Libraries find creative ways to stretch subscription dollars

By Andrea Lyon
News Bureau Staff Writer

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ehind the bricks and mortar, behind stately and substance-filled carved incisions, enormous pressures, most of them hidden to the casual observer, are mounting in our nation’s research libraries – the UI among them.

Caused by the demand for digital access to information, by cuts in library budgets, and more than anything else, by the skyrocketing prices of scientific journal subscriptions, the pressures are forcing tough decisions that have powerful and pernicious ripple effects.

The pressures are forcing unprecedented changes in the ways university libraries deliver information to faculty, and in fact, in the array of intellectual content they are able to deliver. The casualties on this information battlefield are the books and journals that might have been.

During the last five years, journals have raised their subscription rates 10 to 20 percent on average, but some have spiked to 50 percent. Meanwhile, some commercial publishers, taking advantage of inflated rates, have developed lucrative “bundling” plans, packaging a few critically important titles with a large number of rarely used titles, and thus robbing the bundles to universities at premium prices in multi-year non-refundable contracts.

The good news is that librarians and scholars on campus committees and in large professional associations and federations, are fighting back – creating inventive ways to deal with the pressures, while hanging onto the quality of their libraries’ services and collections.

In fact, rebellion is in the air. Several universities, including the University of California at Berkeley, have put out attention-getting price comparison wheels and value calculators.

Rotate the Berkeley “Sticker Shock” wheel and you find, for example, that a one-year subscription to the Journal of Geophysical Research goes for $5,760 – equal to a half-carat diamond solitary from Tiffany. “Venerable traditions often determine where we publish our research,” the wheel reads. “Unfortunately, some publishers have made a gold rush from our habits.”

The wheel also asks scholars to, among other things, retain the rights to their work, post their findings and articles to public archives and to decline invitations to re-address in an “unreasonably” expensive journals.

Elsewhere:

• Stanford University’s faculty senate passed a resolution in February that mirrored Berkeley’s suggestions, including asking faculty and libraries to refuse big deal or bundled subscription plans that limit librarians’ abilities to make “best interest” collection decisions – the industry giant Elsevier was singled out.

Legislator letters make an impact in budgeting process

By Sharita Forrest
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As the spring session of the Illinois General Assembly draws to a close and legislators begin to consider the university’s budget for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1, a broad spectrum of people in the campus community are making their voices heard.

Barclay Jones, chairman of the Urbana-Champaign Senate budget committee and a professor of nuclear engineering, is asking faculty members to write letters to the Legislature describing the negative impact budget cuts in the past few fiscal years have had on their abilities to deliver quality education. He is asking faculty members to use their personal resources, such as stationery and postage, for their letters, which he may deliver to the appropriations committee.

Jones announced the campaign at the senate’s March 29 meeting.

The letter-writing campaign mirrors a campaign that student members of the Urbana-Champaign Senate organized earlier this year. By setting up tables in the Illini Union, Lincoln Hall, Wohlers Hall and other campus buildings during a two-day period, volunteers collected about 1,500 student signatures on a form letter that expressed concern about recent years’ budget cuts. Student senators Hassan Al-Shawaf and Felipe Hillard, a junior and senior, respectively, in the College of Business, delivered the letters to the chair of the House Appropriations Committee and spoke to the committee briefly, expressing their concern about declining state support for higher education.

“(The student campaign) turned out to be a big success,” Holonyak said. “It also asks the appropriate hearings that were held in the Illinois House of Representatives,” Jones said. “We have hearings coming up in the (Illinois) Senate, and if we deliver the same type of detailed information – not filtered by university administration – that they may have a better appreciation of what impact has occurred and would occur if they continue to impose additional cuts.”

“Right now, our university is less than 22 percent state funded, and we’re supposed to be the flagship university of the state,” Hillard said. “In fact, it’s been 32 percent of our money comes from the state.”

The student senators are kicking off another letter-writing campaign and hope to get at least 1,500 more signatures on letters that they will deliver to the Senate appropriations committee during its April 27 hearings. University administrators will address the Senate appropriations committee that day as well.

Members of the Association of Academic Professionals at the Urbana campus will deliver the letters to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Illinois professor to receive Lemelson-MIT Prize

By James E. Klopott
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Nick Holonyak Jr., a John Bardeen Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Physics at the UI, has been selected as the 2004 recipient of the Lemelson-MIT Prize.

Holonyak will receive the prize – awarded annually to an individual who demonstrates remarkable inventiveness and creativity, and a proven commitment to inspiring others – at an awards ceremony on April 23, at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

Among his other inventions and discoveries, Holonyak developed the first practical light-emitting diode in 1962. Today, these long-lasting, low-cost light sources illuminate everything from alarm clocks to the NASDAQ billboard in New York’s Times Square.

Light-emitting diodes produce more lumens per watt than both incandescent and halogen lighting sources, making them more environmentally friendly and cost effective. The LED’s long life span (about 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb) makes it ideal for use in automotive dashboards and taillights, traffic signals and consumer electronics.

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Inside Illinois plans monthly printed issues this summer

Because of the excellent response to its new advertising program, Inside Illinois will print monthly issues this summer on the first or third full week, as well as an online-only version issued on the third Thursday of each summer month. The paper will return to its usual semi-monthly schedule in August.

“We very much appreciate the campus and off-campus advertisers who put their companies’ names before our audience for the past 25 years,” said Don Dahl, editor. “It was the first time in the paper’s 25-year history that advertising was sold. We had hoped to pay for the printing of the paper, but were pleased that revenue was high enough that we could return to printed issues in the summer complementing all online readers with access to the Web, so we’re glad that we can provide the paper in printed format once again.”

According to Dahl, the past two summers Inside Illinois has published electronic-only issues, sending employees a mass e-mail to alert them to the story of the day. The current edition is available online and providing a link to the current index.

The paper will continue to sell advertising this summer. For more information, for rates and exact ad dimensions, contact the editor or visit insideillinois.org. Camera-ready ads are due by 4 p.m. one week before publication. Entries for the calendar are due by 5 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Advertisers can request a rate sheet at insideillinois.org. The campus mail address is 301 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801. The fax number is 244-0161. The campus e-mail address is insideil@uiuc.edu. The campus mail address is 301 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801. The fax number is 244-0161. The campus e-mail address is insideil@uiuc.edu. The campus mail address is 301 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801. The fax number is 244-0161.

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an exam request, visit the online Employment Center:

https://ps.o.uiuc.edu/careers/employment/index.cfm
By Sharilya Forrest
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Campus units will be using new software packages when they begin preparing their budgets for FY05, which begins July 1. A finance package called Budget Development and a human resource package called Salary Planner, the final components of the finance and human-resource modules in SCT Banner, are replacing the Budget Create software that units have used to prepare prior years’ budgets. Budget Create, a software package that was developed by university staff members, has been used for about a decade. CPTs and departments will use Budget Development to build their annual operating budgets and Salary Planner to create personnel budgeting requests, such as annual reappointments and salary changes, that are then applied to Banner later. Budget Development is the first finance application at UI to use SCT’s Web for Finance, which contains forms with a Web-based look and feel and incorporates hypertext links for easy navigation. Users may be pleased to learn that the Budget Development application has only three forms, fewer than its predecessor.

Users who are apprehensive about learning a new system will find that hints will be available on every screen to guide them. Once you’re working with the product, you’ll always be able to see tips about how to get people who can answer users’ questions about the new system.

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traveled to Springfield March 24 to rally with groups from across the state on Higher Education Lobby Day. About 15 people from the Urbana campus and teaching centers across the state, who work closely with the Illinois Association for Higher Education, a local chapter of a larger group called the State Capitol Education and Civic Advocacy Coalition, came to show their support for higher education.

“The lobbyists got us to go to talk about 30 to 40 legislators,” said Jenny Barrett, AAAP president. “A lot of the legislators said they would try to do all they could, but it’s a very tight budget year and resources are limited.”

Barrett and Hillard said they thought that a show of support from students and employees made an impression on state legislators, who may be accustomed to hearing from university officials. Barrett also said that involving primary and secondary school administrators as IEA advocates in Springfield Higher Education Lobby Day creates an alliance that is important because it helps “people see education as a continuum from K to 16, so our groups (are not viewed as) competing for resources.” Barrett said the AAP may launch a letter-writing campaign or contact legislators in other ways in hopes of influencing the parts work,” said Dennis Owen of the UI-Integrate budget team. CPTs will also note that the hints and online help have been customized for use UI terminology. Beginning April 26, users will be able to try a Web-based tutorial that includes full-motion video of common tasks and access a realistic test site where they can practice their units’ transactions.

Salary Planner, unlike Budget Create, has the capability of making salary changes in both percentages and flat amounts. “We hope this will save a lot of work because everyone in a unit usually gets close to the average increase,” said Connie Caveny, who coordinates project marketing.

Other personnel budgeting transactions, such as appointment additions, terminations and position transfers, will be conducted in Banner itself.

To ease users’ transition to the new system, the budget and reappointment process this year will be a lot less stressful than in prior years. “For this year, the process will be as close to how it was with Budget Create as we can make it,” Caveny said. “We will do just what we think we can handle with a new tool.”

Beginning in mid-May, users of Salary Planner and Budget Development will be invited to attend weekly open learning labs that will be prototyped by trained team members who will answer participants’ questions about the new applications.

Legislature’s decision on the university’s FY05 budget

In his Feb. 18 budget address, Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed a $26 million reduction in administrative costs across all public universities. Under his proposed plan, the UI would lose $13.9 million in general fund appropriations, the equivalent of a 2 percent reduction in the university’s $756 million budget, which was also recommended by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

According to the governor’s proposal, the UI’s capital budget allocation would be $10.735 million for repair and renovations at all three campuses, including $3 million for repairs to the Union. Under the governor’s plan, the UI would be pleased to learn that the Budget Development and Salary Planner packages, which were developed using SCT Banner, are replacing the Budget Create package.

UI graduate programs across a wide range of disciplines fared well in the 2004 rankings released April 1 by U.S. News & World Report. UI units ranked in the top 10 nationally include accounting (4), civil engineering (2), clinical psychology (8), computer engineering (5), elementary education (5), environmental engineering (2), materials science (3) and speech pathology (10).

The magazine annually re-ranks what its editors say are the five areas — business, education, engineering, law and medicine — that include the most popular choices for post-baccalaureate study. Other disciplines are reviewed and ranked on different cycles, according to the magazine.

How other UI units (and specialties within units) fared in the rankings:

Aeronautical and astronomical engineering (9)

Audiology (20)

Business information systems (24)

Civil engineering (13)

College of Business (23)

College of Engineering (4)

Electrical engineering (23)

Educational administration (12)

Educational policy studies (12)

Educational psychology (5)

Educational research (4)

Finance (23)

Higher education administration (16)

Industrial engineering (15)

Marketing (25)

Mechanical engineering (6)

Secondary education (7)

Social work (19)

Special education (5)

Vocational/technical education (6)
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New initiatives expand, enrich UI’s international dimension

By Melissa Mitchell
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Nationally, shrinking budgets have forced university administrators to make tough choices regarding academic priorities in recent years. And at some of those institutions, international programs are among the areas that have landed on the chopping block.

“Cutting out what’s not central – that’s how tough choices are made,” said Earl Kellogg, associate provost for international affairs. Despite similar financial challenges, “universities in every corner of the campus should be realizing how globalizations affect their individual disciplines.”

As the world’s economic, political and cultural systems are increasingly interconnected and interdependent, students and faculty members in every corner of the campus should be realizing how globalizations affect their individual disciplines.

Chief among them, the U.S. Department of Education awarded the University of Illinois its Largest National Resource Center grants and two Undergraduate National Resource Center grants, totaling about $82.2 million. The highly competitive, three-year grants were awarded to 43 U.S. universities.

The dollars were awarded in “several categories, including international curriculum and foreign language programs, faculty and professional students and other personnel, international outreach programs, libraries and museums, and institutional commitment.”

The comprehensive awards went to the Center for African Studies, Center for Global Studies, Center for International Business Education and Research, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Russian and East European Center. The Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies and the Program in South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies received the Undergraduate National Resource Center grants.

The grants are a primary funding source for the units, which use them for a variety of purposes, from supporting faculty and programs to initiating new courses, workshops, or disciplines. For example, the University of Illinois has awarded grants to 414 Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships, which provide grants in the future, and professional and graduate students to study a language relevant to their area academic specialization.

The UI ranked fourth among the nation’s large universities in the amount of student and faculty funding it received this academic year.

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In addition to the UI’s work on Egypt, the project also is providing significant support to students from countries in Central and Eastern Europe for training in areas such as law, science, and economics.

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They beckon with promises of the body or mate of your dreams, unearned wealth and access to everything from prescription drugs to credit cards to college degrees. And if you are like many members of the campus community, they swarm your e-mail inbox like a plague of locusts and are every bit as unwelcome.

You’ve been spammed. And spam messages are more than innocuous irritants: They are also sneak thieves that drain away thousands of dollars every day in compromised productivity for computer users and CITES staff, according to Mike Corn, director of security services and information privacy, Campus Information Technologies and Educational Services.

“Current estimates are that 65 percent of the e-mail going through a campus like ours is spam,” Corn said. “Let’s say it takes one second to delete a piece of spam. That’s on the order of $1 million a year, and probably closer to $2 (million) to $3 million in lost staff time just to delete it.”

And the cost of spam escalates substantially when those unsolicited messages are carrying computer viruses, which drain away an average of three to six hours of end users’ and information technology personnel’s time cleaning infected computers, Corn said.

According to a recent report in Network World Fusion, an information technology magazine, spam is proliferating at an estimated 35 percent per year. Spam has become a nationwide problem, prompting passage of a federal law known as the CAN-SPAM law, which took effect Jan. 1, 2004, making it possible to imprison senders of falsified or improperly labeled messages with sexual content.

For some disgruntled recipients, prison time might seem too lenient a punishment. Unwanted messages are major sources of irritation to many users and spur a barrage of complaints to CITES, Corn said.

“When people are complainers about spam, they’re very angry about it,” Corn said. “And I think that’s probably because they feel unempowered, as if spam has taken control of their inbox.”

To help combat e-mail viruses and spam, campus administration has beefed up the security program, increasing security staff members from two to five FTEs, including Corn, who became director in December.

Corn and his staff members are investigating e-mail screening products to help reduce spam and protect against computer viruses. Anti-spam products typically flag messages that meet certain user-defined criteria and relegate them to a designated folder, which the user can scan and retrieve any valid messages before the program automatically deletes the contents of the folder at a designated time.

Although anti-spam/anti-virus programs entail significant additional costs for hardware, software, disk space and staff and end user time, they cost an estimated 5 to 10 percent “of what it’s costing us not to deal with spam,” Corn said.

To help users regain control of their inboxes, CITES is holding its first Computer Security Day on April 23. CITES staff will set up a booth in the Illini Union and distribute informative materials and talk with users about e-mail security. That same day users also can attend free workshops by CITES staff members on topics such as fighting spam, anti-virus and spyware programs and operating system patching from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Room 211 of the Illini Union.

Although they may not realize it, users already have tools at hand that can stem the tide of junk e-mail flooding their inboxes, Corn said.

Express Email users can set up custom filters that either sort suspected spam into a designated folder or delete it automatically.

To offer help in combating spam, CITES will host a booth in the southeast corner of the Illini Union for instructional information and users to confer with Mike Corn, director of security services and information privacy, and his staff members.

• Students, faculty and staff members may attend free classes in Room 211 of the Illini Union.

Fighting Spam:
10:30 a.m., noon or 1:30 p.m.

Antivirus/spyware:
11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. or 2 p.m.

Operating system patching:
11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.

More Help:

Online: www.cites.uiuc.edu/security
Download free anti-virus software or learn how to set up spam filtering on your computer.

CITES Help Desk

For assistance dealing with computer viruses or other questions, call 1420 Digital Computer Laboratory, 244-7000 or consult@uiuc.edu.

Walk-in hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Users also can establish “whitelists” that filter e-mail and ensure messages from correspondents the user wants to hear from are placed in their inboxes.

Detailed instructions for creating filters with Express Email are available on the CITES Web site.

E-mail programs like Microsoft Outlook, Eudora and Netscape have built-in filtering capabilities, and even users who are not particularly computer savvy can set up customized filters within a few minutes.

Users also can protect themselves.
Eight staff members honored with Chancellor’s Distinguished Staff Award

Carol Bosley

Bosley organized the first Working Moms’ group on campus, a supportive network for women who wish to return to work after having children. She also founded the inaugural mentoring program for the Secretariat, recognizing the benefit of having executive secretaries mentor other secretaries aspiring to higher-level positions. She is known for her ability to calm exasperated parents, the guidance and personal attention she gives to student interns and the community service she initiates through her parish.

Eight years ago she founded the St. Joseph Village Gardeners in which residents beautify their community by volunteering to plant and tend flower beds in public areas. As an elected member of the St. Joseph Library Board, she has spearheaded an initiative to enhance the external appearance of the library. At St. Patrick’s Church, Bosley has been involved in restructuring the youth program to include a strong community-service component.

Peter Hetman

Peter Hetman is a storekeeper II for the College of Veterinary Medicine, where he has worked for 25 years. Gary Cutler receives, loads, unloads and distributes all the supplies from outside vendors. He also prepares receiving reports, distributes paperwork to the respective departmental office and prepares outgoing shipments.

Known as the “Lizard Hunter” to colleagues after an incident in which he had to personally track down 300 escaped Anolis lizards in the college’s receiving area, Cutler has shown great meticulousness in his work as well as strong investigative techniques when he receives incorrectly or insufficiently marked packages. As the “back door vendor” to the college, Cutler meets a wide range of people daily and has developed an excellent rapport with many of them.

Sharon Decker

When Sharon Decker retires at the end of this year, she will have worked in the English department for 21 years. In that time, she has worked in every segment of the college. She is an administrative assistant in two of the most complex and vital staff positions,” wrote Charles W. Wright, professor of English. “And [she’s] performed superbly in both – with little fanfare – though not without the admiration and gratitude of those who have benefited from our association with her.”

Decker was considered essential in teaching others in the department about the UI Direct system during its implementation in 1994. She also is known for her no-nonsense attitude and good-spirited humor, which she uses to teach and mentor her colleagues and orient new graduate students. She has helped international students traverse the new INS requirements and oversaw the launching of a new master of fine arts program.

“We have all benefited from Sharon’s savvy, her team spirit and her extraordinary service for over 20 years,” English professor Carol Neely wrote.

Vicki Eddings

A as the UI’s only full-time member of the East St. Louis Action Research Project, a 12-year-old nationally recognized public engagement initiative of the university, Vicki Eddings has demonstrated great dedication and passion in her position.
as administrative secretary. She has been the one constant in the revolving door of team members for the past three years, and has maintained communication lines among students, faculty and staff working on ESLARP both on campus and in East St. Louis. Such connectivity requires frequent 360-mile round trips between the locations.

Eddings not only makes these trips but she also volunteers to travel for ESLARP’s Outreach Weekend Program, which takes volunteer students and faculty members into East St. Louis to work on ever-changing neighborhood projects.

“It is hard to find someone more spirited [than Vicki],” wrote Michael Andrich, interim director of the ESLARP. “Her smile breaks the tension in the most difficult situations ... and trust me, they can occur often in the public engagement arena.”

Furthermore, Eddings has been invaluable in her assistance as ESLARP faces a difficult transitional period marred with fiscal uncertainties. She has helped in future planning by organizing weekly staff meetings at both locations, equipping student research assistants and faculty members with the resources needed to carry out their responsibilities, and monitor the budget.

As ESLARP director Mark Garrett wrote, Eddings “is the glue that holds the whole project together.”

In the department of mechanical engineering, it takes a one-of-a-kind person to craft one-of-a-kind apparatus used in the laboratories. As an instrument maker for the department he joined in 1985, Peter Hetman uses his skills as a machinist to design and develop efficient educational apparatus.

Whether it is a simple metal plate, a combustion bomb or a solar-powered vehicle, Hetman approaches each creation with enthusiasm and professionalism even if it takes, as in some cases, hundreds of hours to complete.

“[Pet]e always takes on any project that is assigned to him with enthusiasm, interest and concern,” wrote David Tempel, Research Laboratory Shop supervisor. “Whether these projects are menial or require the utmost skill level, he will carry them out in his usual pleasant and competent manner.”

Hetman also has a reputation for being resourceful. After a cataclysmic system failure in the laboratory, he recognized and proposed solutions within 15 minutes of arriving on the scene, thus making a prospective two-month-long shutdown last less than two weeks. He has transplanted this resourcefulness into a role as an informal educator by assisting students with class projects and explaining to them various operations within the laboratory.

Hetman recently finished a four-year term on the United Way of Champaign Advisory Board as a representative of the AFL-CIO.

Doug Hilgendorf knows his cows on a personal level. He knows which ones are picky eaters, which ones are good around children, which ones produce the most milk and which ones respond best in a given management situation. As a hired-foreman for the UI Dairy Farm, Hilgendorf manages not only his herd of cud-chewers, but also about seven to 10 herders and two to seven students at a given time, making sure they feed the cows, clean the barns, treat the sick animals, dehorn the calves and do any other chore on the farm that needs attention.

“Doug is the farm employee who is most frequently called upon to assist with research projects because of his knowledge, ability and attention to detail,” wrote Neal Merchen, professor and head of the department of animal sciences. “The word from the faculty and graduate students is if you want something done correctly, ask Doug.”

A particularly glamorous task on the farm is artificially inseminating cows, but Hilgendorf often comes in before work or stays afterward to ensure an optimal insemination process. When labor is short, he’ll complete the daily chores himself. And when the state 4-H and FFA competitions come to the farm each year, Hilgendorf jumps at the opportunity to help the contestants, particularly the children, prepare the animals for contest while answering questions and showing them proper handling techniques.

“Doug is a warm and caring person. No task is too large, no one is unimportant and the UI dairy cows are his passion,” wrote James Drackley, professor of animal sciences.

For more than 15 years, Betty Lacy has been a main desk attendant at the Allerton House Conference Center where she has welcomed guests from around the world. Willing to accommodate visitors in any way she can, Lacy has looked for lost luggage, gotten keys out of locked cars, driven sick guests to the hospital and even climbed over fallen trees during a storm in order to ensure the comfort of Allerton’s visitors.

Lacy also has been a driving force behind the annual Allerton Holiday Show-case, an event that has brought in more than 25,000 visitors through the years. Lacy organizes the mailing lists, coordinates dining reservations and answers a myriad of inquiries. She exhibits the same dedication to groups that hold conferences at Allerton.

At the annual conference hosted by the UI Coordinated Science Lab, she can be seen clearing dining tables, toting linens to the laundry and, in one case, filling in for an injured chef.

“Betty is a problem-solver extraordinaire – and the problems [at Allerton] can run the gamut,” wrote Patricia Justice, assistant chancellor for development. “One of her many strengths is that she anticipates the needs of the clients.

“Betty is the perfect team member,” wrote David Schejbal, associate vice chancellor and director of the Office of Continuing Education. “Her unselfish attitude is an excellent example for other employees.”

Since 1978, Donald Roberts has been employed as a crops testing specialist for the department of crop sciences for corn breeding and genetic testing project directed by Professor John Dudley. He is responsible for maintaining and operating a research plot planter and a research plot combine and also for hiring and supervising seven to 10 summer employees and 10 to 15 part-time employees during the fall and spring semesters. Roberts completes his tasks in a timely way, not adhering to a “9 to 5” philosophy.

“Don is a very dedicated, responsible and conscientious worker,” wrote Herbert Rocheford, professor of plant genetics. “Don comes from a farm background and understands what it takes to get the job done properly regardless of the time of day.”

It is estimated that in his time at the UI, Roberts has planted and harvested more than 748,000 corn plots without accident. Some of those plots have been in Hawaii, where Roberts goes every second or third year to pollinate the college’s winter corn-breeding nursery.

Roberts also has developed his own computerized inventory system, regularly indoctrinates graduate students to the methods used in the field, and ensures that his employees and student workers always have a job to do.

“[Roberts] work ethic is beyond question,” wrote R.J. Lambert, professor emeritus of plant breeding and genetics. “His willingness to put out the extra effort to complete his work responsibilities contributes to his superior job performance.”
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UI librarians working to rejuvenate African libraries

By Sharita Forrest

Assisted "It's incredible what people can accomplish if they do get money it doesn't buy much in the library market. What they're really hoping for is technology to change that balance so that once they have access to some resources over the Internet, they'll be able to do far more than is currently possible with the technology that they have." Barbara Ford said.

Schnuer said: "I really saw in the librarians this incredible willingness to take risks. They have nowhere to go but must change, so you have this vibrancy and this feeling of energy. All they need is information, and they can move to the next level." The Mortenson Center, which was established in 1991 with gifts from C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson, seeks to strengthen international ties among libraries and librarians worldwide for the promotion of peace, education, and understanding. The center specializes in short-term training for librarians outside the United States and has hosted more than 600 librarians from 85 countries.

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Deaths

SPAM. CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

against e-mail viruses by downloading the free anti-virus software provided on the CITES Web site. The anti-virus program is set up to check for updates each time a computer boots up to ensure that users are protected against new viruses. Users also should be selective about giving out their university e-mail addresses, especially when subscribing to mailing lists on Web sites.

Jimerson said that more e-mail attach- ments can also protect against viruses. Files may be shared with correspondents through e-mail.

To protect their e-mail accounts from unwanted e-mail, users also should be selective about giving out their university e-mail addresses, especially when subscribing to mailing lists on Web sites, Jimerson said. Spammers harvest e-mail addresses from Web sites, chat rooms, discussion forums and user profile lists. Establishing a free e-mail account with an Internet service provider and using that address to subscribe to mailing lists will steer spam away from users' inboxes.

During 2003, CITES security dealt with more than 2,600 security incidents, which included everything from assisting users with cleaning virus-infected computers to e-mail harassment complaints.

Users often ask if there is a central- ized solution that CITES can implement to stop the barrage of unwanted mes- sages. Although many private and organizations have centralized e-mail screening, campus users would likely be very unhappy with the results if the universities were to adopt such a solution, since the system would probably block messages that users do want to receive, CITES co-director Map- ple said.

"We can't solve the spam problem entirely for end users," Con said. "We can provide the tools, but end users need to realize that they are in control of their e-mail and actually have most of the tools they need. You can take 10 minutes in the morning to set up spam filters and then you've saved yourself half an hour a day of dealing with spam. If you run the antivirus software and put in place a few spam filters, your life will be so much easier." ◆

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LIBRARY CUTS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

fornia system after opening Elsevier’s subscrip-

tion proposal last year that exceeded the school’s entire serials budget. Threats to yank for-profit publishers’ bundling contracts seem to work. In Janu-
ary, the UC system put in a more important re-
duction in its subscription fees for Else-
vier-published journals. Elsevier publishes

nearly 2,000 titles, some 20 to 22 percent of the science, technology and medical journal market.

What about Illinois? Are we in a crisis?

Karen Schmidt, the UI’s associate librarian

for collections, agrees: “The staggering costs of serial publications today are push-

ing out the margins of our collections, so

that the richness that we all have become accustomed to seeing in great research li-

braries is beginning to be lost.”

“The landscape is completely changing,” Schmidt said. “So how do we figure out how we can apportion what we do so that we have some flexibility and can respond not just to changes in the marketplace, but more important-

ly, to changes in the curriculum. We’re here to meet the scholarly needs of the teaching faculty, the students, the researchers. This is a cutting-edge university; we have to have cutting-edge collections. But it’s very hard to be flexible when the publishing field is changing so dramatically.”

The UI Library now spends about $6.6 million a year — 60 percent of its collection budget — on serials, Schmidt said. Subscript-

ions are too expensive. On the low end is Metalab, $29 a year. But Combustion, Explosion and Shock waves, $30,501, and the Journal of Magnetism and Magnetic Mate-

rials, $4,750.

Meanwhile, the Library pays Elsevier about $900,000 a year for print copy subscrip-

tions and another $268,000 for elec-

tronic access to them. It spends more than $300,000 for subscriptions to other major commercial publishers, and another 7 to 10 percent, on average, for electronic access.

Other factors are challenging the UI Library, including the insatiable demand for electronic content. “And for a library like ours, which has always been commit-

ted to maintaining archives of what we’ve invested in, this creates tensions and some dif-

ficult decisions about what now constitutes archival material,” Kaufman said.

The strong Euro also is making life difficult, limiting the Library’s ability to purchase European books and journals. This year there’s a 20 to 24 percent price increase, on average, for European journals. The UI spends about $2.5 million on in-

ternational serials — about 38 percent of its serials budget.

“There are just startling price increases causing very difficult choices,” Schmidt said. “Faculty in the humanities are par-

ticulrly affected because the library is their laboratory.”

Thus, for a variety of reasons, the UI Li-

brary during the past five years has canceled

nearly $1.4 million in subscriptions. In the fiscal year 2000, cancellations amounted to $117,465, but for four years later, $716,276 in subscriptions were cut.

Even more important to the library’s overall collection health, Schmidt said, are changes in the curriculum. “Our library has to be flexible when the publishing field is changing so dramatically,” Schmidt said, noting that 30 to 40 of them are canceled each year. With fewer unique titles, Interlibrary Loan activity — and costs — pick up. Lynn Wiley, head of the Illinois Research and Reference Center, acting faculty of the undergraduate library, has seen requests for interlibrary loans during the past eight years rise from 24,000 annually to 40,000. Budget pressures and changes in schol-

arly publishing have hurt all of the collect-

ions. Paula Watson, director for scholarly communication, says the library has had to cancel “very important titles everywhere.” For example, the Grainger Engineering Library, which subscribes to Standards published by the American National Stan-

dards Institute, or to the publications of the National Institute of Medicine. The History and Philosophy Li-

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the UI Library’s print. “There is just the first of the big publishers that we are canceling subscriptions,” Schmidt said, noting that print copy of a journal is held at the campus

One of our major goals,” Schmidt said, “is to make sure that we have a sustainable archive in the future — whether it’s here in our Library or at the NIH. But a lot of the publishers aren’t there yet, which is why we don’t feel secure in saying to Elsevier, ‘Why are we keeping these resources even though we know that they don’t keep all of their print material electronically.’

But then, most publishers don’t.

“We’re not razing publishers,” Kaufman said, “or seeing this as only a library problem. There are problems of the scholarly community. These are problems that everyone needs to own.”

“Libraries can’t change the way the market works, None of us can by ourselves. But together, librarians, faculties, scholarly societies and universities — can. After all, we all have the same aim. We want to get the literature out!”

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IGB THEMES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2 will be provided office space and share a highly integrated laboratory environ-

ment, Lewin said. Building also will house administrative offices of the IGB and Biotechnology Center, an 80-person conference area, a cafeteria and two classrooms — a large, interactive teaching laboratory with workstations for 50 students and one for advanced courses in genomic biology-related access to more than 950 Elsevier-published journals.

“There are many models out there,” Kaufman said, “but I’m not aware of any other system that has done a similar Elsevier deal. Everyone is scram-

bling to find the best model, and Elsevier is just the first of the big publishers that we are going to be dealing with.

But our cleverness can only go so far,” she said. “We can try to get good deals. We can work collaboratively, but in the end, the content is available only for a price. This is a one-time deal with Elsevier, a one-time big savings. There will be price increases in the future, and we’ll have to find the money from somewhere — or cancel.”

Kaufman is proud of some other emerg-

ing models the UI has been in the forefront of, including its work with the Association of Research Libraries’ Global Resources Program that focuses on the resources that we have in North American research libraries to provide access to content from around the world.”

Kaufman also pointed to various new models in scholarly publishing that the UI Library and faculty members are working with, particularly “Open Access,” and “PubMedCentral,” which is run by the National Institutes for Health.

In the case of the Open Access Initiative, funds to pay for refereeing and editing come up front from author submission fees, and the material is accessible to everyone:

“If it works, it will rely on scholars taking control of the marketplace, and our universities having the capacity to archive the material they want themselves.”

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Melinda McIntosh, “Both Stones and Trees,” drawing and watercolor, Courtesy Table Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University

Art students make grand exit

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**Panel discussions during Ebertfest**

In addition to the 12 film screenings Roger Ebert has announced for his Overlooked Film Festival, there will be six panel discussions during the festival that are open and free to the public.

**April 22, 9 to 10:30 a.m., “How to Make a Movie for Peanuts,” moderated by Ebert in the Pine Lounge of the Illini Union.

**April 23, 9 to 10:30 a.m., “Publicists and the Movies,” moderated by Nate Kohn, the festival director and professor of journalism at the University of Georgia, in the Pine Lounge.

**April 23, 10:45 a.m. to noon, “Once Upon a Time” with the Brown v. Board of Education Commemorative Year panel, moderated by Eric Person, professor of communication studies at the University of San Diego, in the Pine Lounge.

**April 24, 9 a.m. to noon, a mini-seminar titled “The Principles of Independent Filmmaking,” conducted by Michael Wise, a Champagnia-branded filmmaker, author, and publisher, in the Illini Union.

For more information go to www.ebertfest.com.

**Fifteenth Century Conference**

Conference to focus on Medieval times

For a few days in May, the UI's Urbana-Champaign campus will be rocked by scandal, religious unrest and war. - these are the themes of the Fifth Century Conference, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. May 3 at Stratton Elementary School, 902 N. Randolph St., Champaign.

**Jazz Threads final**

**Jazz celebrated with May 2 concert**

The Kranzberg Center for the Performing Arts' yearlong Jazz Threads project – a celebration of the Champaign-Urbana jazz scene through images, conversation and music – will come to a conclusion with a free Celebration Concert at 7:30 p.m. May 2 at the Virginia Theater, 203 W. Park St., Champaign.

**UI New Music Ensemble featured**

Three concerts featuring the latest in music written for live performers and live and prerecorded electronics will be presented on the UI campus on April 26, 28 and 29. The concerts will focus on the front line of experimentation with new music. For more information contact CAS at 333-6729 or go to www.cas.uiuc.edu.

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**Student Health Concerns Committee**

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**In the Pine Lounge of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. It will feature San Francisco composer/pianist Janis Mercer in a performance of her new piano pieces titled "Variations on Political Themes and Other Themes. This is a collection of works written especially for and by her, including her solo work "Kinderzonen" which confirmed concerns that African-American students in special education classes, and are suspended and expelled more often than their white counterparts.**
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