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ALIS may take the future of old card catalogue

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Reporter

The Texas A&M Library Council is studying a proposal regarding the future of the author/title card catalogue in Sterling C. Evans Library.

Dr. Vivian Paul, chairwoman of the committee, said the proposal would put all new additions to the card catalogue into the Automated Library Information System.

ALIS, a computer catalogue which locates books by either author, title or call number.

If the proposal is adopted, the existing subject card catalogue file still will be maintained and the existing author/title card catalogue will be kept, Paul said.

Only the new author/title catalogue will be put in ALIS. The new acquisitions will not be put into the old author/title card catalogue.

The subcommittee is gathering faculty response to the proposal, Paul said.

Paul said the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal were published last semester in Fortnightly, a newsletter for the A&M faculty and staff.

The advantages include searching for information by call numbers, finding uncatalogued items such as curriculum guides and materials on reserve, plus faster cataloguing of new books. With the use of the system, library patrons also will be able to find out circulation information

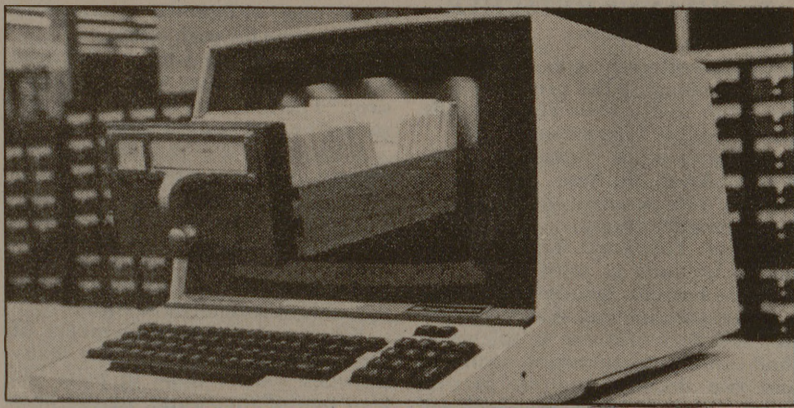


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regarding the availability of books.

A future advantage could be remote access from locations other than the library. Cross-referencing and searching for keywords in the book title eventually will be possible.

The potential disadvantages are, according to the Fortnightly article, the possible reluctance on the part of faculty, staff and students to learn the new system; the expense of acquiring the necessary equipment; the possible lack of terminals and long lines; and the response time of the computer during peak use.

A response sheet was included in the Fortnightly with the article.

Paul said she received a number of comments on the proposal, but she wants to hear more feedback.

"We want to get as wide a spectrum of responses as possible," she said. To get those responses, the committee is going to conduct a random sampling of the faculty by mail with a telephone follow-up for unreturned responses, she said.

"We want more faculty response and we're going after it," Paul said. The committee's final report to the Library Council will be presented Feb. 28.

Basketball team members to talk at Sully's Symposium

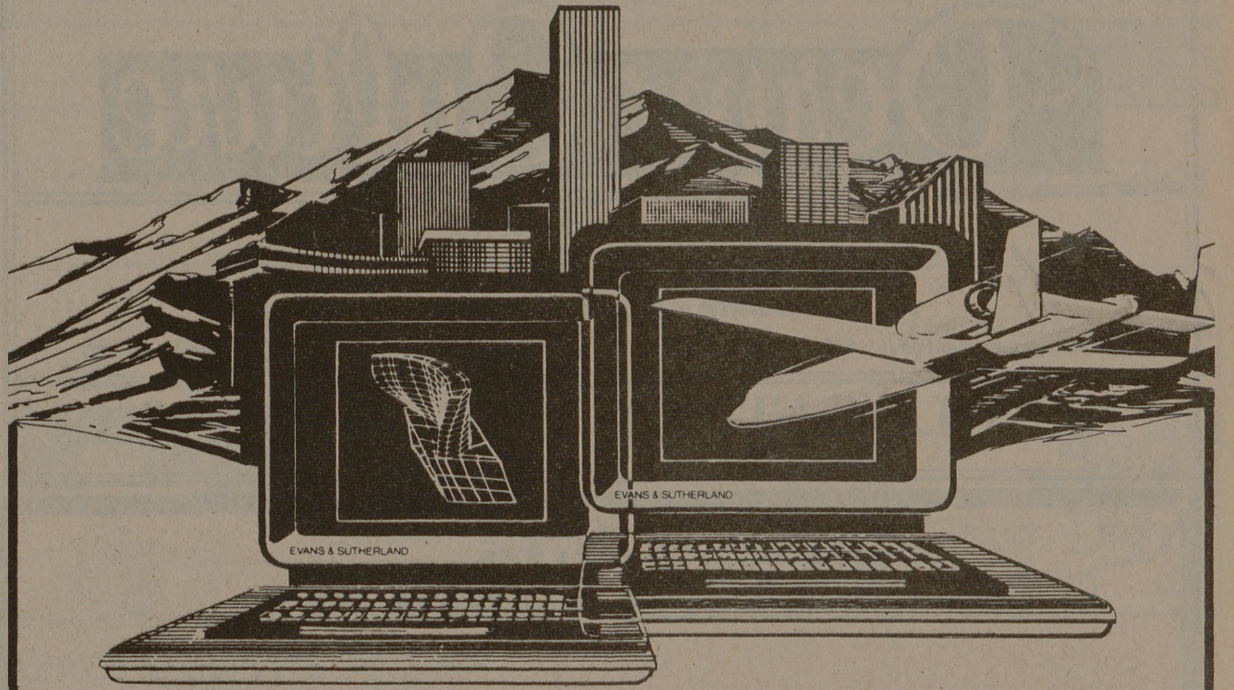
Four members of the Texas A&M women's and men's basketball teams will speak at Sully's Symposium at noon Wednesday, weather permitting.

This will be the first symposium of the spring semester.

Forwards Lisa Langston and Janet Duckham will represent the women's basketball team. Guard Gary Lewis and forward Mike Clifford will represent the men's team.

Lambda Sigma president Cindy Gay said the players probably will discuss both teams' upcoming games Wednesday night against Baylor University and comment on last week's Arkansas and University of Houston games.

Future speakers have not been announced but possibilities include class presidents and Texas A&M beauty pageant finalists.



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