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ANNUAL REPORT
COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT
1999/2000

Progress continued in Collection Development during the year, in a number of important areas.

Collection Growth

--HELIN items: Since Jan. 15, 1999 I have been gathering HELIN data on the number of items by location, and have been distributing this information every six months. Over time this information will give us some interesting benchmarks. During the past year the URI libraries added 27,893 items to the HELIN database [from 838,414 to 866,307]

	7/6/99	6/26/00
Kingston Items—	762,885	789,302
CCE Items--------	25,347	25,566
Pell Items---------	49,490	50,813

The largest single area of growth was the result of our Marcive records of gpo items [over 6,000 gpo microforms, and over 4,300 paper gpo items]. In addition to our normal acquisitions of new monographs, we are also adding on a regular basis many items as we continue our barcoding project. We should continue to note that for monographs these data are fairly accurate reflections of our volume count, while for serials holdings, it merely represents a title count. Based on this and previous data we estimate our volume count to be over 1.1 million volumes [representing about 300,000 serial volumes].

--natc areas: During the year data was gathered on the volume distribution of our collections according to the breakdown of the Library of Congress classification numbers as divided by the North American Title Count. After many years of futile attempts to gather this data from our Systems Librarians, Helin staff and others, Pauline Moulson with no ado whatsoever, provided me with this data for the first time since we conducted a shelflist measurement by hand more than 10 years ago. The overall results are consistent with the item records data [see above] giving us some confidence as to their reliability. The data has been used to held analyze our collection densities. In addition, I have analyzed our current acquisitions of monographs for each of the past 4 years, and have added the results to this document so that we can look at our collection intensity levels according to the same NATC breakdown. A comparison of the density llevels and the current intensity levels is informative. Since 1996/97, the LC letter areas which have a higher intensity % than the overall density levels are B[Psychology, Philosophy and religion],C and D [general History and non American history], G [Anthropology, etc], J {political science], K [law], N [art], R [medicine], and U[military science]. A thorough analysis of these data will need to be done, to help determine the optimum distribution of our available funds to help meet university programs.

Collection Assessment

--PQR

We have attempted during this past year to dovetail our internal collection assessment activities with the recently inaugurated Program Quality Review process. This past year, the colleges of Nursing and Pharmacy, and the departments of Biological Sciences, Biochemistry, Microbiology, etc., Communicative Disorders, Dental Hygiene, and Psychology, and the program in Physical Therapy all underwent a Program Quality Review. For each one of these Colleges, Departments or programs, the Library developed a fact sheet which provided a precis of library support in the following areas: 1 Expenditures for books and serials for the Unit and other overlapping departments for the past three fiscal years; 2. Collections statistics which [see NATC explanation above] provided data on items in our collections, items added during the past 5 years, circulation statistics for the past year and a brief comparison of our collections with peer collections [AMIGOS data]; 3. An overview of publishing statistics for books in the area of concern for the past three years [based on Yankee Bookpeddler Approval Plan statistics]; and 4, an assessment of our journal holdings based on appropriate SCI or SSCI categories as determined by Journal Citation Reports. As the year progressed the next cycle[College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics] of reviews had begun, and work on putting together PQR forms for these new departments began.

--Director's Visits with Departments: Subject Selectors were asked to set up meetings with their departments and the Director Kirk to discuss collection development, library services, and other areas of mutual concern. The 'PQR' form was also created as a talking paper for those meetings. PQR forms have been created for the College of Business, Community Planning, Fisheries, Food Science, Geology, GSLIS,

Natural Resources, Plant Science. Env. And Res. Economics, Chemistry, Political Science and Marine Affairs. These visits are expected to continue.

Departmental Allocations: We continued to refine our allocation process this past year. The intention is to continue to acquire the best new publications as they are published