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ProQuest Reference Library

HELIN reference librarians have selected ProQuest Reference Library database to supplant the Expanded Academic Index database. The HELIN managers have approved this selection, and the ProQuest database will soon be available.

ProQuest indexes over 2,000 titles and provides full-text access to 1423 currently. Certain questions must be raised [as we did with ABI] as to the cost of duplication [paper and microfilm subscriptions, and online access], appropriateness of only online access and storage, and cataloging and access related decisions. You may recall that URI cancelled over $15,000 in current subscriptions because of duplication in ABI, and along with other HELIN libraries, provided bibliographic links from the catalog to the electronic text via the HELIN catalog. The scope of the problem/opportunities in regard to the new database is summarized as follows:

1. Currently, ProQuest provides full text for 1,423 titles [June 23, 1999 listing]
2. URI currently has access to 752 of these titles [including the ABI titles]
3. Cost to URI/Kingston for the paper/mform subscriptions in FY99 was over $66,209.
4. Cost for mform subscriptions for URI/Kingston in FY99 was $6,503 [does not include cost of mform subscriptions for GPO titles].
5. If we follow the model developed last year with ABI, HELIN should catalog 671 titles not now held by URI [some of these are held by other HELIN libraries].
6. URI [including Pell and CCE] should consider soon whether or not some of the duplicate titles could be eliminated in paper/mform.