Doc Aquis-Have You Heard?

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Hello! This month’s DOC AQUIS will consist of information taken from press releases that we’ve been gathering in preparation for this Have You Heard column. We’ve arranged our summaries alphabetically by reporting company name and, being the helpful souls that we try to be, have included phone numbers, email addresses, and URL’s whenever possible so that you can get additional information if something catches your attention. Some of the information is hot off the press — other information may be old news to you (yet worth repeating)! So now, pour yourself a cup of coffee (or whatever) and let us share with you what we’ve heard!

Have You Heard?

Academic Book Center has announced the opening of its Web Connection which provides your library Web access to Academic’s online bibliographic information. Included in the Web Connection is the Approval Review, which allows Approval Plan customers to review form selections made against a specific profile online. If you are a current user of Academics’ Approval Connection or Firm Order Connection, your current login id and password can be used to access the Web Connection. If you aren’t a current user, you can access their Website and request a login id/password using their online form. For more information email Bob Schatz at <bobs@acbc.com> or call 800/547-7704 x205. The Web site can be accessed at <http://www.acbc.com>.

CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service) and Springer-Verlag GmbH & Co. have announced that they have signed an agreement licensing to CAS files containing bibliographic and abstract source material from the Springer-Verlag journals in electronic form. This agreement will allow

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The UnCover Company and CatchWord Ltd. are pleased to announce a collaboration to develop an interface that will allow users to order and receive journal articles via the Internet. The agreement calls for the UnCover Company and its database of 17,000 journal titles to be integrated into the network of servers maintained by CatchWord. The

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officially added to the collection, but pur-

chases — particularly those made with
tax dollars — are frequently controlled by
destractions. Auditors may require
you to keep detailed records that track the
fate of your acquisitions for as much as
decades.

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CatchWord servers are located around the
world and act as an electronic warehouse
for journals. In instances where the pub-
lisher has given permission to UnCover
and CatchWord to provide electronic docu-
ment delivery, users will be able to access
the CatchWord servers and order articles
of interest. After a request has been placed,
users will be able to load the RealPage
software at no cost to view the article on
their desktop. CatchWord specializes in
and works on behalf of publishers to pro-
duce electronic versions of their printed
material. Its aim is to provide a top-quality
Internet publishing environment which
completely reproduces the look of the
original text including tables, graphics,
and diagrams. Subscribers to the
CatchWord service can access and view
the information with the RealPage soft-
ware. Access to the information on the
CatchWord servers is controlled either by
subscription or on a pay-per-view basis.

CatchWord Ltd. is located at RealPage
House, Oxfordshire England; phone: +44(0)1235-555877. The WWW address
is <http://www.catchword.co.uk>. The
UnCover Company and Academic Book
Center have announced the release of
Books-in-Reveal, an enhancement to Re-
veal, the electronic alerting service from
UnCover that allows users to stay current
on the latest periodical literature published.
Now, Reveal subscribers will receive
weekly announcements of new books pub-
lished in their fields of interest as well.

For additional information call 303/758-
3030 or 800/787 7979 or visit <http://
www.carl.com/uncover>.

WLN has announced the publication of
the fifth edition of the Interlibrary
Loan Policies Directory. Updated for the
first time since 1995, the Directory pro-
vides libraries with the ILL policies for
over 435 libraries in the Pacific North-
west and elsewhere. Cost for the directory
is $50 for libraries which have provided
their ILL policies for the Directory, and
$60 for libraries whose ILL policy is not
available in the Directory. An order form
for the Directory can be printed off from
WLN's homepage <www.wln.com>. For
more information call 800/342-5956, 360/
923-4000; fax 360/923-4009; or email
Kristen Hughes at <hughes@wln.com>.

five years. When dealing with gifts, even
those made in previous centuries, be sure
that you have the right to dispose of the
volumes, and that your library has not
legally contracted to keep everything unto
the end of the World.

After weighing our options, Boalt Hall
Law Library has decided to hold an an-
nual or semi-annual book sale, targeting
the law school students and faculty. At
first we flinched at the idea of a book sale
(who would want to buy this junk??), but
our experience with the free book truck
came quickly to mind. It always amazed
us that the most fundamentally worthless
cast-offs — volume two (covers missing)
of the superseded supplement to the 1957
soybean report for Yuba County — would
be snatched up and carried off as if it were
Suleyman's treasure. But will our patrons
actually pay for this dross? Will poor law
students shell out dough for something
that we were reluctant to try to give away?
Will (rich) law faculty who have never
stepped foot in the Library be lured from
their luxurious new offices with the tanta-
lizing prospect of actually paying for ma-
terials that they usually check out and keep
on their bookshelves as if they owned them
anyway? Should this writer quit his job as
Head of Technical Services, buy a double-
breasted sharkskin suit, a pair of white
shoes and mirror shades, and start doing
thirty-second promos on cable-access TV?

Watch this space. As we said, it's not
easy being greed — uh, green.

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