

## Library Priorities 2005

In 2004 the Library focused on improvements to the physical environment in the University Library as well as expanding and enhancing access to electronic resources. This was achieved through:

- Increasing the range of resources available in electronic form including access to Kluwer, Springer, the backfile for Wiley and, through ARIIC funding, access to JSTOR.
- The development of E-reserve for online access to high use materials and course readings.
- Implementation of MetaSearch to provide the capacity for federated searching.
- The purchase and installation of new furniture and equipment to expand the Information Commons in Dixson and Law Libraries.
- Improvements to all services in response to the Rodski survey.
- In conjunction with the Research Office, funding the provision of 'free' inter-library loans to post-graduate research students.

In 2005 we will continue to focus on improving established services and programs including:

- Rolling out MetaSearch across all disciplines.
- Further integration of electronic resources with WebCT.
- Increasing the volume of resources available in E-reserve.
- Improving the way in which library services are delivered via the web.
- Progressing the retrospective conversion of catalogue information on the extensive collections held in Dixson Library.

Achieving these goals will involve the library staff working closely with staff from the Teaching and Learning Centre and ITD to ensure the development of strategies and systems which enable interoperability with WebCT and are sustainable in the UNE environment. The Rodski client satisfaction survey will be run again in 2005 to encourage feedback from Library users on the strategic developments we have been undertaking.

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University Librarian

## JSTOR



Staff and students at UNE now have access to over 326 full-text academic journals through JSTOR Arts & Sciences I, II, III Collections. The acquisition of the JSTOR titles was funded by the Commonwealth Government.

A major feature of the package is that as an archive it contains complete runs dating back as far as the nineteenth or early twentieth centuries. Most publishers included in JSTOR have negotiated 3-5 year embargoes, so the latest issues are not included. These newer issues will, however, become available over time.

The package includes many of the core research and society published journals in a wide range of disciplines with strength in economics, mathematics, statistics, history, political science, geography, sociology, philosophy, Asian studies, anthropology, archaeology, classics, language and literature, music, art, and African, Latin American, Middle Eastern and Slavic studies. There is also a selection of titles in the fields of ecology.

All JSTOR titles can be accessed through the online catalogue, via the e-resources page, or by going directly to JSTOR at <http://ezproxy.une.edu.au/login?url=http://www.jstor.org/search>

# MetaSearch Launched



The rising popularity of electronic scholarly journals has revolutionized the academic library world, and impacted on both our researchers and our external students, speeding up searching and delivery of information. However, one drawback has been the scattering of e-resources across different platforms, which required the researcher to become familiar with a range of command structures and syntaxes, screen displays, alerting services and different levels of content, backsets and embargoes on electronic publishing.

**MetaSearch** is the new multisearch software offered by Dixon Library to allow users to search across the library's electronic databases with a single search command. Users can select up to ten electronic journal packages, library catalogues, and other electronic resources, at a time to search. After retrieving a single combined list of results, they can then identify with one click of their mouse if an article is currently available to them in fulltext from UNE's print or electronic collections. Postgraduate students and research staff can use the online document request form to request books and articles on inter library loan that are not held electronically or in print by the University Library.

UNE joined the AARLIN project in July 2003, and has contributed programming and design elements to build our own instance of AARLIN called MetaSearch. It uses two complimentary pieces of software : MetaLib and SFX, licensed by AARLIN from Ex-Libris, and uses open URL technology to link from retrieved searches to full-text.

The easiest way to start using MetaSearch <http://aarlinb.lib.latrobe.edu.au:8331/V> is to look at the resources grouped into the categories which have been specifically designed for UNE's particular teaching and research needs. Choose a category that describes your area of interest, tick the checkboxes of up to ten resources to search, and enter your search terms. (A brief users guide is available at [http://www.une.edu.au/library/menu/pdfs/MetaSearch\\_guide.PDF](http://www.une.edu.au/library/menu/pdfs/MetaSearch_guide.PDF))

Besides searching across a range of electronic resources simultaneously, users may also identify

individual resources, and either search them using MetaSearch or link directly to them to search within the native platform using the more specialized search techniques unique to each database.

Another feature is the ability to search an A-Z list of electronic journal titles available across all packages and platforms for UNE researchers.

You can also create your own personal grouping of electronic resources, and set up alerts which will run on a regular basis and deliver an email to you to let you know when new results have been retrieved. Alerts can be modified, deleted, duplicated (to run on a different set of resources) or triggered to run immediately by accessing your e-shelf in the My Space menu option.

The current release of the underlying software supports both Windows-based PCs and Macs with Internet with Internet Explorer 5.0 and higher, Netscape 6.2.3, Netscape 7, Mozilla 1.6 and 1.7, Mac OS 10.3/Safari 1.2.3.

MetaSearch is still under construction, so don't be surprised if things look or work differently as we progress through this early period. For further help and advice using MetaSearch, please contact your Faculty Librarian, or Warren Gilson, ext 2208, [wgilson@une.edu.au](mailto:wgilson@une.edu.au)



*Professor John Moses presented a copy of the festschrift "Power, conscience, and opposition: Essays in German history in honour of John A. Moses." to the University Librarian, Eve Woodberry.*

## **eSKILLS UNE in the Limelight**

The University Library's web information literacy tutorial, eSKILLS UNE, has been recognized by AUQA as good practice with an invitation to contribute information to the AUQA Best Practice Database. Affirming the transferability of our material, the library of the School of Psychology, University of Granada recently asked permission to translate and adapt our pages.

Note that the eSKILLS UNE pages now sit under "training & help" on the University Library page. They were given a fresh look and improved navigation in 2004 and we are currently adding feedback quizzes throughout the pages.

## **AusStats and CURFs from the Australian Bureau of Statistics**

UNE has renewed its participation in two consortial purchasing agreements between the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and the AVCC:

- **AusStats.** Access to the full suite of ABS Statistics Publications.
- **CURFs.** The ABS' Confidentialised Unit Record Files (CURFs).

**AusStats** can be reached through Dixon's Electronic Resources web page at <http://www.une.edu.au/library/elecres/indexes.htm>. It gives access all ABS publications in fulltext from 1998 onwards, over 2,000 spreadsheets and Census Basic Community Profiles. You can also format your own tables using SuperTABLE.

**CURFs** are statistics based on very large samples, suitable for in-depth research. CURFs are available in traditional CD-ROM format, or via the ABS Remote Access Data Laboratory (RADL). RADL allows users to access more extensive unit record information than CD-ROM. The AVCC deal makes the data available to the University sector at a non-commercial rate. If CURFs are used for commercial or external income-generating projects, then either the university or the organisation that provides funding has to purchase the ABS product at the retail rate.

## **SciFinder Scholar**

As a result of the combined efforts of the School of Biological, Biomedical and Molecular Sciences and the University Library, staff and students of UNE will have access to the pre-eminent Chemistry database, SciFinder Scholar, from 2005.

SciFinder Scholar is a client/server interface connecting via the Internet to the full research level Chemical Abstracts database produced by Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS). Many researchers unfamiliar with the content of the CAS databases assume that CA is strictly "chemistry," and are astonished by the diversity of its coverage, which includes extensive coverage of the literature in the areas below:

*Agriculture Science, Biology and Life Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Food Sciences, General Chemistry, Geological Sciences, Material Sciences, Medical Sciences, Physics and Polymer Science.*

SciFinder Scholar has coverage for the following components:

Abstracts 1907-; Substance Registry 1957-; Reactions data 1974-.

For more information on this database and how to connect to it, please don't hesitate to contact the Faculty Librarian (The Sciences), Greg Kelleher, on 6773 3038 or [gkellehe@une.edu.au](mailto:gkellehe@une.edu.au).



**EFTPOS facilities have been introduced at the Circulation Desk in Dixon Library for the payment of fines and charges using both credit and debit cards. The facility became available in early October and will provide students with an alternative method of payment as well as reducing cash handling in the Library.**

## Researcher's Offices Opened



On the 5th August the Vice Chancellor, Professor Ingrid Moses, opened the Researcher's Offices on the Lower Ground Floor of Dixson Library.

The seven offices have been refurbished with assistance from Faculty of Arts and the School of English, Communication and Theatre for use by visiting scholars and staff on study leave.

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## Card Catalogue Records Going Live



The Library has made great progress on a special project to create computer catalogue records for many thousands of books dating back to the old card catalogue days that still haven't made it to the online catalogue.

Project supervisor, Collection Services Librarian Robyn Warwick, said the work "will ensure that valued holdings of the Dixson Library are searchable online, and will maximize access to the Library's collections, especially for the overwhelming number of external students who can't physically browse the shelves." Barbara Avis has been appointed as Project Coordinator; Elizabeth Todd, the Project Assistant, has worked on the scheme since July.

Stage 1 involves the Dewey 100s (Philosophy & Psychology), 200s (Religion), 300s (Social sciences), 700s (Arts & Recreation), and 900s (Geography & History).

As at December 2004 the 100s, 200s and 700s have been completed, with over 2,000 titles being added into the collection.