NEW UKZN JOINT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

The new year has brought with it our new university, a new, combined library network and the promise of a new joint library newsletter published by all five campus libraries of the University of KwaZulu-Natal – Edgewood, Howard College, Medical School, Pietermaritzburg and Westville.

Consequently, this is our last issue. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on the Newsletter team and all our contributors over the years, and you, our readers, from whom the idea for a Newsletter first came and whose feedback since our first issue in February/March 1990 has always been so helpful.

You are not done with us yet, however! For the new newsletter, we would very much like to have your suggestions on content and delivery. Please indicate your choice below, and send a photocopy of this page to me at EG Malherbe Library, Howard College Campus, or e-mail your suggestions to: dubbeld@ukzn.ac.za

**Content**
- Editorials
- Brief articles
- Short book reviews
- Newsflashes
- Weblinks
- Significant acquisitions
- New resources & databases
- Guides to electronic resources
- Service & policy changes
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Catherine Dubbeld
USING YOUR ELECTRONIC LIBRARY ~ Dissertation Abstracts

What is Dissertation Abstracts?
This is a newly subscribed database which provides online access to bibliographic citations and abstracts for doctoral dissertations and master's theses from over 1000 universities. This database includes records from as early as 1861 and for theses and dissertations submitted since 1997, a 24 page preview can be viewed online. Our subscription does not include the fulltext collection. The print edition is entitled Dissertation Abstracts International and is available in the EG Malherbe Library and shelved at RB 013 DIS.

Where is it available?
Now available online at http://wwwlib.umi.com/dissertations/ or follow the link under Electronic Resources - Databases at the Library Webpage. Access to this site is IP authenticated and is available on Howard College, Edgewood, Medical and Pietermaritzburg campuses.

Who should consult it?
This is a valuable resource for researchers and postgraduate students as it enables them to check what research has been done on their topic. It should be used in conjunction with the SA Union Catalogue of Theses & Dissertations (UCTD) which is available online via Sabinet.

How to search?
Both a basic and advanced search option are offered and searchable fields include author, title, keyword, school, advisor, degree, language & ISBN. The browse option allows searches to be limited to a specific subject category. It is possible to view the search history of your searches and search results may be saved, emailed or printed.

Are other theses databases available?
Yes, South African theses are listed in the Union Catalogue of Theses & Dissertations (UCTD) which is available online from Sabinet http://aclib.sabinet.co.za The NRF Nexus database www.nrf.ac.za/nexus provides details of South African research. Contact your branch or subject librarian for the login password and for assistance in searching these resources.

WEBWATCH
Nordic Africa Institute
www.nai.uu.se
The website of the Nordic Africa Institute serves as an important tool for information about the Institute but also contains A Guide to Africa on the Internet, which provides validated information sources and databases. The scope of the collection is research-oriented. There are annotated links to about 700 information sources.

NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES
American Humanities Index (1975 - present) Available through EbscoHost
A collection of bibliographic references to literary, scholarly and creative journals published in the United States and Canada

Communication & Mass Media Complete
CommSearch (formerly produced by the National Communication Association (NCA)) and Mass Media Articles Index (formerly produced by Pennsylvania State University) are merged to form this database which covers all aspects of communication and mass media. Available through EbscoHost

Web of Science
Access is now available at http://isiknowledge.com where the Science Citation Index Expanded; Social Sciences Citation Index;and Arts & Humanities Citation Index can be searched for the
period 1994-2004. Previously these Citation Indexes were only available on CD-ROM.

**Journal Citation Reports** for both the Science edition and the Social Sciences edition can now also be accessed online at [http://isiknowledge.com](http://isiknowledge.com)

**SANS Standards on CD-ROM**
SA National standards are available on CD-ROM. All standards in the ARP, CKS, SANS and VC series can be viewed as PDF files. This resource is to be made available on Howard College LANs.

**2004 Budget Speech**
For the first time, the Budget Speech is available on video, and covers the preliminary discussions on the Budget by experts, the speech itself by Trevor Manuel, and includes commentary. The video is not available for loan but can be viewed in the library, by prior arrangement with Mr Sipho Sibiya at x2044.

**EGM OPENING HOURS EXTENDED**
The EG Malherbe Library is now open daily until 02:00 from Monday to Friday.

**WebOPAC**
Access to the WebOPAC is limited to the computers on all UKZN campuses. Unfortunately security concerns have made this necessary but the Telnet option of the Library catalogue can still be accessed from off campus.

**APPOINTMENT OF RETIRED UND LIBRARIAN TO NCLIS**
Mr GH Haffajee was among those recently appointed to the first National Council for Library and Information Services by the Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology for a term of three years (1/11/2003 – 31/10/2006). This Council is to advise the Minister on a wide range of matters affecting South African library and information services.

**LIBRARY ORIENTATION**
for the first time was planned in the context of the new University as well as within the Howard College Orientation Programme. A Library Orientation Task Team from Pietermaritzburg, UDW and Durban last year agreed on the outcomes of Library Orientation for all three centres, and also that each centre would use its own methods to achieve these outcomes. Library Orientation at Howard College went very smoothly thanks to excellent support from the campus Orientation programme (especially the faculties) and also because of the dedication and experience of library staff. This year, the virtual tour given to all students was achieved by a presentation including elements of the video previously used as well as an introduction to the use of the catalogue. In addition 379 Human Science students and 80 Engineering students were given a physical tour of the library. Thanks are due to the mentors and the faculty coordinators concerned.

**Undergraduate Orientation 2004**

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The total number of students reached during Orientation Week was the highest so far.

**Postgraduate Orientation 2004**

| Human Sciences | 40 |

**User Education to date**

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**STAFF NEWS**
Welcome to Mr Romeo Matumba and Mrs Nellie Kunene, who started at Edminson.
Library in March, in two six-month contract posts.

LIBRARY STATISTICS 2003
Percentage change from 2002 is indicated in brackets.

Circulation
Issues: 235,710 (+1%)
Reserved items: 126,420 (+0.6%)

Acquisitions
Volumes added: 10,015 (-23%)
Current journal. titles: 3,160 (-2%)

Cataloguing
Items catalogued: 6,186 (-11%)
Items recatalogued: 2,156 (-48%)

Bindery
Books, journals & pamphlets: 6,972 (-18%)
Items restored: 0

Photocopying: 2,144,115 (-25%)

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SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY WEEK
This was supported at all UKZN Libraries by book and poster displays, by a Westville Fines Amnesty Day and a number of competitions and giveaways generously sponsored by local vendors, by a limited edition of Howard College bookmarks and by a Forum Lecture delivered by Professor David Spurrett of Philosophy entitled “Research Impact and Free Access to Refereed Research”. Coincidentally, of the ten titles voted most popular by South African librarians to mark SA Library Week, four were written by three of the writers appearing at the Time of the Writer Festival, held at Howard College from 22-27 March – Zakes Mda, Elinor Sisulu and Antje Krog. CD

MAIN LIBRARY DISPLAYS

February
- Introducing Howard College libraries
- Budget 2004

March
- Muslim Student Association - Discover Islam
- South African Library Week/ New Readers Publishers/Centre for Socio-Legal Studies
- International Action Day against Dams and for Rivers, Water and Life
- Time of the Writer – 22-27 March

BLOOD BANK GIVES NEW LIFE TO JOURNALS
On 10 March at 9.00 the Medical Library staff observed an airconditioner leaking directly on to the journal shelves. This leak had apparently started during the night and by the time it was discovered, at least 30 volumes were already soaked. Library staff immediately removed these journals from the danger area.

Freeze drying was the only remedy at this stage and a freeze dryer large enough to take a journal was needed. No facility at Medical School was large enough so branch librarian Mrs Norma Russell contacted Mrs Heidi Brouchaert at the Blood Bank in the hope that she might be able to assist. Mrs Brouckaert established that a freezer and a freeze dryer were available, so by 12:00 the damaged journals were on their way to the Blood Bank. Two bound journals were placed in the freeze dryer immediately and the rest, which had been packed into individual plastic bags, went into the freezer to be frozen to minus 50 degrees.

One week later, all the journals were returned to the Medical Library. Only one bound volume is badly damaged but can still be read, and 3 others now only require new covers.

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