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## Newsletter of James White Library

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### NEW RECIPROCAL BORROWING PROGRAM FOR ANDREWS FACULTY

James White Library has accepted an invitation to join a unique program which gives Andrews University faculty borrowing privileges and on-site access to the collections of many of North America's most important research libraries.

Developed by the Association of Research Libraries of OCLC, the program is designed to promote and facilitate scholarly research and communication among faculty of North American universities offering doctoral programs. The libraries of these institutions have developed an agreement to extend library privileges to faculty members of other research universities.

The list of over 150 participants in the reciprocal borrowing program includes many of America's major universities. Institutions within easy driving distance of Andrews include Michigan State, Notre Dame, University of Chicago, Western Michigan, Indiana University at Bloomington, Purdue, Case Western Reserve, Wayne State, University of Toledo, Newberry Library, Miami University, Loyola University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Andrews faculty members wishing to participate in the program at this time may obtain a Reciprocal Faculty Borrowing Program Card from the Department of Information Services at James White Library. This card must be presented for on-site use and/or borrowing at a participating institution. Materials may be used on the premises of the owning library or may be borrowed, depending on the policies of the lending library.

Privileges vary from institution to institution. Faculty members intending to visit a participating library should ask James White Library to check online in the OCLC Name-Address Directory for the limitations and relevant policies and practices of the prospective lending library.

For further information, contact Cynthia Helms, Head, JWL Department of Information Services.

### CARL UNCOVER: JWL INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE A NEW RESOURCE

The **CARL UnCover** periodical index is an electronic resource recently added to those offered by the James White Library through the campus network. To gain access, simply connect to the library system and select U> CARL UNCOVER Periodical Index from the first menu, or telnet to [pac.carl.org](http://pac.carl.org) or [database.carl.org](http://database.carl.org)

UnCover is a periodical index and article delivery service currently covering the tables of contents of more than 17,000 journals. Between 3,000 and 4,000 citations are added to the service each day. The database comes from the journals received at libraries in Colorado, California, Wyoming, Hawaii, Iowa, Maryland, Australia and Ireland which are associated with the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries (CARL). Indexing for many journals goes back to 1989. The database can be searched and copies of articles ordered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The libraries represented are primarily academic, and include both law and medical schools. Approximately 53% of the titles are in science, technology and medicine, 33% are in the social sciences (including business), and 14% are in the humanities.

UnCover is searched through simple menu-driven commands using keywords and Boolean operators (**and**, **or** and **not**). There are no abstracts or subject headings, simply the authors, titles and citations. By searching the journal title it is possible to browse tables of contents. Articles can be delivered to a fax machine for \$8.50 plus copyright fees. Note that the library does not pay for these, which may be charged to a personal credit card. However, the library continues to offer a no-fee interlibrary loan service for articles that meet the library's policies.

The index itself is made available over the Internet at no cost to the library, and because of high volume may sometimes be unavailable or slow. During the next few months, the library will begin experimenting with UnCover as a way to deliver articles to faculty from expensive, little used journals as an alternative to paper subscriptions.

Another valuable service offered by CARL is called **Reveal**. By using this program, an individual can enter a personal profile and have the tables of contents of specific journals delivered to a personal electronic mail address as soon as the indexing for a new issue is entered in the database. Use of this feature will allow library users to keep current in a wide variety of journals in a way that has not been possible since the cancellation several years ago (due to budgetary

restrictions) of the **Current Contents** services.

Use the ?R, ?R2, ?R3 and ?R4 commands after having logged all the way into the UnCover database.

## **INCREASE IN BOOK & PERIODICAL PRICES ALARMING**

A comparison between the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) for the period 1979-1992 shows an alarming increase in the prices of books and periodicals during the thirteen-year period.

Between 1984 and 1992, for example, the CPI rose 40.3%. In the same period, however, books rose 50% and periodicals increased 147%.

Using 1979 as a base or index year, the data shows that the average cost of a hardcover book in 1979 was \$23.96. By 1992, the average cost of a volume had risen to \$45.74, representing an increase of 90.0%.

Periodical price rises were even more dramatic. In 1979 the average cost of a periodical subscription was \$30.37. By 1992 the average was \$117.11, or an increase of 286%!

One disturbing result of these increases has been the slashing of journal subscriptions by libraries which cannot hope to match the price hikes with annual budget increases. Here at James White Library the budget for periodicals increased a total of 32% during the past seven years, while journal prices increased by 67% during the same period. The result has been a steady decline in the number of subscriptions from nearly 3,500 in 1987 to less than 2,900 in 1994.

(Sources of data: *Library Issues*, Nov. 1993, and *American Libraries*, May 1994)

## **BOOKS IN PRINT ADDS REVIEW FEATURE**

Books in Print Plus on CD-Rom now has reviews! This feature should help you make a wise decision before ordering or recommending a book. Sign up at the reference desk and see how this program's features can help you do a quick bibliography of current and forthcoming books. For more efficiency, download onto your own floppy disk so that you can edit it and use it any way you want later on.

## **NEW FACES GREET PATRONS**

James White Library welcomes two new people to its staff. In the Adventist Heritage Center, Carlota Brown is an assistant to Curator Jim Ford. Carlota, her husband Morris, and their thirteen year old son, Jason, are newcomers to the Andrews community, having moved here this summer from Angwin, California. Morris has joined the Biology faculty. In the Heritage Center, Carlota replaced Sharon Crews who moved to the Washington, D.C. area last July.

In the Department of Technical Services, Lily Williams has been hired part-time as a bookkeeper. She and her husband Oswald came to Andrews from Jamaica,

where Lily has filled several church treasury positions. Oswald is a doctoral student in the Theological Seminary. The Williams' have two sons, Oswald, age fourteen, and Matthew, age six.

We welcome these families to the Andrews University community.

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