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During the fiscal year 1973/74, the University Library and the Instructional Media Center continued toward their goal of providing the best possible support to the academic and other programs of the university. The success with which this has been accomplished is evidenced somewhat in the many fine written and verbal expressions of appreciation and commendation for the outstanding work being done daily by the library and instructional media staff.

Several major accomplishments during the past year are worthy of note. The Library gained national recognition with the publication of an annotated "Energy Conservation" bibliography. This basic list of selected publications was cited in several national magazines and indexing services, and approximately 1,000 copies were distributed to libraries and other organizations throughout the country.

Joining with 98 other university, community college, public and state libraries in the Southeast, the FTU Library has become a charter member of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET). Utilizing computers and telecommunications SOLINET will link member libraries to a common data base containing cataloging information from all the libraries. When the data base is compiled, each library will have immediate, on-line access to the catalogs of all the other libraries. SOLINET also will provide cataloging services for the member libraries, producing complete sets of catalog cards tailored to individual library specifications. This will speed up cataloging activities, and eventually reduce the cost of the cataloging operation.

The growing importance of the FTU Library as a major resource center can be seen from the tremendous increase in lending activity to the other libraries via interlibrary loan. Loans to other libraries increased 133 per cent over 1972/73, while items borrowed increased by 40 per cent. Of particular importance is the fact that the FTU Library loaned almost as many items as it borrowed. Interlibrary loan went international this year as the FTU Library borrowed a book from the State V.I. Lenin Library of the USSR in Moscow for one of our faculty. As a result, this library has also requested an interlibrary loan from FTU.

One of the primary missions of any academic library must be to excite the interest of the students and encourage them to seek knowledge beyond the classroom and the textbook. As a measure of how well this is being done, the FTU Library's Reference Department answered more than 22,500 reference questions in 1973/74, an increase of 18 per cent over the previous year. In addition, the reference staff performed literature searches and compiled bibliographies for the faculty and instructed 40 separate classes in library usage.
In the production of bibliographies, the FTU Library initiated another new service this year. Using its computer based catalog, the library now produces machine generated bibliographies of books in its collection. Usually, these are subject bibliographies, but they can also be lists of books by a particular author, or those published in a particular time period. The bibliographies are produced by keying on the call number, or on key words in the author, subject or title. They can be grouped and/or limited by language, date of publication, whether or not they contain bibliographies, etc. This has become a valuable tool for the faculty in preparing reserve lists, reading lists, etc., and the volume of requests is increasing steadily.

The library’s holdings increased by approximately 20,000 volumes during the year to a total of 183,675. Not included in this figure are 104,500 publications on microfiche and 90,632 government documents. At the close of the fiscal year, 3,675 periodicals were being received on current subscription.

This year has been one of growth and change for the Instructional Media Center. Four badly needed positions were added to the staff, although the net gain was only three. One instructional media position is being utilized in the Printing and Publication Division, and this has created a serious hardship for Instructional Media. It is imperative that this position be returned to Instructional Media this year. Several new items of equipment in the photography area have permitted expansion and improvement there. In particular, a new color processor has provided the capability for quality processing of color film. With the anticipated addition of a color enlarger during the coming year, a full line of color processing and printing services will be available.

Space limitations continue as the most pressing problem in Instructional Media. A reorganization of available space this year produced some temporary relief, but it is imperative that additional space for media operations be found soon. This important activity, which provides services for the entire university, has never been given space even minimally adequate for its needs. The number one priority of the university in the area of physical facilities should be to provide adequate space for this important function.

Despite the hardships under which Instructional Media personnel must work, production in the graphics and photography areas continues to increase. The graphics section produced 1,964 pieces of finished art work, an increase of 35 per cent over last year. The photography section produced 4,061 prints, an increase of 46 per cent over last year, and 26,744 slides, an increase of 30 per cent.
The fact that the use of audiovisual equipment and materials remained approximately the same attests to the fact that this area has reached its maximum level of operation with the space and equipment available to it.

Richard A. Cornell, Director of Instructional Media since the opening of the university, resigned effective June 13 to accept a teaching position in the College of Education. As the fiscal year closed, Tony M. Logan, who served as Interim Director in 1972 and 1973 while Mr. Cornell was on leave, had been appointed to the post.

As the fiscal year closes, the library staff is looking forward to expansion into the second floor of the building. This much needed space will be used for seating and additional book stacks. In addition, public service functions now on the third floor will be moved to the second floor.

This year has been a productive one for the library and instructional media. A great deal has been accomplished in these early years of the university, and much remains to be done. Through the efforts of an outstanding staff, and with the continued support of the university administration, 1974/75 should be our finest year yet.
As a charter member of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET), the FTU Library has played a key role in its organization. Using computers and telecommunications, SOLINET will provide cataloging services to 99 libraries in the Southeast, while giving each access to the catalogs of the others.

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