TODD LIBRARY UPDATE

General Periodicals Index Available

Todd Library is pleased to announce an exciting new service that is guaranteed to make student and faculty research much easier this semester. Now finding that elusive article will be made simple with Information Access Company's *Expanded Academic Index ASAP* (EAI), an InfoTrac product. Students and faculty will have the choice of searching for journal articles in the library at the new *EAI* Computer Stations or from their home or office via dial-in access.

Designed mainly for undergraduate research, *EAI* delivers indexing and abstracts to over 1,500 scholarly and general interest periodicals, plus the current six months of *The New York Times*. Best of all, the full text of over one-third of those titles will be available on-screen. For the student working on a paper at 1:00 a.m. or the professor who wants to work from his or her office, this service will prove to be invaluable. The database is designed to be very user-friendly, with two levels of menu-driven search software, so it can accommodate the needs of both novice and advanced searchers.

The new database differs from the indexes already available in the library's CD-ROM Center in that it covers a broad range of interdisciplinary information from the social sciences, humanities, and general sciences, as well as more topical areas such as women's studies, national and international news, and environmental issues.

A new area containing several computers dedicated to offering access to the database has been created for those who want to use *EAI* within the library. Appropriately, this is in the area where the traditional print indexes such as *Reader's Guide* and *Social Sciences Index* used to be, just to the left of the Reference Desk. Users will be able to download search results to their own floppy disks.
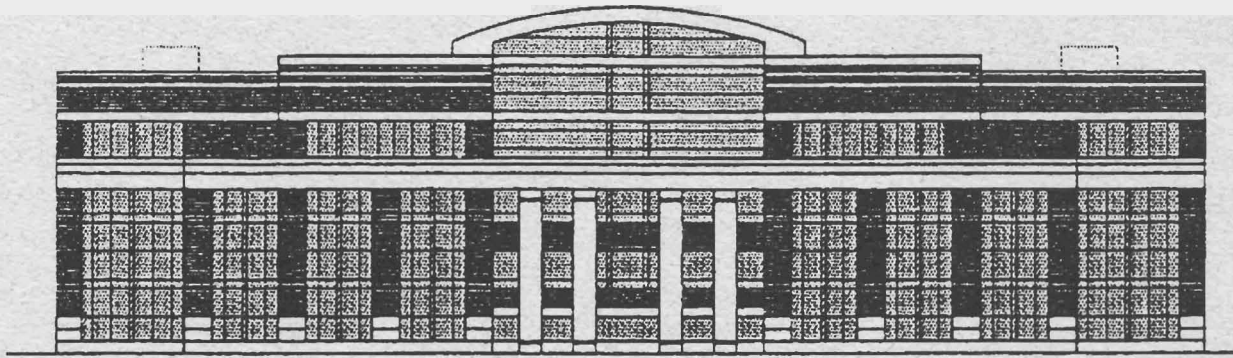
In order to access the database from a remote location, students, faculty, and staff must have a "Frank" account, available for free from the Office of Information Technology in the Cope Administrative Building. After dialing into the "Frank" computer, simply log in and type "infotrac" to begin searching.

The librarians at Todd Library will be providing instructional sessions on how to use the new database throughout the semester for those who would like more help. For information on these sessions, or if you would like to schedule a session for your class, please call Sharon Parente at 2549.

Inside

New Library Progresses Through Planning Stages

Planning for a new library was begun formally in August of 1994 when a joint venture architecture team of Thomas, Miller, and Partners and I.C. Thomasson and Associates was appointed by the State Building Commission to design the new library. Through the efforts of President James E. Walker and our legislators, $840,000 had been appropriated by the legislature in the spring to develop the plans for a 250,000-square-foot library to cost $26.5 million. A Library Project Team composed of faculty, students, Campus Planning staff, and Library staff was appointed to work with the architects on this major design project.

The first step undertaken was an in-depth review and revision of the written program statement that had been developed by the Library staff. This was accomplished during the Fall 1994 semester with the assistance of Dr. David Kaser, an internationally known consultant on academic library buildings.

Once the Program Review Phase was completed, the Project Team began the Schematic Design Phase. In this phase the general layout of functional areas in the building was determined and preliminary designs of the shape of the building, along with its site and exterior, were completed by the architects. A forum was held on campus in February of this year to discuss the plans and to receive suggestions from faculty and students about the design. During the Schematic Design Phase it became apparent that the original cost of the $26.5 million would not be enough to construct the new library due to rapidly increasing construction costs in the middle Tennessee area. In late Spring a request was made to and approved by the State Building Commission to increase the cost of the project by $6 million, bringing the new total for the project to $32.75 million.

The approval of the higher project cost enabled the architects to proceed in June with the Design Development Phase of the project, which is in progress at this time.

This phase involves the development in detail of the building, including furniture and equipment layout, finished exterior drawings, site plans, etc. This phase was scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

The next phase of the project will be Construction Document Preparation, which is expected to continue until March of 1996. During this phase the detailed drawings needed to construct the facility will be completed. The project will again be submitted through the Tennessee Board of Regents to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for inclusion in the governor's budget request for fiscal year 1996-97. The new library project is expected to be funded for construction beginning in the Fall of 1996, with a projected completion date of January 1999.

Space in this issue of *Todd Library Update* does not permit a detailed description of the new facility. However, a future issue will provide a summary of the many features of the new library.

Library Vendacard System to Change

The Library Copy Center is phasing out the Vendacard system. It has been in use for many years and is in need of replacement, so the Copy Center will not be adding copies to existing cards in the future and no new cards are being issued. Instead we are now using the new campus RAIDER FUND$ CARD, which will be a less complex one-card system.

For departments and grant programs that formerly purchased copier Vendacards from their budgets, we have arranged with the Business Office for departmental or grant purchases of RAIDER FUND$ CARDS which can be used ONLY on the Library Copy Center copiers and microtext printers. Vendacards with a balance must be used by the end of this semester.

CD-ROM Center Expanding

The CD-ROM Center is expanding rapidly to reflect the trend toward a diverse "Electronic Information Center." Besides indexes to professional journals in specific subject areas, there are other types of resources including an index to reference books in literature, Shareware programs, and a World Wide Web connection to the Internet, accessible at one workstation. Additions are made often. The following databases are among the newer ones now available:

Gale Literary Index - Master index to the 675-volume Gale literary series in Reference.

Business Newsbank - Full text and index to business news articles.

Contemporary Authors on CD - Biographical details on nearly 100,000 modern writers.

MEDLINE - Index to medical literature.

HEALTH - Planning and Administration - Index to journals in health administration.

Todd Library's Home Page: Internet On-Ramp

Often the hardest part about using the Internet is finding useful information. For this reason, librarians at Todd Library have created a "Home Page" on the World Wide Web especially for MTSU's faculty and students. Using the Home Page, one can access online catalogs from libraries around the world, find grant information, or get stock quotes. It also includes links to Internet resources for every academic major on campus. Resources found on these pages include online exhibits, electronic journals, online book reviews, and more.

The Home Page also provides information about the services and resources of Todd Library itself. You can take a virtual "tour of the library," contact librarians by e-mail, or find out about our CD-ROM products.
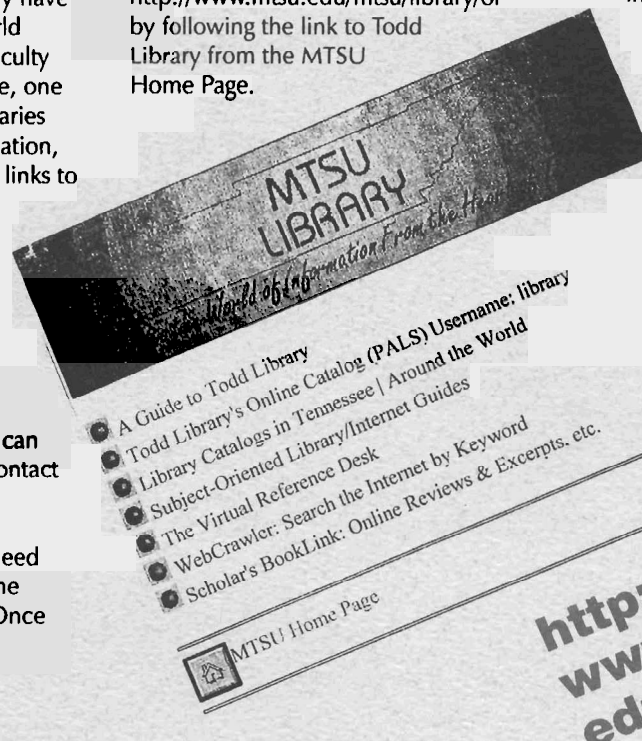
To access the Internet, you will need a "Frank" account, available from the Office of Information Technology. Once connected, you can find the library Home Page at the following Internet address: http://www.mtsu.edu/mtsu/library/or by following the link to Todd Library from the MTSU Home Page.

You may also explore the World Wide Web in the library at the Netscape terminal in the Electronic Information Center.

Faculty members can make a valuable contribution to the Home Page by writing brief reviews of books in the library. We are also beginning an "MTSU Authors" online publication, which will include faculty descriptions of the books they have written, as well as digital images of book jackets. Contact Ken Middleton at kmiddlet@frank.mtsu.ec u (or 898-2549) if you would like to participate in either project.

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A Guide to Todd Library
Todd Library's Online Catalog (PALS) Username: library
Library Catalogs in Tennessee | Around the World
Subject-Oriented Library/Internet Guides
The Virtual Reference Desk
WebCrawler: Search the Internet by Keyword
Scholar's BookLink: Online Reviews & Excerpts, etc.

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New Faculty and Administrators Join Library Staff

Rhonda Kay Armstrong (Instructor) came to Todd Library in October 1994 as a user services librarian. Ms. Armstrong has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from MTSU, majoring in Computer Information Systems. She earned her Master of Library Science degree in 1991 from Indiana University, Bloomington. At Todd Library she will be planning and coordinating off-campus library services. Currently she chairs the Reference Roundtable of the Tennessee Library Association and is a member of the TBR/UT Goals 2000 Committee on Library Services to Off-Campus Students and Faculty.

Kristin Hede Kubly (Instructor) joined the User Services Department in September 1994. Her primary assignment is providing reference service. She received her B.A. in Mass Communications/Advertising from the University of South Florida in 1990 and her Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in 1994. At Todd Library, she chairs the Public Relations Committee and is secretary of the Librarian's Organization. She is also part of an Internet workshop training team and has contributed to Todd Library's Home Page on the Internet.

Virginia Vesper (Assistant Professor) returned to Todd Library in August after seven years at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., where she was head of Monographs Acquisitions and Collection Management officer, as well as coordinator of Library Instruction. She holds a B.A. degree in Geography from De Paul University, and an A.M.L.S. degree from the University of Michigan. Ms. Vesper rejoins the Collection Management Department, where she will develop and direct a program to evaluate the library's collection, identify strengths and weaknesses, and set priorities for acquisitions and collection development.

Julie-Anne Hight (Administrator) joined the staff in November of 1994 as assistant to the dean of the Library. She has a BA degree in Business from MTSU, as well as the MBA degree, which she earned in 1993. She is responsible for the activities of the Library Administrative Office. Her previous experience includes work as payroll supervisor for National Health Corporation and as coordinator of accounts and payroll for the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Found: Surprise Contents of Giftbook

Mitchell Chamberlain, a collection management librarian at Todd Library, got quite a surprise last May when inspecting a donated book, *It Might as Well Be Spring.* · The pages of the book seemed to be glued together, and inside Mitchell found that the center of the book was cut out and enclosed a container with two compartments. Inside the container were two silver dollars (dated 1885 and 1900), a pocket watch, a class ring and a belt buckle with the initials "MR," a gold cross and chain, a Kennedy half dollar, a mold for making musket balls, a mystery object, and $69 cash.

The book was part of a collection of 522 books that belonged to Jerry Harrell, who recently died. His sons, Clark and James Harrell, had donated their father's books to the library. The items were returned to the Harrell brothers who were both surprised and grateful to have the items returned. Clark Harrell said that the ring and belt buckle with the initials "MR" had belonged to their step-grandfather, Mercer Read. He also cleared up the mystery of the strange object, which he identified as an old medical device used for blood-letting. A book used for hiding valuable items is called a "solander."

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