyte disks to take files back to their PCs for editing and printing.

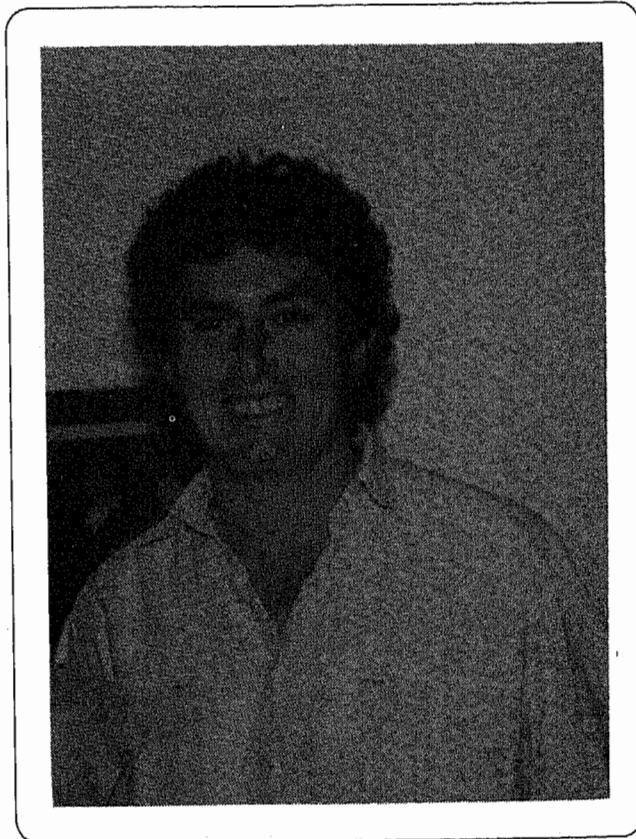
# Profile... Peter Newnham

One of the changes resulting from the Fulton Library's conversion to the Performing Arts Library at the beginning of 1992 was the relocation of Peter Newnham to the Barr Smith Library where he accepted subject responsibility for Media Studies, Spanish and modern Greek, as well as being allocated to providing a Library service for the University's distance education students.

The need for an external studies contact person manifested itself when library resources related to Women's Studies, Labour Studies and Educational Administration were transferred from the Fulton Library to the BSL. Peter has taken on the job of developing and co-ordinating a service to non-metropolitan students attached to these courses, a role previously performed by the Distance Education Centre Library based at the University of South Australia's Underdale campus.

Peter was able to maintain an interest in languages while acting as subject librarian for Italian and modern Greek studies in the former South Australian College of Advanced Education Library. Having studied both modern and Classic languages at school, he later gained an honours degree in French and Spanish from the University of Exeter and went on to complete a post-graduate diploma in library studies at Ealing College in West London.

Peter moved to South Australia in 1980, where the Public Libraries Division, as it was then called, provided him with his first



job, which involved reference searching on behalf of country borrowers. This proved a valuable learning experience, especially for the important task of becoming familiar with the geography and institutions of both Adelaide and South Australia. A subsequent contract position with the Department for the Environment's library enabled him to consolidate this knowledge, as it entailed the production of a series of regional bibliographies on South Australian aborigines, fauna, flora, etc.

Since joining the Barr Smith Library, Peter has renewed an interest in occupational health and safety issues which began during the last few years of his employment with the SACAE Library; he took over the reins of the BSL Health and Safety Committee in the middle of this year. In other respects, his first year in the BSL has been one of coming to terms with the sheer size of the collections and attempting to become familiar with the rules which govern them.

Outside of work, a great deal of his spare time over the past six or seven years has been devoted to house renovation. One of the skills he has mastered is knocking holes through walls to create doorways, which provides a suitable outlet for his creative energy. A fast-approaching change of status to parent is likely to put a temporary halt to proceedings, which should at least save the house from collapse!\*

## Central Register of Publications by members of the University of Adelaide

The Barr Smith Library and Unibooks are in the process of setting up a central register of publications to include those produced both within the University of Adelaide and commercial publications which are the work of individual staff members.

Both the Library and the Bookshop receive orders for University material by default where an order is either insufficiently addressed or where not enough details are provided to trace the publication. In many cases it has proved impossible — even after much investigation — to locate the author or publishing department. Consequently, where an order cannot be redirected, sales are lost to the University. Maintaining a central listing will enable University departments receiving an order in error to contact the Bookshop for additional information so that the order can be passed on to the correct publisher.

Monographs and conference proceedings or issues of journals edited by University of Adelaide staff members will be included. To ensure that all information relating to material likely to be requested by an outside purchaser is included in the register, academic staff are encouraged to send details of relevant publications — including commercial publications in print — to Liz Lee at the Barr Smith Library (telephone ext. 5345).

Departments requiring information to enable the redirection of specific orders to the correct author or departmental publisher should contact Leanne (telephone ext. 5034) at Unibooks.



*Bibliography of publications produced at the University of Adelaide, 2nd edition, 1993.*

The second edition of the *Bibliography of publications produced at the University of Adelaide*, compiled by Liz Lee for the Barr Smith Library's Publications Committee, will be published in February.

The *Bibliography* is produced by the Library as a gesture of support for academic colleagues and research within the University and is primarily a marketing venture to publicise departmental publications available for sale to libraries and researchers. Commercial publications are excluded as these have commercial marketing facilities at their disposal.

The new edition lists 125 publications produced within the University and includes approximately 60 new entries. The Library plans to distribute the *Bibliography* to university and research libraries within Australia and overseas. Researchers at the University of Adelaide who would like copies for distribution to colleagues and at conferences should contact Liz Lee (telephone ext. 5345).

The *Bibliography* is formatted by Alan Keig and printed by the Barr Smith Library's Copying Service.

## Electronic databases (CD-ROMs) in the University of Adelaide Libraries

Information sources for the University of Adelaide's researchers have undergone a great period of growth in the two and a half years since our previous article on CD-ROM services. Not only has the number of databases increased, but both the breadth of subjects covered and the means of access have improved.

At first we purchased services in the major areas of sciences and social sciences, but resources are now also available for researchers in the humanities. It is now possible for students and academic staff to very efficiently compile bibliographies for essays and research projects across subject areas as diverse as geology, history, engineering, literature, education, business, medicine, and biology. The latter two subject areas can even be searched via the University's network in the comfort of one's own office. The other services are available by inquiring at the Barr Smith Library Information Desk. Some specialized databases are available at the Branch libraries — please ask your Librarian for details.

Students have adopted the technology with great enthusiasm, especially when reader education programmes and course requirements have persuaded them of the benefits. Academic staff require a little more gentle persuasion, but word of mouth is slowly spreading the news. The databases vary slightly in their search techniques but are all user-friendly.

There are two approaches which may help the reluctant searcher to brave the machinery for the first time. Firstly, speak to your Subject Librarian or Branch Librarian who will happily demonstrate to individuals or groups. Otherwise, for Barr Smith Library users, there is assistance provided for beginners by prior arrangement with Joan Manners of Information Services — telephone 228 5335 to make an appointment.

The following pages provide a list of databases currently available, followed by a brief subject guide.

Margaret Hosking

## ELECTRONIC DATABASES (CD-ROMS)

All the databases on this list are available at the Barr Smith Library, except where a different location is mentioned.

### ABI-INFORM

**Contents:** Citations and abstracts from over 800 international journals in the business and management areas. **Time span:** Jan 1986+ **Updated:** Bimonthly

### ACEL STANDARDS INDEX PLUS

**Contents:** Bibliographic information on over 4 000 Australian Standards and over 8 500 ASTM (American Society for Testing & Materials) Standards.

**Time span:** N/A **Updated:** Monthly

### ACPC (Australia Press Council Clips) [on ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk]

**Contents:** Newspaper articles on the arts, including festivals, theatre, and personalities. **Time span:** 1974-1988 **Updated:** Not updated.

### AEI (Australian Education Index)[on AUSTROM disk]

**Contents:** About 45 000 citations, some with abstracts, to Australian literature on educational topics. **Time span:** 1978+ **Updated:** Six-monthly.

### AGIS (Attorney-General's Information System) [on AUSTROM disk]

**Contents:** Comprehensive abstracting and indexing of over 60 law journals from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific, and, selective indexing and abstracting of major law journals from the U.S.A., Canada and the U.K.

**Time span:** 1975+ **Updated:** Six-monthly

### AGP (Australian Government Publications) [on ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk] **Time span:** 1983-1987 **Updated:** Not updated

### AHRR (Australian Historic Records Register)[on ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk]

**Contents:** A list of 3 500 records of life from settlement to 1988 which are in private hands in Australia. **Time span:** Settlement to 1988

**Updated:** Not updated

### APAIS (Australian Public Affairs Information Service) [on AUSTROM disk]

**Contents:** 154 000 citations to journal literature in humanities, social sciences, and including some books, conference proceedings and newspaper articles, especially on Australian political, economic, legal, social and cultural affairs.

**Time span:** 1978+ **Updated:** Six-monthly

### ARCH(Australian Architecture Database) [on AUSTROM and ARTS HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disks]

**Contents:** Over 6 500 citations with abstracts to Australian and New Zealand literature on architecture, construction, interior design.

**Time span:** 1980+ **Updated:** Six-monthly

## ELECTRONIC DATABASES (CD-ROMS)

### ARTS & HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX

**Contents:** Citations to articles in 1 300 journals in arts, humanities and social sciences, covering archaeology, architecture, art, classics, dance, film, folklore, history, language, linguistics, literature, music, philosophy, television and radio, theatre, and theology. **Time span:** 1992+ **Updated:** Quarterly

### ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT

**Contents:** 14 Australian databases, mostly bibliographic, including indexes to journals, books, newspaper articles, reports, theses and manuscripts, conference proceedings and audio-visual material.

**Time span:** Varies **Updated:** Annually

### ASCIS (Australian Schools Catalogue Information Service) [on AUSTROM disk]

**Contents:** Australian material on curriculum resources abstracts, education, school administration. **Time span:** 1970+ **Updated:** Six-monthly

### ATLIS (Australian Transport Literature Information System) [on ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE disk]

**Contents:** Index to material on transport economics including policy, planning, airline deregulation and the road transport industry in Australia.

**Time span:** N/A **Updated:** Six-monthly

### AUSPORT [on AUSTROM disk]

**Contents:** Australian material on physical education and sport.

**Time span:** 1988+ **Updated:** Six monthly

### AUSTLIT

**Contents:** Creative and critical Australian literature.

**Time span:** pre1970+ **Updated:** Three times per year

### AUSTROM (held at Barr Smith, Roseworthy, Performing Arts, and Law Libraries)

**Contents:** Thirteen Australian databases. For details see individual entries for the databases. **Time span:** Various **Updated:** Quarterly

### BIBLIOGRAPHIE NATIONALE FRANÇAISE

**Contents:** Complete records for works entered in the Bibliographie de la France. **Time span:** 1970+ **Updated:** Irregularly

### BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS ON COMPACT DISC (BA on CD) [available on network]

**Contents:** Citations with abstracts from approximately 9 000 international journals, books, patents, conference proceedings and symposia in the biological and biomedical fields. **Time span:** 1992+ **Updated:** Quarterly

## ELECTRONIC DATABASES (CD-ROMS)

### BRITISH LIBRARY GENERAL CATALOGUE OF PRINTED BOOKS TO 1975

Time span: To 1975 Updated: Irregularly

### BRITISH NEWSPAPER INDEX

Contents: Indexes *The Times* group of newspapers and *The Independent*.

Time span: 1990+ Updated: Six-monthly

### BUSINESS PERIODICALS INDEX

Contents: Indexes over 340 journals, with 515 000 citations, in the business subject area. Time span: July 1982+ Updated: Quarterly

### C-DATA (SUPERMAP)

Contents: Australian Census data for 1981 and 1986

Time span: 1981 and 1986 Updated: 5 years

### CAB ABSTRACTS [located at Roseworthy]

Contents: Index, with abstracts, to over 10 000 journals on animal and crop husbandry, breeding, protection, genetics, agricultural technology and horticulture. Time span: 1984+ Updated: Annually

### CELIS (Conservation and Environment Library System) [on ARTS

HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk]

Contents: 58 000 records on environmental research, marine studies, forestry, botany, horticulture, fisheries, geology, pest control, national parks and wildlife management. Updated: Annually

### CINCH (Australian Criminology Database) [on AUSTROM disk]

Contents: 20 000 citations, with some abstracts, to Australian material on crime, court procedures, law enforcement, police, violence, victims, corporate crime, terrorism and victims of crime.

Time span: 1976+ Updated: Bi-annually

### COMPENDEX (Computerized Engineering Index)

Contents: Citations, with abstracts, to literature in engineering and technology, including civil, mechanical, industrial, electronic, electrical, and communications. Time span: 1987+ Updated: Quarterly

### COMPOSITE INDEX TO CRC HANDBOOKS

Contents: Access to information and data in 317 handbooks published by CRC Press. Time span: N/A Updated: Irregularly

### CURRENT CONTENTS

Contents: Contains approximately 180 000 citations to articles listed in the contents lists of about 6 500 major journals in the sciences including clinical medicine, engineering, applied technology, and in applied science, social sciences, arts and humanities.

Time span: Latest 3 months Updated: Weekly

## ELECTRONIC DATABASES (CD-ROMS)

### DEUTSCHE BIBLIOGRAPHIE

Contents: The German national bibliography based on the catalogue of the German national library. Time span: 1986+ Updated: Irregularly

### DISSERTATION ABSTRACTS

Contents: Citations and abstracts to doctoral dissertations submitted to accredited North American institutions and some other international institutions. Time span: 1861+ Updated: Irregularly

### ECONLIT

Contents: Citations, with selected abstracts, from international literature in economics. Time span: 1969+ Updated: Quarterly

### EDLINE [on AUSTROM disk]

Contents: Australian material on curriculum, schools, teaching, especially from the Victorian Ministry of Education Libraries.

Time span: 1980+ Updated: Six-monthly

### ENGINE [on ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE Disk]

Contents: Mainly an index to Institution of Engineers, Australia publications since 1980. Time span: 1980+ Updated: Six-monthly

### ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE

Contents: Eight Australian databases. Time span: Varies  
Updated: Six-monthly

### EPIC [on ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk]

Contents: Index to Australian and some overseas journal articles on pollution, recycling, waste management, environmental protection, town planning and heritage. Contains 6 400 records.

Time span: 1987+ Updated: Annually

### ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)

Contents: Contains 700 000 citations with abstracts to reports and journals in the field of education. Time span: 1966+ Updated: Quarterly

### FAMILY (Australian Family & Society Abstracts) [on AUSTROM disk]

Contents: About 12 000 citations to Australian books, journal articles, published and unpublished reports, government documents and conference papers on children, demography, divorce, family relations, marriage and parenthood, sociology, economics and the family, sexual behaviour, fertility; counselling and family law. Time span: 1980+ Updated: Six-monthly

### GEOREF (Geological Reference File)

Contents: Entire database of around 1.6 million citations to geological literature, including geology, geophysics, mineralogy, marine geology, stratigraphy and palaeontology. Time span: 1785+ Updated: Quarterly

## ELECTRONIC DATABASES (CD-ROMS)

### GUARDIAN

**Contents:** Full text of selected sections of *The Guardian* newspaper of Great Britain. **Time span:** 1991+ **Updated:** Monthly

### HEI (Home Economics Index) [on AUSTROM disk]

**Contents:** Australian material on consumer education, craft, family, home economics, nutrition and textiles. **Time span:** 1990+ **Updated:** Six-monthly

### HERA (Australian Heritage Information System) [on ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk]

**Contents:** 2 500 records on Australia's natural and cultural environment. **Time span:** 1987+ **Updated:** Annually

### HISTORICAL ABSTRACTS

**Contents:** Modern history abstracts 1450-1914 and Twentieth century abstracts 1914-91, including 365 000 citations and abstracts to 2 000 journals and books. **Time span:** 1987-91 **Updated:**

### HUMANITIES INDEX

**Contents:** About 168 000 citations to journal articles and book reviews in arts, philosophy, classics, archaeology and history. **Time span:** 1984+ **Updated:** Quarterly

### IDEAS [on ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk]

**Contents:** 6 500 records on Third World development, global environment, and nuclear disarmament. **Time span:** N/A **Updated:** Annually

### INDEX TO HOUSE OF COMMONS PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS

**Contents:** Bibliographic details of British House of Commons Parliamentary Papers. **Time span:** 1991/92 session+ **Updated:** Quarterly

### INDEX TO THESES

**Contents:** Bibliographic information on theses accepted by the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland. **Time span:** 1970-1990 **Updated:** Annually

### LASORS (Literature Analysis System on Road Safety) [on ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE disk]

**Contents:** Indexes Australian and overseas English language publications on road safety including driver education, road safety campaigns, accident studies, drink driving, in over 14 000 records. **Time span:** N/A **Updated:** Six-monthly

### LEISURE [on AUSTROM disk]

**Contents:** Australian material on leisure, recreation, sport, tourism and travel. **Time span:** 1982+ **Updated:** Six-monthly

## ELECTRONIC DATABASES (CD-ROMS)

### LIFE SCIENCES COLLECTION [located at the Waite Campus Library]

**Contents:** Citations, with abstracts, to life sciences literature. **Time span:** 1984/85+ **Updated:** Half-yearly

### LIMLOG (River and Wetland Ecology and Management database) [on ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE disk]

**Contents:** More than 4 500 records of scientific literature about Australian limnology, and the management, conservation and study of wetlands and streams in the Murray-Darling basin. **Time span:** 1847+ **Updated:** Six-monthly

### MARCUS AGFACTS [on ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE disk]

**Contents:** Agriculture, such as agribusiness, agroforestry, aquaculture, farm machinery, genetics, livestock diseases and soil science. **Time span:** 1990+ **Updated:** Six-monthly

### MATHSCI

**Contents:** International research literature in mathematics and related areas including computer science, statistics, and econometrics. Contains around 500 000 reviews and citations. **Time span:** 1980+ **Updated:** Quarterly

### MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN DATABANK

**Contents:** Information concerning medieval and early modern periods of Western history, this databank consists of 13 254 medieval currency exchange quotations. **Time span:** N/A **Updated:** Not updated

### MEDLINE — Networked

**Contents:** Approximately 6 million citations from 3 900 international journals in the biomedical fields. **Time span:** 1966+ **Updated:** Monthly

### MIHILIST (Australasian Military History Database) [on ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk]

**Contents:** Military history of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. **Time span:** N/A **Updated:** Annually

### MLA INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

**Contents:** Literature, language, linguistics and folklore from over 3 000 international journals. **Time span:** 1981+ **Updated:** Monthly

### MUSEUMS [on ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk]

**Contents:** Index of material on museums from Australian and international journals. **Time span:** N/A **Updated:** Annually

### OXFORD DATABASE OF PERINATAL TRIALS

**Contents:** A register of trials in perinatal medicine. **Time span:** N/A **Updated:** Half-yearly

## ELECTRONIC DATABASES (CD-ROMS)

**PINPOINTER (Australian Index to Leisure Activities and Consumer Reports)** [on *AUSTROM disk*]

**Contents:** Australian material on consumer reports, leisure activities.

**Time span:** 1987+      **Updated:** Six-monthly

**PSYCLIT**

**Contents:** About 700 000 citations, with abstracts, from international literature in psychology and behavioural science.      **Time span:** 1974+

**Updated:** Quarterly

**ROAD (Australian Road Research Board Database)** [on *ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE disk*]

**Contents:** 53 000 records covering all aspects of road design and engineering.

**Time span:** 1984+      **Updated:** Six-monthly.

**ROADRES (Road Research in Australia)** [on *ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE disk*]

**Contents:** Roads and related areas, including design, construction and maintenance.      **Time span:** N/A      **Updated:** Six-monthly

**SAGE (Science and Geography Education)** [located at Roseworthy]

**Contents:** Around 2200 citations, with abstracts, to popular Australian general science and geography journals.      **Time span:** 1989+      **Updated:** Six-monthly

**SCIENCE CITATION INDEX**

**Contents:** Citations in 4 500 journals; topics include life sciences, physical sciences, chemistry, earth sciences, agriculture, biology, environmental sciences, biomedicine and clinical medicine.

**Time span:** 1989+      **Updated:** Quarterly

**SITES (Significant Sites in the Western Region of Melbourne)**

[on *ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk*]

**Contents:** 800 records of industrial heritage sites.

**Time span:** N/A      **Updated:** Annually

**SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX**

**Contents:** Citations covering anthropology, economics and business, politics, education psychology, management, history, geography etc.

**Time span:** 1990+      **Updated:** Quarterly

**SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX**

**Contents:** Politics and international relations, economics, anthropology, law, public administration, social and community health, environmental studies, geography, and urban environments and planning.

**Time span:** 1983+      **Updated:** Quarterly

## ELECTRONIC DATABASES (CD-ROMS)

**STREAMLINE (Australia's Natural Resources Database)**

[on *ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES disk*]

**Contents:** 25 000 records on Australian natural resource management.

**THREATENED SPECIES IN AUSTRALIA** [on *ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk*]

**Contents:** Around 3 000 records.      **Time span:** 1960+      **Updated:** Annually

**UKOP (Catalogue of United Kingdom Official Publications)**

**Contents:** Official documents published by Britain's HMSO, etc.

**Time span:** 1980+      **Updated:** Quarterly

**UNREPORTED JUDGMENTS ON CD-ROM** [located in the Law Library]

**Contents:** Judgments from the Supreme courts in N.S.W., S. A., Tasmania, Victoria and W.A.      **Time span:** 1992+      **Updated:** Quarterly

**VICTORIAN MEMORIALS DATABASE** [on *ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disk*]

**Contents:** Around 1 500 records of memorials to persons and events in Victoria.      **Time span:** N/A      **Updated:** Annually

**WESTDOC** [on *AUSTROM and ARTS HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT disks*]

**Contents:** Australian material on the Western region of Melbourne.

**Time span:** 1984+      **Updated:** Six-monthly



## ELECTRONIC DATABASES (CD-ROMS) SUBJECT GUIDE

This is a brief guide to help you to choose the most appropriate database for a particular subject. Most of these subjects will also be covered in the multi-disciplinary databases CURRENT CONTENTS, DISSERTATION ABSTRACTS and INDEX TO THESES.

**Agriculture** CAB ABSTRACTS; ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE (MARCUS AGFACTS); SAGE

**Anatomy** MEDLINE; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS

**Anthropology** SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX; AUSTROM (APAI); BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; HISTORICAL ABSTRACTS

## ELECTRONIC DATABASES (CD-ROMS) SUBJECT GUIDE

- Architecture & Planning** AUSTROM (ARCH; APAIS); COMPENDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; HUMANITIES INDEX; ARTS, HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT; ARTS & HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX; HUMANITIES INDEX
- Biochemistry** BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; MEDLINE; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; LIFE SCIENCES COLLECTION
- Biology** BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; LIFE SCIENCES COLLECTION; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; MEDLINE
- Botany** SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; GEOREF
- Chemistry** COMPOSITE INDEX TO CRC HANDBOOKS; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX (limited value)
- Classics** HUMANITIES INDEX; ARTS & HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; PSYCLIT; AUSTROM (APAIS)
- Computer Science** MATHSCI; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; COMPENDEX
- Dentistry** MEDLINE; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS
- Economics** ABI-INFORM; BUSINESS PERIODICALS INDEX; ECONLIT; SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX; AUSTROM (APAIS)
- Education** ERIC; AUSTROM (AEI, APAIS); CURRENT CONTENTS; ASCIS; EDLINE
- Engineering** COMPENDEX; ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; GEOREF; MEDLINE; MATHSCI; ABI-INFORM; BUSINESS PERIODICALS INDEX; AUSTROM (APAIS); ACEL STANDARDS INDEX PLUS
- English** MLA; HUMANITIES INDEX; AUSTROM (APAIS); AUSTLIT; BRITISH NEWSPAPERS INDEX; GUARDIAN; ARTS & HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX
- Environmental Science** AUSTROM (APAIS); BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; ARTS HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT (THREATENED SPECIES IN AUSTRALIA, CELIS, EPIC); GEOREF; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE
- French** BIBLIOGRAPHIE NATIONALE; HUMANITIES INDEX; MLA; ARTS & HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX
- Genetics** MEDLINE; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; COMPOSITE INDEX TO CRC HANDBOOKS; LIFE SCIENCES COLLECTION
- Geography** GEOREF; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; C-DATA; SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; AUSTROM (APAIS); SAGE
- Geology** GEOREF; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; COMPOSITE INDEX TO CRC HANDBOOKS
- German** DEUTSCHE NATIONALE BIBLIOGRAPHIE; MLA; HUMANITIES INDEX; ARTS & HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX

## ELECTRONIC DATABASES (CD-ROMS) SUBJECT GUIDE

- History** HUMANITIES INDEX; AUSTROM (APAIS); MLA; DEUTSCHE BIBLIOGRAPHIE; BIBLIOGRAPHIE NATIONALE; BRITISH LIBRARY CATALOGUE; ARTS & HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX; HISTORICAL ABSTRACTS; ARTS HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT (MIHILIST, AHRR, HERA)
- Labour Studies** ABI-INFORM; BUSINESS PERIODICALS INDEX; AUSTROM (APAIS); SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX; PSYCLIT
- Law** AUSTROM (AGIS, APAIS); CINCH; UNREPORTED JUDGMENTS
- Linguistics** MLA; SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; HUMANITIES INDEX; ARTS & HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX
- Management** ABI-INFORM; BUSINESS PERIODICALS INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX; PSYCLIT; ECONLIT
- Mathematical Statistics** MATHSCI; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX
- Mathematics** MATHSCI; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX
- Media Studies** HUMANITIES INDEX; GUARDIAN; BRITISH NEWSPAPER INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; AUSTROM (APAIS); SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX; ARTS & HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX
- Medicine** MEDLINE; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; OXFORD DATABASE OF PERINATAL TRIALS; LIFE SCIENCES COLLECTION
- Microbiology** MEDLINE; BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; COMPOSITE INDEX TO CRC HANDBOOKS; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; LIFE SCIENCES COLLECTION
- Music** MUSE (RILM); MUSIC INDEX
- Pharmacology** MEDLINE; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; LIFE SCIENCES COLLECTION
- Philosophy** HUMANITIES INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX; ARTS & HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX
- Physics** SCIENCE CITATION INDEX
- Physiology** MEDLINE; BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX
- Politics** AUSTROM (APAIS); SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX; BRITISH NEWSPAPERS INDEX; GUARDIAN
- Psychology** PSYCLIT; ERIC; BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX; MEDLINE
- Soil Science** GEOREF; COMPENDEX; SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS; CAB ABSTRACTS
- Women's Studies** SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX; SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX; PSYCLIT; AUSTROM (APAIS, FAMILY); HUMANITIES INDEX; ARTS & HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX
- Zoology** SCIENCE CITATION INDEX; BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS

# Projects by Library Staff

by Liz Lee

**P**ersonal and professional dedication amongst library staff is undiminished despite the current funding and staffing crisis facing the University of Adelaide.

Many are heavily involved with additional University and community activities at a time when their workloads — in common with colleagues within the University — have markedly increased. Projects which are worthwhile but are unable to attract funding are undertaken voluntarily in many cases because their value is self-evident to the individuals concerned.

**Gordon Abbott** (Performing Arts Librarian) is Editor of *Continuo*, the journal of the International Association of Music Libraries, and until recently was Vice-President of the Association, and Chairperson of *RILM Abstracts* in Australia. He is currently working on a 'Bibliography of the works of Andrew D. McCredie' for a Festschrift in honour of Professor McCredie. He provides programme notes for the Adelaide Chamber Orchestra, and orchestrated the music which accompanied the revival of the 1917 Roman Longford film *The Woman Suffers*.

**Ray Choate** (University Librarian) — in addition to numerous activities in his official capacity as University Librarian — is, in his spare time, Convener of the Australian Library Publishers' Society; Convener of the University of Adelaide Publications Group; on the Council of the Bibliographical Society of Australia and New Zealand, the Editorial Board of the journal *Australian Academic and Research Libraries*, and the Board of the University of Adelaide Theatre Guild; and is Chairman of the committee organizing the Annual Conference of the Bibliographical Society of Australia and New Zealand and the Conference of the Rare Books Section of the Australian Library and Information Association. Recently elected to the executive of CAUL (Council of Australian University Librarians), Ray is also currently working on a Bibliography of South Australian German Imprints for publication by the Barr Smith Press, and is preparing his *Index to Illustrations of Australian Art* for publication on CD-ROM.

**Steve Cramond** (Subject Librarian for Medicine and Dentistry) has been involved in the setting up of the Library's CD-ROM network to enable network access to Medline — and at a later date Current Contents — across campus. He is Vice-Chair of the Australian Health Informatics Association (South Australia) and a committee member of the Information Science Section of the Australian Library and Information Association.

**Alan Keig** (Subject Librarian for Philosophy, French and Linguistics) lectures in the course run by the Post Graduate Students' Association on thesis preparation.

**Liz Lee** (Subject Librarian for English) recently compiled the third edition of the *Catalogue of Members' Publications* for the Australian Library Publishers' Society of which she is Secretary/Treasurer. She is coordinating *The Dawn* Indexing Project and is currently compiling the Advertisement Index. She is Secretary of the University of Adelaide Publications Group and has recently completed the second edition of the *Bibliography of Publications Produced at the University of Adelaide*. She is Secretary of the Board of the Centre for British Studies, and with Michael J. Tolley, the Director of the Centre, she compiled *Research Resources in South Australia Relevant to British Studies*. She is currently gathering data for a 'Research in progress in British Studies' to be published initially in the Centre's *Newsletter*. She is also compiling a 'Research in progress in Australian Studies' for the South Australian Centre for Australian Studies, and is Convener of the Working Party formed to coordinate the compilation of a list of theses relating to Australian Studies in conjunction with the National Centre for Australian Studies at Monash University. Liz is also Secretary of the Conference Committee which is organizing the Bibliographical Society and ALIA Rare Books Section Conferences.

**Kay Leverett** (Subject Librarian for Architecture and Engineering) is working on a Bibliography of the History and Heritage of Engineering in Australia with Denis Cumming, a retired academic from the Department of Engineering. She delivered the paper 'Australian Databases and Engineering Heritage' at the 6th National Engineering Heritage Conference in Hobart in October.

**Jane Wannan** (Subject Librarian for Biochemistry, Chemistry, Genetics, Geology and Microbiology) has collected extensive files relating to the use of AARNet (the Australian Academic Research Network) and has made these available to academic colleagues through Apple Share. The package includes instructions for accessing services, along with listings of databases, catalogues, and electronic journals available through AARNet. Another of Jane's projects is organizing the provision of entries for electronic journals in the Library's computer catalogue. She is also compiling an Index to Australian Garden Illustrations for publication by the Barr Smith Press.

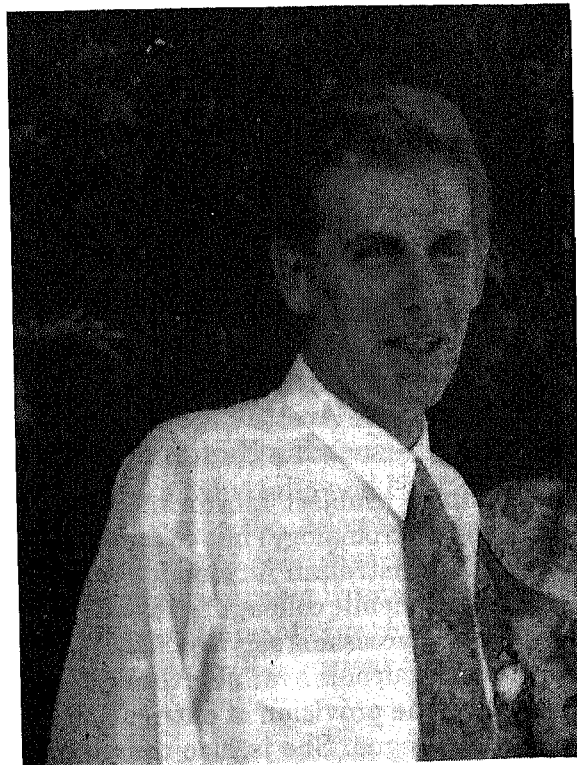
# Profile ... Chris Smith

Chris Smith was appointed as Book Orders Librarian at the Barr Smith Library in 1980, subsequently becoming Deputy Acquisition Librarian until January 1992. His qualifications prior to appointment were gained at the University of Adelaide and consisted of a Bachelor of Arts degree completed on a part-time basis, followed by the Graduate Diploma in Library Studies.

Chris' long stay in Acquisitions was interrupted by a six-month job exchange at the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth in 1989/90. One of the good things to come from this experience was an introduction to an automated acquisition system (of sorts) which provided a starting point for beginning the task of automating acquisition processes in the Barr Smith Library.

In February 1992 Chris transferred to User Services to become Subject Librarian for Anthropology, Classical Studies and English (the latter responsibility shared with Liz Lee). This has proved to be a good career choice, according to Chris, who says he finds the work both stimulating and rewarding.

Having survived one academic year as a Subject Librarian, Chris hopes that there will now be time to reflect on what he has learnt so far with a view to providing the best possible service to users. 🐾



## British Studies Resources in the University of Adelaide Libraries

The strengths of the collections of the University of Adelaide Libraries in the area of British Studies have recently been described in the publication *Research Resources in South Australia relevant to British Studies* compiled by Michael J. Tolley and Elizabeth Lee for the Centre for British Studies.

The Barr Smith Library has particularly rich research level collections in History covering the mediaeval period, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, colonial expansion and Empire, nineteenth century, and World Wars I and II, with additional areas of specialization including women, local history, and science and medicine in the early modern period.

In British Literature the main strengths include the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, women's literature, feminist and postmodernist literary theory and criticism, and Shakespeare. The collection of contemporary literature focuses on women's literature and science and detective fiction.

The Performing Arts Library at the University of Adelaide houses one of the most significant collections of music, research and performance materials in Australia, including a major collection of scores and parts of British chamber music which features lesser known composers from 1900-1950.

Copies of *Research Resources in South Australia relevant to British Studies* are available from the Michael J. Tolley, Director of the Centre for British Studies, Department of English, the University of Adelaide (Telephone (08) 228 5031), or from the Secretary of the Centre, Liz Lee, at the Barr Smith Library (Telephone (08) 228 5345). 🐾



# Library-initiated Project Receives University Research Grant

by Liz Lee

Professor Penny Boumelha (Jury Professor of English), Liz Lee (Subject Librarian for English) and Robin Eaden (Research Officer with the Department of English), have received a University Research Grant to assist with the indexing of the nineteenth century feminist journal *The Dawn*. Cheryl Hoskin has been engaged to work as Research Assistant on the Project.

*The Dawn*, edited by Louisa Lawson, was published monthly during the period May 1888 to July 1905. It was the first journal in Australia produced entirely by women to actively espouse feminist ideas, and was recognized in its own time - and has been again by modern researchers — as the major feminist journal of the period. It documents a side of society not evident in contemporary male-orientated newspapers and provides a unique resource which is largely inaccessible and under-utilized because it is not indexed. The journal provided a focus for the women's movement, campaigning for the recognition of the value of women in the social and legislative sphere, for their right to intellectual and psychological fulfilment, and for basic rights for men, women and children.

The Index will cover material relevant to a range of research interests, including literature, the history of medicine, social and economic history, and women's studies.

*The Dawn* includes information on both Australian and international activities to do with women's legal and political status, the women's suffrage movement, the success of individual women, contemporary ideas of the home and family, and the education of women and children. It provides a rich fund of information on contemporary diseases and health care; commercial activities; fashion, pastimes, food and recipes; farming, dairying and horticultural methods.

The main indexes include: a Subject Index incorporating author, title and subject entries for fiction and poetry; an Advertisement Index; an Illustration Index; and *The Dawn* Activities Index which lists activities and services organized by Louisa Lawson through *The Dawn*. The indexes will be supplemented by a research bibliography of books, journal articles and theses

relevant to the period and material covered in *The Dawn*. Professor Boumelha will write an analytical essay to accompany the Index.

*The Dawn* Indexing Project is coordinated by Liz Lee and was initiated by the Publications Committee of the Barr Smith Library. *The Dawn* Index will be published by the Barr Smith Press in 1994 and the first orders — from not only local, but also interstate and overseas scholars — have already been received. Publication is planned to coincide with the centenary of the granting of women's suffrage — for the first time in Australia — in Adelaide in 1894.

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From the June 1889 issue of *The Dawn*

# John Olsen

## 1969 Landscape

The Library is the proud possessor of a work by John Olsen which was kindly donated to the Barr Smith Library in 1991 by Mr and Mrs Max Harris, and which is about to go on permanent display.

Born in Newcastle in 1928, John Olsen moved to Sydney in 1935. Between 1947 and 1953 he studied under John Passmore, painting portraits and still-lives with a marked 'Cezanne-style cubism', a reaction to what he described as the prevailing 'boutique art' of the early 1950s. By 1956 Olsen had moved further towards abstract art. Studies in Spain and France in the 1950s confirmed this inclination to abstraction, although discernable images are present in many of his later works. Other influences include Chinese calligraphy, European modernism, and, by his own acknowledgment, the Swiss painter Paul Klee. Influential as inspiration is the Australian landscape, reflected in the colour, host of detail, and sense of space in many of his paintings. Olsen has exhibited widely in Australia and overseas, and is probably best known for his huge Salute to five bells, a 70 x 10 foot mural in the northern foyer of the Sydney Opera House.

Of the present painting Max Harris has written

This painting comes from the period when John Olsen sought and found a greater metaphysical depth than at any other period in his life. He wished to escape the illustrative and exuberant landscape comment which characterises most of his work. He subdued his palette, explored 'Australian' colouration, and communicated the mystical landscape iconography. Brilliantly. In this context this painting of this period rounds off and finalises the Angry Penguins ideals. Curiously it is a point at which the language of Olsen and Fred Williams touched and then diverged again.

*Stephen Beaumont*