But we made the easy cuts last year

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**Introduction:** After dealing with three major budget cuts in FY03, the Lamar Soutter Library faced additional reductions for FY04. After brainstorming, the Management Team realized that drastic journal and staffing cuts were on the horizon. Concerns for the collection and continued customer service called for creative solutions. This poster examines the measures taken to preserve a quality journal collection.

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- **March:** LSL Management Team compiles data for making decisions about journal cuts for 2003.
- **Summer:** LSL Management Team compiles data for making decisions about journal cuts for 2003.
- **Fall:** Deadline for Faculty comments.

**Usage Data is Collected by Scanning Barcodes at the Time of Re-Shelving**

Each Title Has One Barcode

Per Decade

- **March 1:** LSL is asked to trim 10% from Working FY03 Budget and submit a 3rd budget for FY04.
- **June 5:** Library Director Elaine Martin discusses possible journal cuts with Faculty Council and Academic Department Heads.
- **June 17:** Martin discusses Journal Cancellation Project with UMSMS Library Committee.
- **June 18:** Martin sends e-mail and journal lists to Faculty asking for their input to cut $100,000 (about 200 titles) from Journals Line by Sept. 1 (Journal Cancellation Project). Her message and the list of titles slated for cancellation are posted on the LSL web page under "What’s New?"

**Information Posted on LSL Website for Journal Cancellation Project**

**Letter from Library Director Elaine Martin to Faculty**

* "I coconut this opportunity to comment on the journals that are curtailed for inclusion in the faculty budget for FY03:"

Table 1: 371 Titles Used Less Than 50 Times

**Print Subscriptions are Decreasing due to Budget Cuts**

**Print Journal Year Subscriptions**

- 1991: 148
- 1992: 130
- 1993: 120

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**Alphabetical Title List With Date**

**Print by LSL Management Team for Journal Cancellation Project**

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**Letter from Elaine Martin with GOOD NEWS**

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