University Library Acquires Full Text Electronic Journal List

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From the Vice Provost...

This past year has been a unique one for all of us in OIS. After many months of very intense activity culminating in a successful and on-schedule launch of the e-Campus system last summer, we faced the fall semester prepared for all eventualities. And now that the year is coming to a close, I am pleased to report that the entire campus community pulled together to make it work. It wasn't easy! Clearly, the new system represents a steep learning curve for all of us and many challenges remain. We will continue to work on improving e-Campus to make it easier to use and to take full advantage of its many features. Concurrently, we've been concentrating on strategies to keep pace with innovations in technology, addressing campus issues such as classrooms, and, as always, devising ways to improve our services to you. The following is a brief summary of some of our activities.

• **E-mail abuse has become a source of growing concern.** To enable recipients to report it, service providers are establishing an e-mail abuse “hotline” for their site in the form of an e-mail address. In keeping with this, we established the abuse@uri.edu address.

• **Work towards implementing TYPO3, the Web content management system for URI’s colleges and departments, is continuing.** Because Web users now expect full-service sites rather than just information repositories, Website structure and design planning must take into account a host of new issues to ensure a fully functional, attractive, and easy-to-maintain Website. If you are planning to make changes to your site, get in touch with us - we'll help you make informed and cost-effective decisions.

• **One of our priorities this year has been to assess URI’s classroom conditions.** In partnership with Capital Projects, Enrollment Services, and Facilities, we are determining the University’s classroom needs to inform architects and space planners at the earliest stage of building and remodeling.

• **Virus attacks!** It seems the start of a new semester brings them on. MyDoom, the worst virus in “e-history,” wreaked havoc globally and caused unprecedented financial destruction. We continue to take extreme measures to protect our systems and urge you to do the same. Check our virus site regularly for the latest anti-virus ammunition.

• **To facilitate research, we acquired the Full Text Electronic Journal List.** This database from Serials Solutions generates links to all of URI’s online versions of a periodical.

• In working towards our goal of “One User ID, One Password,” we now accept your e-Campus ID for Optical Mark Reader services and for access to Web-based service request forms.

• And because keeping up with instructional and presentation technology can be too daunting and time-consuming for many, we are happy to introduce you to the ‘we-do-it-for-you’ option. Call us!

I hope your year has been as productive and satisfying as ours. I look forward to sharing news and developments on the many projects we have planned for the next few months when publication of our newsletter resumes in the fall.

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Until now, one of the biggest problems for researchers has been determining which periodicals are available online. Since most full-text journals in periodical databases are not listed in the HELIN Library Catalog, there was no practical way to find out if the Library had access to them or how to locate them.

This problem has been solved and research simplified with the Library’s acquisition of Serials Solutions’ Full Text Electronic Journal List.

Over the past few years, the University Library has expanded its periodical holdings beyond traditional print magazines and journals to include electronic journals and full-text periodical databases such as the Academic Universe by LexisNexis or EBSCOhost’s Academic Search Premier.

While the convenience of online access to periodicals has been embraced by library users and librarians alike, there is no doubt that the research process has become more complicated as a result of the many options for obtaining material.

With the Full Text Electronic Journal List, you will get links to all online versions of a periodical available at URI just by entering the periodical name into a search box or selecting it in the A-to-Z index. The example below shows the result of a typical search. But please remember, the Library still subscribes to many magazines and journals in print format which are not yet available online.

To use the Full Text Electronic Journal List, select About E-Journals at the bottom of the Library’s home page at www.uri.edu/library.

To locate periodicals in print format, search the HELIN Library Catalog for the title of the periodical at http://library.uri.edu/screens/opacmenu.html.

You can also consult the following User Guides:

HELIN Catalog - Searching for Periodicals at:
www.uri.edu/library/guides/databases/helinper/helinperiodicals.html

How to Find Periodical Articles at:
www.uri.edu/library/guides/general/periodicalsteps.html

If you need help locating what you need, stop by the Reference Desk or call 874-2653.

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