USING YOUR ELECTRONIC LIBRARY ~ SA Media

What is SA Media?
SA Media indexes more than 120 South African newspapers and periodicals. Hundreds of articles are selected daily, categorized according to 22 subject categories and indexed in Afrikaans and English. Digital images of articles are available online for items published since January 1997.

Where do I access SA Media?
SA Media is available online at www.sabinet.co.za. A password and login are required to access this site - both of which are available from your Branch or Subject Librarian.

How do I search SA Media?
A Subject search option is provided and either English or Afrikaans searchwords can be entered. The search results can be limited by selecting from drop down lists to specify subject category or newspaper title. Searches can also be limited to particular dates. For content added to the database since June 2001 it is possible to search using title phrases.

Is fulltext available?
Digital images of articles are available online as TIF and PDF files since January 1997 only. For the period 1978 - 1996 copies of original articles are not available online. However, they are available from the INCH Newscuttings Microfiche Collection, which is housed in Special Collections on the LG floor of the EGM Library. You will need details of the article including the subject category number and the date. Printouts are available at a cost of R1,00 per page.

Who can assist me to search SA Media and INCH?
Branch and Subject Librarians can guide you on using SA Media. The Information Officer for Special Collections, Mr Sipho Sibiya, can assist you in searching the INCH Microfiches and can be contacted at Tel: 260 2044 or by email: sibiyas1@nu.ac.za

Are other News databases available?
Yes, SAPA Reports and Newspaper Source. SAPA is South Africa's national news agency and supplies its news to the
print media, radio and television. The SAPA Reports can be accessed online at www.sabinet.co.za but there is a 24 hour delay on the availability of these reports. The Newspaper Source database at http://search.epnet.com is also available and provides selected fulltext coverage for 23 national and international newspapers and also 180 regional US newspapers.

PLEASE NOTE that all databases featured in this article are listed at the library homepage and can be viewed by clicking on Electronic Resources and then selecting Databases. AF

WEBWATCH

Newspapers ~
These sites provide easy access to quality news sources. Use the search option to find newspapers, news media and news sources by name or by region and country -

ABYZ Newslinks
www.abyznewslinks.com

The Paperboy
www.thepaperboy.com

OnlineNewspapers
www.onlinenewspapers.com

Other useful sites

Dictionaries ~
Sotho-English dictionary
www.africanlanguages.com/sdp

Cambridge Dictionaries Online
http://dictionary.cambridge.org
Search across a number of dictionaries aimed at the international or second language speaker.

EDUCATION COLLECTION GOES WEST

The EG Malherbe Library education collection of books, journals, theses, bibliographies and reference books between Dewey nos. 370-373 and 375-377 was moved at the beginning of August to the ES Edminson Library on the Edgewood campus. This move was timed to coincide with the move of the Durban School of Education to Edgewood, and involved a considerable amount of planning and hard work at both libraries. Integration of the collection with the existing Edminson collection had to be completed in time for the return of education students from practical teaching on 18 August. In consequence, the move flowed without a hitch, and the Edminson staff are now helping students make good use of a much bigger collection.

Edminson Library now has a functioning Inter Library Loan system, so if books are required, they can be requested through the ILL system. CD

GETTING TO KNOW YOU…

On 24 July, Library staff from Pietermaritzburg and Durban campuses were invited to a social day at UDW to get to know their colleagues. The event was held at the UDW Sports Centre, and was formally opened by the Executive Director of the Library and Information Technology, Prof. M Maharaj, who hosted the day. Activities and lunch were organised by the UDW Social Committee team, and helped with great enthusiasm by a group of staff from UND Libraries. Library staff were divided into three teams composed of members from all three centres, who competed in several fun sporting activities. These activities were enjoyed by the spectators (and the organising team) even more than by the
participants. The formal programme concluded with a delicious lunch catered by the UDW organising team, and after lunch the Sports Centre provided facilities for table tennis and volleyball.

Grateful thanks to Prof Maharaj and the UDW library organizing team. Thanks also to our photographers, and to Amelia Naidoo, UND Media & Publications who very kindly lent us a loaded camera, and enabled some of the events (and hopefully some of the atmosphere) to be captured on film. CD

WHAT IS SCIENCEDIRECT?

Many library users request clarification on our access to ScienceDirect. Which version can we search?

The UND Libraries have access to ScienceDirect Web-Editions which is the electronic version of our Elsevier Science print journal subscriptions. Our access is limited to full text articles published during the most recent 12 months on a rolling file basis. The Web-Editions version is designed to provide current information for subscribed journals only. It is not a backfile or an online archive. The URL is www.sciencedirect.com/web-editions

A full ScienceDirect subscription provides electronic access to most of the Elsevier Science journals and provides a 5 year backfile. The library does not have a full ScienceDirect subscription but did enjoy trial access to this site for 4 months in 2002. RP

LIBRARIANS ATTEND ENTHRONEMENT

On 16 August, Architecture Library staff members Janine Caramanus and Michele Jacobs and their husbands accompanied Professor A Adebayo, Head of the School of Architecture, to the enthronement of Kgosi Leruo Teshekedi Molotlegi, in Phokeng, Rustenburg.

Kgosi Leruo is a graduate architect from UND, who, while he was a student, worked as a Library Assistant in the Architecture Library. He still visits the staff in the Architecture Library when he is in Durban, and naturally they were delighted to be honoured by invitations to his enthronement, which arrived, hand delivered, two months before the event. Much excitement and feverish preparation ensued, until the heady moment when the group representing UND arrived at the Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace and were seated among the VIPs. The stylish new stands were packed with people in...
beautiful attire. King Leruo entered in traditional style on a donkey cart and with a guard of honour of children armed with Bafokeng and South African flags, to be greeted by choirs singing songs composed for his enthronement. The ceremony consisted of the traditional handing over of the royal leopard skin, spear and staff, with blessings from the Archbishop and traditional praises from Kgosi Leruo’s praise singer. In his speech, Kgosi Leruo explained his vision for the future, stressing that platinum which forms the richest mineral deposit of the region will not last for ever, and that a more valuable resource is people’s ability to adapt and grow.

The ceremony was followed by a magnificent feast for everyone in the region, and the UND group left for home feeling truly privileged to have been part of this momentous event. JC

DID YOU KNOW?

The Business Collection of JSTOR (journal archive) is now available and provides fulltext articles to 46 journals spanning the period 1886-2000. Access this collection at http://www.jstor.org by clicking on Browse, then on Business. This will bring up the Business Collection. OJ

JSTOR was featured in the March 2002 UND Libraries Newsletter.

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DISPLAYS
University open day
Bahia Religion
Jomba Dance Festival
King of Bafokeng’s enthronement
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MEDICAL LIBRARIANS SUPERVISE

This year Medical librarians Norma Russell, Rani Moodley and Sagren Moodley supervised five 3rd year Research Elective students from the Problem Based Learning Curriculum. Doing research is a fundamental component of the PBL system, and the students were required to go through an entire research project from hypothesis to presentation between March and July 2003. This was a very rewarding and enriching experience for the librarians and produced some interesting research results.

They worked in 2 groups: the first group compared the study habits of students from Curriculum 2001 (PBL) and the Traditional Curriculum (lecture based) and how this impacted on the Library, while the second group did a 15 year literature review of the incidence of Foetal Alcohol Syndrome in South Africa. Results showed that PBL students use the library more frequently, usually study in groups and actively use the library WebCT site; also that the Western Cape has the highest incidence of FAS in the world. RM

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