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Maintaining a Quality Journal Collection in Tough Budget Times

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 journals collection.

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Results and Conclusions: The results of this process were unexpected. The faculty had been involved in the process and understood the ramifications of massive journal cuts. As a group, the Faculty Council appealed to the School Administration – and the Administration gave the necessary funds to the Library to pay for the journals slated to be cut. Although a “happy ending” is not always possible, a carefully planned review process, utilizing as much hard data as possible, and keeping the users informed at each stage, can benefit the library as it seeks to provide quality resources in support of the school’s mission.

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Table 1: 371 Titles Used Less Than 50 Times

Letter from Library Director
Elaine Martin to Faculty

Print Subscriptions are Decreasing due to Budget Cuts

Print Journal
Year
Subscriptions
2001
1609
2002
1262
2003
1430