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DINAND INITIATES SPACE ANALYSIS PROJECT

By Dr. James E. Hogan, Director of Holy Cross Libraries



Your Library system has been growing over the past several years, and that is a good sign for a healthy College like Holy Cross. We have been adding some eight to ten thousand additional volumes each year; we have greatly enlarged our electronic offerings, and we have seen steady annual increases in all of our services. The down side of all of this healthy growth is that we are rapidly pushing up against the physical space limitations of our present facility.

Knowing that libraries and library services are in a rapidly changing state and that our collections and services may be very different in five years, I have initiated a thorough space analysis of Dinand. Using money provided through the Dean's office from the Hewlett Mellon Fund, I have retained the services of an architectural space consultant.

Our consultant is Michael Cohen, a principal architect with the Boston firm of Fletcher, Harkness, Cohen, Moneyhun, Inc. Mike has extensive experience in designing and re-designing libraries throughout the nation. At present, he is halfway through very similar projects for Bates College and St. Lawrence University.

Our principle objective will be to squeeze a few more years of viable life from Dinand by making more efficient use of our internal space. A caveat in all of this is that none of Dinand's magnificent beauty is to be sacrificed. In fact, every attempt will be made to enhance the building through refurbishing and upgrades. Indeed, this has already begun this summer with extensive re-carpeting, new windows, an improved handicapped ramp on the second floor, and new furniture.

We hope to accomplish our objectives by such things as moveable shelving in the stacks, the combining of service points (i.e. circulation and reserve), the addition of seats and a thorough upgrade of the reference desk and main reference room. We hope to be able to run cable throughout the entire building so that a majority of the study spaces will have connectivity to the campus wide network. Also in our dreams is a state-of-the-art electronic classroom for library and related instruction.

This project is at its very beginning, and throughout the coming year we will be soliciting input from both faculty and students. Naturally, Mike and I will be working closely with Director of the Physical Plant, Gerry Zimmermann. Our overall goal is an even more "user friendly," efficient and service-oriented library. Watch this space for periodic updates and be prepared to voice your opinions.



Holocaust Grant

Director of Library Services, Dr. James E. Hogan has received funding from the college's Hewlett-Mellon Presidential Discretionary Fund for the development of a Web Homepage dedicated to the Holocaust and Dinand Library's Hiatt Collection of Holocaust Materials. Reference Librarian, Jayne Fox has been working with the coordinator of the Holocaust Collection, Rev. Vincent Lapomarda, S.J., and Dr. Hogan on construction of the initial phase of the Homepage which, as it nears completion, includes:



- a description of the Hiatt Collection of Holocaust materials,
- a searchable bibliography of all cataloged Holocaust materials,
- text from the commemorative Holocaust collection,
- graphical images of items related to the Holocaust collection,
- and links to other major Web sites related to the Holocaust.

The rationale behind initiating this project was to use existing technologies and library resources to more readily make known to the scholarly world the existence of our exceptional Holocaust collection. The Homepage also enables Holy Cross faculty to integrate Holocaust materials into their teaching more easily. Lastly, each time a Web search is performed for information on the Holocaust, this Homepage will say that Holy Cross is committed to remembering.

Future plans for the Holocaust Homepage involve the eventual goal of creating a significant relationship as an access point to the Survivors of Shoah, the Steven Spielberg founded society that is recording the testimonies of all living Holocaust victims. Space on the Homepage has also been reserved for presenting oral histories from local residents who were survivors of the Holocaust.

The Holocaust page can be accessed at:

<http://www.holycross.edu/crossway/library/hiatt>.



For Faculty

Just a reminder: As members of the Holy Cross faculty, you have access to all the Libraries' collections and services, including the following:

- One-year loan of materials from the Libraries' circulating collections. Periodicals may circulate for up to one week.
- Use of the Reserve Room (including Science and Music) making required course materials available to all your students. Please help us to serve your students better by allowing seven days processing time before the start of each semester, and two days processing time after the second week of classes, before making reserve room assignments. Please contact Judy Morano, Reserve Room Coordinator, if you have any questions.
- Use of Interlibrary Loan to borrow almost anything not available at Holy Cross, free of charge, if at all possible. If speed is of the essence, document delivery services are also available. Please check with Interlibrary Loan Coordinator, Fran Sheehan, for more information.
- Access to more than fifty online databases and periodical indexes, most from your own office computer terminal. If you have any questions about what is available to you, or if you would like personalized instruction, please contact Dawn Thistle, Head of Reader Services.
- Research instruction, provided by the Reference librarians, for any or all of your classes, covering specific research topics or general library use. Instruction can be arranged to take place in the Library, in your classroom, or in a computer lab, depending on your schedule. Contact any reference librarian to make an appointment.
- Borrowing privileges at the other WACL (Worcester Area Cooperating Libraries) member libraries. All faculty should receive a WACL borrowing card which entitles you to borrow materials from any of the Consortium libraries. For more information on specific library policies, contact Lynne Riley, Circulation Supervisor, or the library which you would like to visit.
- Opportunity to add to the Libraries' collections. Each department assists the Libraries in developing the collection by submitting orders for new materials. Library staff serve as liaisons to each department and are happy to assist you in the ordering process. Please contact Tom Syseskey, Acquisitions Librarian, for more information.

If you would like more detailed information on these and other library services, we would be happy to send you a folder of materials on these and other Library services. Please feel free to call or e-mail [Dawn Thistle](#) at extension 2672 if you have any questions about ways in which we can be of help to you, or stop by Dinand or the Music or Science Libraries at any time.



Music Library Notes

One of the summer projects in the Music Library was to barcode all of the bound periodicals. Upon reviewing the holdings information on the online catalog, a complete list of bound volumes in chronological order will appear.

During the months of May, June and July many new CD's were added to the Music Library's collection. Numerous recordings of contemporary jazz artists, Haydn and Mozart were among the new acquisitions.

Presently, "Silent History : Images of Israel" a photograph exhibit by Emily Corbato will be on display until October 11th. Emily is a Boston based pianist and photographer.



Staff News

Jayne Fox our Nynex Grant Librarian has been invited into full membership of BETA PHI MU, the International Library and Information Science Honor Society, in recognition of distinguished scholastic and professional achievement in library science.

Teresa Giordano (formerly Horner) Catalog Assistant, was married last May and is now living in Billerica, Massachusetts.

Dr. James E. Hogan, Director of Holy Cross Libraries, has been elected to the Board of Directors of NELINET. NELINET is the New England affiliate of OCLC.

Alan Karass, Music Librarian, was appointed newsletter editor for the New England Music Library Association last April.

Sally Nichols, Head of Cataloging, hosted the WACL Cataloging Committee at the Dinand Library, and participated in "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" last April.

Mark Savolis (HC '77), formerly the Assistant Archivist, has been appointed College Archivist as of July 1, 1996. Mark received his Masters in Library Science from the University of Rhode Island in 1990, and has been active in the WACL Preservation Group.

Fran Sheehan, Interlibrary Loan Coordinator, was co-presenter at an interlibrary loan workshop at the Nelineet Annual Interlibrary Loan Spring Meeting held at the University of New England in May.

Nancy Singleton, Catalog Librarian, served as corresponding secretary of New England Technical Services Librarians/ New England Library Association.

Tony Stankus, Science Librarian, has published his eighth book, *Special Format Serials*, dealing with annual reviews, conference proceedings, and procedural guides in science, engineering, and medicine. Tony has also announced his retirement as the longest serving columnist in the 33 year history of *Reference Quarterly*, the American Library Association publication for reader services librarians. He will continue, however, as a columnist for the professional journal, *Technicalities and Science & Technology Libraries*.

Thomas Syseskey, Acquisitions Librarian, has been appointed a member of the Publications and Communications Committee of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists.

Dawn Thistle has been appointed to serve on OCLC Reference Services Advisory Committee. The scope of this committee includes issues concerning online reference products and services, document delivery, electronic publishing and compact disc products. The committee meets annually to discuss topics such as communications and access, mediated and end-user searching, training, integrating electronic reference products into the realm of traditional reference products, and remote access to reference products.

OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc., is a nonprofit computer library service and research organization based in Dublin, Ohio. OCLC operates the PRISM service for cataloging and resource sharing, provides online reference systems, most notably FirstSearch, for both librarians and end-users, and distributes online electronic journals.

Dawn also serves as a member of the Reference Technology Advisory Committee of NELINET, the New England network affiliate of OCLC. She presented a paper, "Classroom Accommodations", at the RTAC annual meeting at Holy Cross last June.



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