LIBRARY news

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA LIBRARY

Snappy results!

SNAP – the Student Network Access Project – is designed to improve student access to the University's networked facilities for teaching and learning. The first step was to understand the computing needs of students. So during the second semester of 1999 a survey was distributed to a random selection of 5,000 students. The survey was developed by the Library, Students Services and the Institutional Research Unit. Over 2,000 responses were received, 55% of them from women, and the results make interesting reading:

- 86% of the respondents have or use a computer at home. Of these 78% have a connection to the internet.

- 67% of respondents log on to the UWA network at least once a week.

- 25% of respondents own a laptop. An additional 24% said they would get one if they could use it to access the UWA network on campus.

- The most popular study-related activities were accessing the Library's CygNET web site (86%), accessing departmental, faculty or University administrative information (77%), accessing course notes on the Web (71%), printing (69%), and sending course-related email (57%). There is low usage of chat groups for learning purposes.

- The majority of student laptops are less than two years old. A high proportion of students are using recent versions of software.

- Over half the respondents used computers in the Library more than anywhere else on campus.

- About 30% of undergraduate respondents experience difficulty in getting access to computing facilities when they need to use them.

- Over 20% experience difficulties in printing materials that they require, and about 40% said that they experienced delays when using the computers.

This, and more information provided by the responses, will be invaluable in the next stage of the project. Phase 2 involves consulting with UWA information technology groups before installing network access in the Libraries.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill in the survey.

SNAPPED FOR CASH?

Cash prizes were offered as an incentive to return surveys on time. Congratulations to the winners, Kenneth Pah Wei Hsiung, Ben Stanton, Johnny Yem, Loraine Fairbanks, Halenia Lamparski and Maryam Nashath.

The Director of Guild Student Services, Delphine McFarlane, seen here drawing the winning names with Amina Wilcox, Library News editor and John Arfield, University Librarian.

.... new on CygNET online ....

Significant CygNET upgrade

CygNET Online has been upgraded to the Microsoft Internet Explorer version 5 web browser. As a response to requests from both students and staff the upgrade includes support for foreign language script. Chinese, Japanese and Korean were added as well as other non-Roman fonts.

The ability to view and print Microsoft Word and Excel, Acrobat and HTML documents from a disk will also prove valuable to our clients.

Electronic Journals

The Library's ejournal holdings grow daily. We now access over 3,000. To locate electronic journals on the Library Catalogue search by *Keyword* on your topic, and then *Limit This Search* using the subject heading '*electronic journals*'. If you need help with this, talk to a reference librarian.

Philosopher's Index
The key database for philosophy is now networked.

Business Australia
Now networked! These databases cover taxation, accounting, IR and other business topics. These are Australian databases with an Australian focus.

International Political Science Abstracts
New! This database indexes articles on political science, history and policy from 1990 onwards.

The above three are located on CygNET Online.

CygNET - Gateways - ERL databases - choose connection - click on database - click on open selected database

EndNote Help Pages
New! EndNote users, do you want to know how to get filters and connection files for UWA Library databases? Download them from CygNET Online. Located here is also a set of 'styles' files for the bibliographic formats most often used at UWA.

CygNET - How to Use the Library - EndNote

Electronic resources advisory group

Dr Toby Burrows has been invited to be a representative on an Expert Advisory Group set up by the National Library. The group will provide advice on improving the availability of cataloguing and location information for electronic collections.

Store requests go online

Not all the Library's stock is available on the open shelves; lesser used material has to be kept in store. Requests for items in store can now be placed electronically using CygNET Online. You no longer need to use the printed forms to request items from the Library stores. This new service enables you to track the progress of your request, and see when the item arrives in a subject library of your choice.

CygNET Online - Library Requests - Request an item from store

Alternatively, bookmark the URL:

http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/requests/stores.html

Researchers' gateway

Need to find a catalogue of laboratory equipment suppliers? Looking for software that will analyse interview transcripts? How do you keep up-to-date with recent journal articles?

The answers to these and lots of other questions can be found through Researchers' Gateway on cygNET Online.

CygNET - How to Use the Library - Research

Library Treasures

Rare Works on Display

Nineteenth century book illustrations by Henry Holiday and his contemporaries are on display in the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery. The exhibition '*There was a War in Heaven: Stained Glass Design by Henry Holiday'* also features illustrations by Burne-Jones, Millais, William Morris and Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

The displayed works are on loan from the Scholars' Centre Rare Book Collection. A fine example of the treasures on show is *The Golden Legend,* published by Morris at the Kelmscott Press in 1892, donated by the Friends of the Library.

Scholarly communication revolution

The process of scholarly communication is being revolutionised by new technological developments. The Library is holding a series of seminars in which distinguished overseas visitors explain how their work is contributing to this revolution.

At the first seminar on 25 February, Chris Rusbridge (Director of the UK Electronic Libraries Programme) spoke about the latest developments in the integration of higher education information services in the UK. His talk was an important contribution to discussions on future strategies for the provision of information services in universities, on both a national and international scale.

Gail McMillan (Virginia Tech) described North American initiatives for the electronic publication of theses and dissertations. These are then used as networked resources. She is helping to ensure that the work of postgraduate researchers and coursework students is made available to the widest possible audience over the web.

At the second seminar on 9 March, Daniel Pitti (Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities, University of Virginia) discussed innovative electronic models for publishing in the humanities. He focused particularly on web-based collections which bring together primary and secondary sources around a specific theme.

Further seminars are planned.

John Kinsella - visiting poet

The Friends of the Library recently had the privilege of attending a poetry reading by one of Australia's leading poets, John Kinsella. Mr Kinsella was visiting the University to donate a large collection of his manuscripts to the Library. This extensive archive, containing correspondence and drafts of poetry, fiction and other prose, will be of immense value for researchers. It will be housed in the Scholars' Centre. The archive will be augmented by further donations of material in the future.

John Kinsella has won numerous prizes for his work, and was awarded a Young Australian Creative Fellowship as well as senior fellowships from the Australia Council. He is now based in Cambridge, where he is a Fellow of Churchill College and co-editor of the leading poetry journal *Stand*. His latest publications are *Visitants* (Bloodaxe Books, UK) and *Wheatlands* (with Dorothy Hewett; Fremantle Arts Centre Press).

Works by John Kinsella are in the HSS Library.

John Kinsella, Poet

Library and English Department join forces

The University Library and the Department of English are leading a national project to create a database that will collate and describe the contents of significant Australian literary manuscript collections.

The manuscripts of Australia's literary authors are scattered in libraries across the country. At present, determining the location of a particular writer's manuscripts, and what the collection actually contains, can be difficult and time-consuming. The database will address these problems. Initially, 85 manuscript collections will be covered but the project is intended to lay the basis for the addition of information about other collections.

Five other major libraries are involved, including The National Library of Australia. The project has received funding from the Australian Research Council's Research Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities (RIEF) programme.

For further information about this project, please contact the Project Director, Dr Toby Burrows, in the Scholars' Centre, or Professor Dennis Haskell in the Department of English.

Staff endeavours

The Library congratulates …

Simina Gougoulis for completing her law degree – whilst working in the Law Library and raising a family! Simina is now doing her articles with Fiocco, Hopkins & Nash.

Andrew and Simon Lewis who have completed their Graduate Diplomas in Library Science.

Sonia Boccardo who completed her BA.

Scott Sullivan who completed his BA honours (1st class) in Classics and Ancient History. His dissertation was entitled, *The Strategy of Mardonius: Key Elements within the Plataean Campaign, 479 B.C.*

Posters in law

A display of posters depicting the laws relating to Aboriginal people in Australia from 1829 to 1999 has been loaned to the Law School by the Francis Burt Law Centre.   The illustrations are from the Battye Library and other archival collections in Perth. The display is mounted on Level 2 of the Law Library together with associated items from the Law Library collection.

Adjunct Professor - School of Spatial Studies

Dr Vivian Forbes has taken up a post at Curtin University of Technology as Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Spatial Sciences from January 2000 to December 2002. This honorary position is based on Viv's research standing and involvement with the School over many years, and as a Fellow of the Mapping Sciences Institute of Australia. Viv will participate in research and undertake teaching duties whilst continuing as Map Librarian.

Peter Sauvage who won the 'Rose and Cecil Owen Bequest Prize' for Best Student in Ancient History 102.

Deena Mander, Jennie Reekie and Amina Wilcox have all been recognised for their excellent contribution to the Library and the University.

Lisa Nixon, Biological Science Librarian, has been seconded to the Vice-Chancellor as the Executive Officer until June 2000.

Anne Evans (Acting Biological Sciences Librarian) and Kerry Bedford at the staff Orientation Day held at University House.

Kerry, who is Information Services Librarian at EDFAA, has recently been appointed as Remote Services (Library) coordinator.

Friends of the Library programme

12 April:	John McIlwraith, *Paragons or presstitutes? - a discussion of newspapers and electronic media*
17 May:	AGM and Alex George, *William Dampier in New Holland*
14 June:	Chris Jeffery, *William Wales: mathematician and navigator*
9 August:	Barbara Yates Rothwell, *Self-publishing, win or lose: Dutch point*
13 Sept:	Peter Burgis, *Sound archiving: a time of waste or a waste of time?*
11 Oct:	Sean Doran (title unknown)
29 Nov:	Christmas party