ACTING UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN APPOINTED

Congratulations to Ms Nora Buchanan on her appointment as Acting University Librarian of UND Libraries as from 1 January 2003.

Ms Buchanan is a multiple alumnus of this university, as she obtained both her B.A. (1977) and all her professional qualifications from UNP: H.Dip.Lib.Sc (1978); B.Bibl. (Hons) (1986); and M.Bibl. (1991). She is currently registered for a Ph.D. with Information Studies.

Ms Buchanan worked for the private sector and the Johannesburg Public Library. She began her professional career at Anglo-American Corporation, before joining UND Libraries as a periodicals cataloguer in 1982. She was rapidly promoted to Periodicals Librarian, and in 1987 obtained the post of Deputy University Librarian.

We wish her well in her new post, sure that under her guidance this crucial year will run smoothly. CD

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Comparison of MEDLINE and PubMed
MEDLINE indexes over 4 500 biomedical journals (the majority are scholarly journals) and provides citations and abstracts for the period 1966 to the present.
PubMed provides access to MEDLINE, but in addition provides access to out-of-scope citations, eg. articles on astrophysics. Also available is access to citations that precede the date that a journal was selected for indexing in MEDLINE and access to additional life science journals with full text in PubMed Central. PubMed receives a qualitative review by NLM.

Some Interesting PubMed Features
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Who can assist me to search PubMed?
For further information on how to use PubMed, contact Ms Rani Moodley on ext 4372 or by email at moodlevk@nu.ac.za. RM

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LIBRARY MOVES
The Applied Chemistry collection of books and journals has now been integrated with that of the Main Library. All current Chemistry journals are now kept in the Main Library. The integration project, which started in July 2002 at the request of the School of Chemistry, enabled space to be made for other collections as well because of rationalizations made in the Bibliographies (RB) Collection.

The collections which now have more space are: physics journals, large format journals, theses and SABS standards. The thesis collection has moved to one side of the subject librarian office on the 3rd floor. 96 new shelves have given the history and geography journals much-needed extra space on the 4th floor. CD

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GROUP LIBRARY ORIENTATION AND USER EDUCATION

This update of our previous report compares well with 2000 and 2001. 2002 saw a lot of growth in undergraduate orientation (U/G O), undergraduate user education (U/G UE), and postgraduate user education (P/G UE). Staff user education featured for the first time. The only area which remained constant was post-graduate orientation (P/G O) - it is hoped that this year we will be able to extend our services to this group.

Orientation for 2003 is nearly over and user education is in full swing. Both have been greatly aided by the very generous donation by the AV Centre of a dedicated dataprojector for the Library Conference Room. Grateful thanks are also due to Ms Wotherspoon of UNP Libraries, who in arranging extra access to NISC electronic databases for UNP Library February user education sessions, kindly included access for UND Libraries as well.

Lecturers: user education sessions focus on equipping students to find information specifically relevant to their course - why don't you contact your subject librarian and get him/her to design a course for your students? See Subject Specialists at www.library.und.ac.za

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Orientation: introduction to general library and information resources.
User Education: programme-specific custom-designed course in accessing information

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As with print books, only one patron at a time may access each copy of an eBook. An eBook may also be checked out on short loan for a period of two hours. A list of eBooks is available under the 'What's new link' on the SACat search screen.

**African Health Anthology Database** is now available through a joint subscription with UNP Libraries at [www.nisc.com](http://www.nisc.com) (Click on subscribers)

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**STAFF NEWS**

**New Staff** - Welcome to **Mr Brian Lang**, our new night shift supervisor, who started on 17 February. Mr Lang ensures that all libraries on the Howard College campus are operational after 16:00.

**Farewell** - **Ms Sara Mitha** leaves UND Libraries at the end of February after making a valuable contribution both as cataloguer and subject librarian during the past 14 years. The good news is that our very experienced colleague will be joining Life Sciences Library at UNP from the 1st March.

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**NEW COPYRIGHT OFFICER**

As from 10 February, Mr **James Dlamini** assumed duty as the Copyright Officer for the University of Natal. Mr Dlamini has worked for some years for UND Libraries and we are delighted to congratulate him on his appointment. If you need to consult Mr Dlamini about copyright matters, contact him on ext. 3580 or [dlaminim10@nu.ac.za](mailto:dlaminim10@nu.ac.za)

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**EJOURNAL CONNECTIVITY**

Recently we have been experiencing problems accessing some ejournal titles. If you can’t connect to your favourite journal, please contact your subject librarian and s/he will investigate.

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**~ BOOK SALE ~**

**Date:** Starting 3 March  
**Venue:** Table outside the Library Cashier’s Office, EGM Library

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