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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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CAS to acquire the data on or before the
Spriger-Verlag journal's print publication
date, which will reduce the time that it
takes to deliver this information to users
of CAS databases by anywhere from two
weeks to two months.

Dawson has announced the launch of a
new electronic information access service
called Information Quest (IQ), which
provides one-stop worldwide access to
scientific, technical, medical, and business
journals in electronic form through the
Internet. IQ has the ability to search on
any word within the article content of a
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Ebsco Publishing has announced the
integration of the EBSCOdoc document
delivery service with EBSCOhost. This
will enable EBSCOhost customers with
EBSCOdoc accounts the ability to order
fulltext documents while conducting re-
search within EBSCOhost. Also an-
nounced was the release of the MAS
FullTEXT Premier database designed for
high school and junior college libraries.
This product contains searchable fulltext
text for over 210 general interest titles and
includes abstracts and indexing for nearly
500 titles Ebsco Publishing's new online
service EBSCOMed — the Research
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comprehensive fulltext journals, consumer
literature and additional health research
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formerly the CD-ROM Handbook, is now
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Follett Software Company has an-
nounced additions and improvements to
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load the Follett Automation News, the
Company's customer newsletter; link to
the Librarian's Online Warehouse Web
site; check system requirements for Follett
Software products; request free demon-
strations of award-winning educational
software; review district level automation
planning information; and check out ca-
reer opportunities. Also announced by
Follett is the development for its next
Macintosh product line upgrade, which
will include the Company's leading li-
brary automation software, Circulation
Plus and Catalog Plus, on the Macintosh
platform. The upgrade to version 3.00 will
give Macintosh customers new features
which will help in managing their librar-
ies more efficiently.

The Institute for Scientific Informa-
tion (ISI) has announced that it has
reached an agreement with Ovid Tech-
nologies, Inc. to provide Ovid users with
document delivery service from ISI. This
agreement allows for the fulfillment of
fulltext article requests originating from
Ovid databases through ISI's document
delivery service, The Genuine Article
(TGA). In the second quarter of 1997, ISI
will be upgrading and renaming its docu-
ment delivery service. ISI Document So-
lution will offer “one-stop shopping” ca-
ceptibility to end users for virtually any pub-
licly-available document — inside or out-
side the ISI journal collection. This
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will offer a complete fulltext option for
Ovid users. For more information about
ISI, visit their homepage at <http://
www.isinet.com> or email <csales@isi-
net.com> or call 800-336-4474.

SIRSI Corporation has released its
new Hyperion Digital Media Archive
System. Hyperion employs advanced
scanning, imaging, and client-server tech-
nology to enable the easy digitization, stor-
age and fast retrieval of digital informa-
tion. It captures and stores electronic rep-
resentations of information from paper,
film, audio, video and other media sources.
Used with SIRSI’s Unicorn library infor-
mation management system, Hyperion's
data base is easily accessible via the Online
Public Access Catalog. Also from SIRSI
comes the announcement of the launch of
its Z39.50 Resource Directory located at
<http://www.sirsi.com/Zresources/
zlinks.html>. The Directory is the debut of
a multiphase project in support of the
Z39.50 Information Search and Retrieval
Protocol. Contact SIRSI via phone at (205)
922-9892, fax at (205) 922-9818, or at

The UnCover Company and
CatchWord Ltd. are pleased to announce a
collaboration to develop an interface that
will allow users to order and receive jour-
nal articles via the Internet. The agree-
ment 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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After weighing our options, Boalt Hall Law Library has decided to hold an annual 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 tantalizing prospect of actually paying for materials 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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CatchWord servers are located around the world and act as an electronic warehouse for journals. In instances where the publisher has given permission to UnCover and CatchWord to provide electronic document 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 produce 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 software. 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 Reveal, 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 published 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 provides libraries with the ILL policies for over 435 libraries in the Pacific Northwest 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>.

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