

2007 Priorities

As a result of the arrival of a new Vice Chancellor, Professor Alan Pettigrew http://www.une.edu.au/vc/Vice-Chancellor_and_CEO.html, in 2006 the University will be undergoing significant change in 2007 following the decision to restructure the University <http://www.une.edu.au/vc/Reorganisation-postCouncil.pdf> and the development of a new strategic plan http://www.une.edu.au/2006-strategic-plan/UNE_Strategic_Plan_2007-2010.pdf. Priorities for the University Library will be informed by these changes. The initiatives listed below are in various stages of progress and will form the basis for the Library's priorities in 2007.



- A new structure for the Library has been agreed and will be implemented in February. The structure involves three units which will focus on services, application of technology and management of the physical collections. An integral part of the structure will be the move to a single service desk and increased self-service for students as part of the Learning Commons planned for completion later in the year. The identification of liaison staff to match the new School structure will be an integral part of the change.



- The UNE Art Collection and the Curator, Michelle Arens, are now part of the Heritage Centre and Archives and work has begun on an audit of the collection. The developments of policies, an advisory committee and identification of future directions are planned for the year.
- The development of epublications @UNE, which is the UNE version of the RUBRIC project, and will support both the RQF reporting and participation in the Australasian Digital Theses Project (ADT) is scheduled for implementation later in the year.



- The School of Rural Medicine, a joint initiative with the University of Newcastle, which is due to begin at UNE in 2008 will require the development of resources and services.
- The Library web site has been moved to the University's content management system (see article in this issue) and further work is required to clean up following the transfer. A priority this year will be to investigate opportunities provided by the move and identify technologies which will assist the UNE's large external student population to access information resources.
- The development of the Learning Commons, including the co-location of identified services, will continue throughout the year. This will include building changes, including the single service desk mentioned above, and the introduction of spaces for problem based learning required for the medical school.

- The Library strategic plan which will respond to the new University strategic plan is close to being finalised.

The Rodski client survey will be run again in 2007 so that staff can obtain feedback on the changes which have occurred since the previous survey in 2005 which was used to inform developments, including some of those listed above. This will provide an opportunity for staff of the university to comment on the services provided by



the Library and the changes which we are making. I would encourage everyone to take some time to respond.

Eve Woodberry
University Librarian

Carrick Award for eSKILLS UNE team!!



For the creation of internationally recognised online tutorials on information literacy which enhance students' study, research and life-long learning.

The Library was delighted with the recognition given the team who created and maintain eSKILLS UNE, our information literacy web tutorial. The team received one of the 2006 Carrick Australian Awards for University Teaching, Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning.

Although a number of Library, Teaching & Learning Centre and Information Technology staff worked on the project, the bulk of the initial work was done in 2000/2001 by Julia Leong (project leader), Kim Harris (design and content writer) and Cameron Barnes (Web

design and creation). The site design and navigation were later updated by Karan Jones and feedback quizzes were added by Crystal Plowman. These five were recognised with the Carrick Citation at the Sydney award ceremony.

eSKILLS UNE has proven to be an excellent and robust source of information literacy training for students. It was commended in the *UNE Australian University Quality Audit (AUQA) Report 2004* and has attracted interest to use or translate its content in Spain, New Zealand and Bulgaria. An entry on eSKILLS UNE in the AUQA Best Practice Database has been rated for usefulness over 600 times, see <http://www.auqa.edu.au/gp/search/index.php> There are also sites recommending eSKILLS UNE in Australia, India, the Netherlands, USA, Spain, and Chile. In addition it is listed in *Library Success : A Best Practices Wiki* as a success story, see http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Information_Literacy#Success_Stories Hits on the site indicate strong levels of usage.

Academics are encouraged to point their students to eSKILLS UNE and are welcome to suggest improvements. We wish to acknowledge the 2006 input of Donna Lee Brien, School of English, Communication and Theatre, to improve section 6 (Using information appropriately).

Library involvement in teaching development grants

The UNE Teaching Development Grant Scheme is an initiative of the Vice-Chancellor and the grants are allocated annually on a competitive basis within the University. Library staff are active participants in several of the successful projects to be completed in 2007.

The EHPS Faculty Librarian, Sylvia Ransom, was involved in a number of projects. The Embedded academic literacy support for first-year nursing students involved developing a week by week program to teach information literacy to HSNS 114 students. Sylvia produced unit information setting activities to teach a variety of information literacy skills. She will also present lectures and hands on tutorials and offer individual support to students. In addition Sylvia will mark the submissions of all students for the library component which carries 10% of the assessment.

For Designing for, and enriching, UNE online language teaching and learning in French, Sylvia produced an excellent bibliography of recent, relevant articles pertaining to online teaching of second language learning, particularly French. In addition, Sylvia gave individual tutoring on EndNote and advanced searching of literature databases to staff doing literature searches for two other TD Grant projects.

Cameron Barnes worked on the Redeveloping eSKILLS Plus project to improve our online information literacy tutorials for postgraduates and staff. This included new and improved content, moving the tutorial into the Content Management System, new interactive tutorials and self-assessment, a new interface and navigation and the addition of audio and multimedia.

Lisa Gurney worked on strategies to provide assignment specific pathways to relevant information for assignments within Web CT units. She found that, even when access is made simple, student interest in using scholarly material is heavily dependent on the expectations of the lecturer including whether or not such use is essential for good marks.

In addition to the TD Grants, the Library also received a HEESP grant in 2006 to develop audio / podcasts. This will enable us to enhance our text heavy provision of information on library services and search strategies and will assist those with different learning preferences. Library podcasts will be available from semester 1, 2007.

New University Library Web Site

The University Library launched a new website on 18 January this year, as part of the UNEdweb Project. The new site will make it easier for students and staff to access the full range of electronic resources available through the Library. These are now available directly from links on the home page.

The site reconstruction was a massive effort, involving the transfer of more than 300 pages into the University Content Management System (CMS). This task was a three-month project, involving a team of three Library staff members and technical support from ITD.

To make comments about the new Library site use the Feedback form provided on the website or contact Karan Jones kjones28@une.edu.au or Cameron Barnes cbarnes@une.edu.au.



UNE Art Collection Manager appointed



The UNE Art Collection has a long history which has seen it transferred between departments over many years. In 2006 responsibility was formally handed over to the University Library where the Heritage Centre was charged with the responsibility of administering the UNE Art Collection. In order to manage this extensive and valuable collection located across campus approval was obtained for the employment of a full-time Manager of the collection. Michelle Arens was appointed to this position in November 2006.

Ms Arens has extensive local experience gained through previous work with the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) and, prior to her move to Armidale, at the Craft & Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles. Michelle's first duty will be to perform an audit of the collection and create a database of the items including notes on location and condition.

New Reference titles

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Encyclopedia of Nursing Research. Joyce Fitzpatrick, ed. 2d ed. New York, Springer, 2006.

An updated edition of the 1998 volume, previously held in the Dixson Reference collection. American in origin with some overseas contributors, mostly from Europe. The original encyclopedic volume, as well as this one, is based on the Annual Review of Nursing Research (UNE holds 1984-2001) The volume summarises research in nursing in brief (one to five pages in length) authoritative articles with an extensive reference list. An excellent place to commence looking at the key areas in nursing research, with identification of the literature that informs it

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Encyclopedia of women's health edited by Sana Loue and Martha Sajatovic. New York, Springer, 2004. 710 p.

Although the list of contributors to this volume is exclusively American, the book opens with a chapter headed "History of women's health in the United States", and many of the statistics quoted are American in origin, there are useful, more universal contents in this volume. All entries are signed and have suggested further reading lists appended. There is an extensive index and abundant see and see also references. Information is arranged in two sections: Foundation topics in women's health and Topics in women's health, the former section containing longer essays.



New Law Library Facilities

The Law Library begins 2007 with a number of new furnishings creating an ambient atmosphere. Students are enjoying the new computers, matching office chairs and workstations, as well as the re-arrangement of the large group tables. The lounge tub chairs and accompanying coffee tables near the southern windows are relaxing and well-patronised. Another welcome uplift to the Law Library is the new surface on the Loans Desk.

The Law Library is also pleased to announce that there are three new online legal resources available to UNE students and staff. The easiest access is to click on the Law Library link on the left of the University Library page, then look for the 'legal databases' under Resources. If you regularly use these databases, bookmark <http://www.une.edu.au/library/resources/guides/law/databases.php>

What's new in electronic resources . . .

Law Databases

HeinOnline - An archive of over 900 law journals that include articles on the legal aspects of other topics such as the environment, history, politics, business, public policy, government, international issues and criminal justice. All articles are available as fully-searchable, PDF page images. *HeinOnline* also includes a Legal Classics Library (American plus many early British and Commonwealth books) and US legislative instruments.



Lawbook Journals Online - is a full-text collection of eleven of Lawbook Company's legal journals. Articles are available as PDF page images and start from January 2001. Topics include alternative dispute resolution, business, financial, tax, criminal, environmental & planning, medical, administrative and trade practices law.

Court Forms, Pleadings and Precedents NSW

- is a *LexisNexis AU* civil litigation service. It provides a summary of the law and authoritative precedents for NSW court documents for a wide range of legal topics. It also includes legislation extracts, commentary and forms.

You can contact the Law Library by telephone (ext 2322), fax (ext 3727) or email lawlib@une.edu.au if you want to know more, or go to <http://www.une.edu.au/library/law/>.



This year we start off with a new e-book package to add to our ever growing collection. Over the last six months we have expanded our e-book collection from 300 to 1500 titles. Reference e-books have grown to 220 while over 2500 free online resources have been linked in our University Library catalogue.

MyiLibrary is the newest package purchased by the library. It contains material from the world's leading commercial publishers, such as Taylor and Francis, Oxford University Press and Springer and also provides exclusive access to content from leading organisations such as the United Nations, World Bank and the International Labor Organization. MyiLibrary is growing rapidly and its interface is very easy to use.

Students and staff can access e-books at times that suit them best. E-books usually include features such as table of contents, note taking facilities and searching within each title. To find e-books purchased by UNE, search the University Library catalogue at <http://libcat.une.edu.au.ezproxy.une.edu.au/cgi-bin/chameleonez> or search the packages directly from our e-books page at <http://www.une.edu.au/library/resources/books/ebooks.php>.

Taylor and Francis Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) collection

This is a large package of 544 journals in Arts & Humanities, Business & Management, Economics & Econometrics, Education, Geography, Planning & Environment, and Social Sciences. 80-90% are new titles for UNE. Access is to holdings back to 1996 and free access to extensive archival holdings is added for the next two years of the deal.



The cost of the package is based on current spending on Taylor and Francis journals and cancellations of existing subscriptions is not permitted. The cost of these individual subscriptions will be removed from Faculty/School votes in 2007.

eDuke Scholarly Collection

This is a collection of about 30 journals from Duke University Press. Titles are on varied topics including history, culture and comparative studies, literature, theatre, philosophy, education, Asian studies, film and oncology.



The eDuke collection is available on the Highwire platform which permits durable links (permanent URLs) to journal or article level. Coverage is from 2000. Earlier issues for some titles are available in [Expanded Academic](#), [ProQuest](#) and [JSTOR](#).

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