# YORK COLLEGE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 

## Introduction

In the budget year 1995-1996, the York College Library has attempted to maintain services to the public while coping with unfavorable staffing, both professional and support, and budget situations. In following the Library's mission, the Librarians have continued to stress public service while deferring other professional Library responsibilities, including collection development.

With a minimum of professional staff, supported by an ever decreasing support staff, the Library has been confronted with a declining materials budget. As the budget has decreased, the cost of Library materials has increased, which has caused the Library faculty to make decisions on which important Library materials to discontinue acquiring.

At the beginning of the budget year, the Librarians discontinued subscriptions to over one hundred journals. At the end of the year, nearly that number of journal subscriptions was again discontinued. In addition, annuals are being discussed for suspension, and book titles in various subjects are not being ordered, thus causing the Library community to rely on alternative services such as interlibrary loan.

It is hoped that the budget situation for both the College and the Library will be reversed in the not too distant future, permitting the Library to better fulfill its mission to serve the needs of the York College community.

## I. Professional Library Personnel

An examination of the professional staffing patterns at the York College Library reveals that though the number of professional staff has remained constant over the past few years, the number has radically decreased over the past ten years. This decrease has serious implications not only for the professional staff but for the entire college


The above chart illustrates that the professional staff has decreased over the past ten years. At the same time, the ratio of full time equivalent students to Library faculty has generally increased, as can be seen on the following chart:


The Association of College and Research Libraries has detailed standards that academic Libraries should attempt to meet. According to the standards, by the size of the student body, faculty, and collection, York College's Library should have approximately double the number of full time faculty positions as it presently has. The formula is used to calculate the optimum number of professionals to deliver quality service to the user community.

At York, it is significant to examine not only the ratio of FTE's per Librarian, but also the ratio of students per Librarian. This is significant in the Library since a Librarian must be prepared to perform individual bibliographic instruction with each student who uses the Library. To accomplish this, the headcount at York can be used, as illustrated in the following chart:


The Library continues to emphasize public service even though the professional staff is limited. Thus, each professional Librarian spends a great deal of his or her time staffing one of the two Reference desks. Other professional responsibilities, such as collection development and budgeting are accomplished as much as possible when the individuals are not scheduled at a Reference desk. The average amount of time that each professional Librarian spends in public service at one of the Reference desks can be seen in the following chart:


Though the Reference desk hours have been maintained during the past six years because of the Library's emphasis on public services, the hours that the reference desks have been staffed have been decreased due to the lack of professional staff.

The hours that the Reference desks have been staffed have been selected after a study of usage patterns for several years. As the following chart shows, the shortened Reference desk hours have not impacted on the use of reference services. In fact, the use of reference services has increased as can be seen in the following chart:


It should be noted that these figures, though not very favorable, can be considered good in comparison with the next academic year. As the 1996-1997 academic year begins, the Library has only six professionals.

In comparison with other CUNY senior colleges, York's Library is understaffed. As can be seen on the following chart, the staffing of the York College Library is smaller than for any other senior college in CUNY. The chart details the staffing for the academic years 199192 through 1994-95.


As the chart shows, York's Library staff has remained consistently at the bottom of the professional staffing for Libraries within CUNY senior colleges. Considering the staffing level as the 1996-1997 academic year begins, York's Library staff will be even further behind that of the other senior CUNY colleges.

## II. Library Budget

The Library has, in effect, two budgets: Library materials (OTPS) and temporary services. This portion of the annual report will discuss the Library materials portion of the budget; the following section will briefly deal with the temporary services portion of the Library budget.

The Library other than personnel services portion of the budget can be examined from two interrelated points of view: books and periodicals. They are related because if the total budget remains constant or decreases, which it has done in the past number of years, as the cost of one increases there is less money left to purchase the other. Thus, as the cost of periodicals has increased by approximately ten percent a year, the Library has been able to acquire fewer books with the remaining dollars. In addition to the increase in the cost of journals, there has been an increase in the cost of books as well.

To further complicate the equation is that as the college redefines its curriculum, the Library must redefine its acquisitions. In most cases, the newer fields that have been added or discussed have been ones with more costly materials than those which have been discontinued or discussed for discontinuation, such as Italian or secondary education.

In addition, Library supplies and contracts are also taken from the Library materials portion of the budget, which further reduces the amount of money to purchase books and journals. In the past, this was not the practice at York College.

The following chart illustrates the Library OTPS budget for the 1995-1996 academic year:

Library Budget
1995-1996 Academic Year


## A. Books



As the above chart illustrates, the book buying ability of the Library has shown a general trend downward during the past eleven years. This can be accounted for by a number of factors, including:

- a relatively constant budget eroded in recent years by the necessity of paying for equipment and supplies from the budget formerly reserved for books and serials;
- the rising cost of journal subscriptions;
- the inflation of book prices in general;
- the necessity to support new, expensive technology. These technologies include CD-ROM and database services.

According to the standards of the Association of College and Research Libraries, the
York College Library should have a total of approximately 208,000 volumes, based on the number of faculty and students at the college as well as the number of majors. At the present time, the Library has a collection estimated to be at approximately 160,000 volumes, though this estimate is an extremely high one, as it is based on a guess made over fifteen years ago. As the complete York College Library catalog gets put into CUNYPLUS, a more realistic number will be available, but it is likely that the collection contains fewer than 120,000 volumes.
B. Journals



At the present time, a major study of the use of journals is continuing. Subscriptions for journals that have not been used by the Library community in the past three years have been discussed for possible cancellation. Unfortunately, the effect of journal subscription cancellations is not reflected in the Library budget for over a year, as subscriptions are paid for at the beginning of academic years for a period in the future.

## III. Temporary Services Budget

The temporary services portion of the budget for the Library has been maintained for the past few years. As in the past, the Library faculty decided to maintain Library services during the Fall and Spring semesters, but to shorten hours during the summer session. The effect on Library users was minimal, as evidenced by the continued light use of the facility during the summer as well as the minimum number of complaints about the Library's shortened hours.

In addition, it should be noted that the number of College Office Assistants assigned to the Library was decreased by one during this academic year. Temporary service personnel have been used to cover the service provided by this full time person.

## IV. Use of the Library

## A. Books

The use of books has continued to grow, as can be seen in the following chart:


It should be noted that the growth in the use of the Library's book resources has slowed.
B. Periodicals


The use of periodicals has continued to decline in the past two academic years, as can be seen in the above chart. This decrease is due to the fact that a portion of the Human Relations Area File (FRAF) is now accessible on the campus VAX network; thus the microforms room was used less frequently.

## C. Other Library Services

Some Library services are available primarily to faculty and staff of the college. These services include interlibrary loans and database services. It should be noted that interlibrary loan services are currently available to all Library users, though student use is limited by the time interlibrary loans usually take and the students' desire for instant retrieval.

As the following chart reveals, interlibrary loan services have increased in the past several years:


Database services were used by some York College faculty and staff, as can be seen in the following chart. The continuing decrease from the high in 1987-1988 can be attributed to increased patron use of CD -ROM products and the internet as well as a decrease in the number of full time faculty. It should be noted that database searching was suspended for most of the 1995-1996 academic year.


Though the Library continues to suffer from shortages in both personnel and dollars, the use of the Library has continued to increase. The Library faculty continues to be concerned about the cumulative impact of budget cuts on the quality of services offered to the York College Community as well as on the collection. These concerns become increasingly relevant as York College's next Middle States assessment approaches. At the present time, the Library's staffing level and collection have significantly slipped below the level of the Association for Research Libranies minimum standards for a college of this size in terms of faculty and students.

## Appendix: An Analysis of the Collection

The York College Library collection can be analyzed in many different ways. Any way that the collection is examined, though, both books and periodicals must be studied, both independently and together.

## A. Library Collection and Acquisition of Books and Joumals

The following chart details the characteristics of the student population. The number of students graduating in each major is listed, as well as the percent of the graduates by major. In addition, the juniors and seniors who declared themselves as majors in each subject are listed along with the percent of juniors and seniors who declared themselves. Finally, the number and percent of students who have enrolled in courses in each of the subject fields is listed. Using these characteristics, one can compare the collection in terms of both books and periodicals to the potential Library users.


The next chart details the book collection of the York College Library as well as the actual purchases that added to the book collection. The first two columns detail the entire collection and the percent of the total for each of the subject areas. The final four columns detail the purchases made through Yankee Book Peddlers, the major supplier of books to the York College Library during the past few academic years. Not only is the total dollar amount spent in each subject area given, but also the number of books acquired in each subject area as well as the average price for a book in the subject area. The percent of the total spent in each subject area is given.

| 7/1/94-6/30/95 | Collection |  | Yankee Boo | kPeddlars |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Major | Total | Percent | Net Sales | Total \$ | Average Pri | of Total |
| Accounting \& Business |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accounting | 2240 | 1.9\% | 21 | 654.98 | 31.18 | 1.61\% |
| Business Administration | 3635 | 3.2\% | 17 | 584.02 | 34.35 | 1.44\% |
| Economics | 1004 | 9.0\% | 1 | 36.96 | 36.96 | 0.09\% |
| Marketing | 2240 | 1.9\% | 21 | 654.98 | 31.18 | 1.61\% |
| English |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English | 17925 | 15.6\% | 198 | 5026.24 | 25.39 | 12.36\% |
| Fine and Performing Arts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Art Studio | 5916 | 5.1\% | 28 | 1104.48 | 39.45 | 2.72\% |
| Art Performing | 5916 | 5.1\% | 28 | 1104.48 | 39.45 | 2.72\% |
| Music | 5916 | 5.1\% | 22 | 708.16 | 32.19 | 1.74\% |
| Speech |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign Languages |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| French | 3667 | 3.2\% | 8 | 253.16 | 31.65 | 0.62\% |
| Italian | 3667 | 3.2\% | 8 | 253.16 | 31.65 | 0.62\% |
| Spanish | 3667 | 3.2\% | 8 | 253.16 | 31.65 | 0.62\% |
| Health and Physical Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Healh | 776 | 7.0\% | 11 | 265.16 | 24.1 | 0.65\% |
| Gerontology | 1836 | 1.6\% | 43 | 1249.71 | 29.06 | 3.07\% |
| Health Education | 776 | 7.0\% | 11 | 265.16 | 24.1 | 0.65\% |
| Health Promotion Management | 776 | 7.0\% | 11 | 265.16 | 24.1 | 0.65\% |
| Physical Education | 1104 | 1.0\% | 11 | 294.28 | 26.75 | 0.72\% |
|  | 2201 | 1.9\% | 47 | 1432.02 | 30.46 | 3.52\% |
| History and Philosophy |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| History | 20061 | 17.4\% | 190 | 5518.45 | 29.04 | 13.57\% |
| Philosophy | 5842 | 5.1\% | 36 | 964.26 | 26.79 | 2.37\% |
| Mathematics |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information Systems Management | 2294 | 2.0\% | 22 | 734.8 | 33.4 | 1.81\% |
| Mathematics | 2294 | 2.0\% | 22 | 734.8 | 33.4 | 1.81\% |
| Natural Sciences |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Biology | 79 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00\% |
| Chemistry | 1421 | 1.2\% | 3 | 123.87 | 41.29 | 0.30\% |
| Geology | 736 | 0.6\% | 8 | 249.95 | 31.24 | 0.61\% |
| Physics | 1627 | 1.4\% | 16 | 500.2 | 31.26 | 1.23\% |
|  | 160 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00\% |
|  | 178 | 0.2\% | 1 | 59.84 | 59.84 | 0.15\% |
| Health Professions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Environmental Health Science | 2125 | 1.8\% | 26 | 678.32 | 26.09 | 1.67\% |
| Medical Technology | 851 | 0.7\% | 11 | 268.16 | 24.1 | 0.66\% |
| Occupational Therapy | 160 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00\% |
| Nursing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nursing | 393 | 0.3\% | 1 | 33.44 | 33.44 | 0.08\% |
|  | 160 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00\% |
|  | 36 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00\% |
| Political Science and Psychology |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Political Science | 3430 | 3.0\% | 11 | 622.01 | 33.44 | 1.53\% |
| Psychology | 2376 | 2.1\% | 32 | 1307.99 | 40.87 | 3.22\% |
|  | 645 | 0.6\% | 1 | 21.96 | 21.96 | 0.05\% |
| Social Sciences |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Afro-American Studies | 6237 | 5.4\% | 153 | 4376.76 | 28.61 | 10.76\% |
| Anthropology | 684 | 0.6\% | 10 | 256.36 | 25.63 | 0.63\% |
| Social Work | 2201 | 1.9\% | 47 | 1432.02 | 30.46 | 3.52\% |
| Sociology | 1040 | 0.9\% | 15 | 430.87 | 28.72 | 1.06\% |
| Teacher Preparation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bilingual Education | 5220 | 4.5\% | 51 | 1694.24 | 33.22 | 4.17\% |
| Elementary and Early Childhood | 5220 | 4.5\% | 51 | 1694.24 | 33.22 | 4.17\% |
| Special Education | 5220 | 4.5\% | 51 | 1694.24 | 33.22 | 4.17\% |
|  | 4495 | 3.9\% | 96 | 2860.59 | 29.8 | 7.03\% |

The next chart details the actual output of all publishers as well as university publishers in the different subject areas. At the present time, the profile for York College's Library specifies that the Library receive books from academic presses rather than from the popular presses. It is interesting to note that academic publishers have published relatively few books in certain subject areas.

| 7/1/94-6/30/95 | Output | University |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Major | All Presses | Presses |
| Accounting \& Business |  |  |
| Accounting | 1065 | 64 |
| Business Administration | 1451 | 286 |
| Economics | 314 | 79 |
| Marketing | 1065 | 64 |
| English |  |  |
| English | 5436 | 1405 |
| Fine and Performing Arts |  |  |
| Art Studio | 1563 | 403 |
| Art Performing | 1563 | 403 |
| Music | 583 | 186 |
| Speech |  |  |
| Foreign Languages |  |  |
| French | 546 | 193 |
| \|talian | 546 | 193 |
| Spanish | 546 | 193 |
| Health and Physical Education |  |  |
| Community Health | 462 | 59 |
| Gerontology | 771 | 179 |
| Health Education | 462 | 59 |
| Heath Promotion Management | 462 | 59 |
| Physical Education | 644 | 62 |
|  | 679 | 133 |
| History and Philosophy |  |  |
| History | 3951 | 1018 |
| Philosophy | 3033 | 769 |
| Mathematics |  |  |
| Information Systems Management | 2205 | 157 |
| Mathematics | 2205 | 157 |
| Natural Sciences |  |  |
| Biology | 44 | 4 |
| Chemistry | 417 | 32 |
| Geology | 140 | 44 |
| Physics | 729 | 86 |
|  | 233 | 8 |
|  | 306 | 14 |
| Health Professions |  |  |
| Environmental Heallh Science | 2051 | 187 |
| Medical Technology | 584 | 65 |
| Occupational Therapy | 233 | 8 |
| Nursing |  |  |
| Nursing | 173 | 1 |
|  | 233 | 8 |
|  | 63 | 3 |
| Political Science and Psychology |  |  |
| Political Science | 873 | 314 |
| Psychology | 649 | 110 |
|  | 70 |  |
| Social Sciences |  |  |
| Afro-American Studies | 933 | 439 |
| Anthropology | 176 | 65 |
| Social Work | 679 | 133 |
| Sociology | 313 | 65 |
| Teacher Preparation |  |  |
| Bilingual Education | 1298 | 164 |
| Elementary and Early Childhood | 1298 | 164 |
| Special Education | 1298 | 164 |
|  | 1600 | 351 |

The following chart details the circulation of books as well as a percent for each of the subject areas circulated by the York College Library during the academic year. Looking at the information in this chart, one can conclude that certain subject areas require the use of Library book information by their students while others do not.

| 7/1/94-6/30/95 | Circulation | Percent of |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Major | 1995 | 30483 |
| Accounting \% Business |  |  |
| Accounting | 319 | 1.05\% |
| Business Administration | 384 | 1.26\% |
| Economics | 101 | 0.33\% |
| Marketing | 319 | 1.05\% |
| English |  |  |
| English | 2791 | 9.16\% |
| Fine and Performing Arts |  |  |
| Art Studio | 518 | 1.70\% |
| Art Performing | 518 | 1.70\% |
| Music | 518 | 1.70\% |
| Speech |  |  |
| Foreign Languages |  |  |
| French | 528 | 1.73\% |
| Italian | 528 | 1.73\% |
| Spanish | 528 | 1.73\% |
| Health and Physical Education |  |  |
| Community Health | 253 | 0.83\% |
| Gerontology | 830 | 2.72\% |
| Health Education | 253 | 0.83\% |
| Health Promotion Management | 253 | 0.83\% |
| Physical Education | 214 | 0.70\% |
|  | 1217 | 3.98\% |
| History and Philosophy |  |  |
| History | 3074 | 10.08\% |
| Philosophy | 908 | 2.98\% |
| Mathematics |  |  |
| Information Systems Management | 817 | 2.68\% |
| Mathematics | 817 | 2.68\% |
| Natural Sciences |  |  |
| Biology | 18 | 0.06\% |
| Chemistry | 298 | 0.98\% |
| Geology | 65 | 0.21\% |
| Physics | 159 | 0.52\% |
|  | 61 | 0.20\% |
|  | 13 | 0.04\% |
| Health Professions |  |  |
| Environmental Heath Science | 1063 | 3.49\% |
| Medical Technology | 284 | 0.93\% |
| Occupational Therapy | 61 | 0.20\% |
| Nursing |  |  |
| Nursing | 131 | 0.43\% |
|  | 61 | 0.20\% |
|  | 1 | 0.00\% |
| Political Science and Psychology |  |  |
| Political Science | 398 | 1.31\% |
| Psychology | 812 | 2.66\% |
|  | 41 | 0.13\% |
| Social Sciences |  |  |
| Afro-American Studies | 1229 | 4.03\% |
| Anthropology | 124 | 0.41\% |
| Social Work | 1217 | 3.99\% |
| Sociology | 108 | 0.35\% |
| Teacher Preparation |  |  |
| Bilingual Education | 660 | 2.17\% |
| Elementary and Early Childhood | 660 | 2.17\% |
| Special Education | 660 | 2.17\% |
|  | 2053 | 6.73\% |

The next chart deals with the journals subscribed to by the York College Library. In this chart only those joumals subscribed to through EBSCO, the York College Library subscription agent, are included. Most journals are subscribed to through EBSCO. Once again, the subscriptions are broken down by subject area. Both a dollar amount and percent of the total are given for each subject area.

| 7/1/94-6/30/95 | Journals (EBSCO) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Major | 1995/96 | Percent |
| Accounting \& Business |  |  |
| Accounting | \$2,390 | 3.36\% |
| Business Administration | \$437 | 0.62\% |
| Economics | \$522 | 0.73\% |
| Marketing | \$2,390 | 3.36\% |
| English |  |  |
| English | \$2,614 | 3.68\% |
| Fine and Performing Arts |  | 0.00\% |
| Art Studio | \$640 | 0.90\% |
| Art Performing | \$640 | 0.90\% |
| Music | \$640 | 0.90\% |
| Speech | none | 0.00\% |
| Foreign Languages |  |  |
| French | \$192 | 0.27\% |
| Italian | \$192 | 0.27\% |
| Spanish | \$192 | 0.27\% |
| Health and Physical Education |  |  |
| Community Heath | \$1,766 | 2.49\% |
| Gerontology | \$2,104 | 2.96\% |
| Heath Education | \$1,766 | 2.49\% |
| Health Promotion Management | \$1,766 | 2.49\% |
| Physical Education | \$505 | 0.71\% |
|  | \$2,916 | 4.11\% |
| History and Philosophy |  |  |
| History | \$3,419 | 4.81\% |
| Philosophy | \$923 | 1.30\% |
| Mathematics |  |  |
| Information Systerns Management | \$2,300 | 3.24\% |
| Mathematics | \$2,300 | 3.24\% |
| Natural Sciences |  |  |
| Biology | \$0 | 0.00\% |
| Chemistry | \$7,690 | 10.83\% |
| Geology | \$701 | 0.99\% |
| Physics | \$895 | 1.26\% |
|  | \$1,190 | 1.68\% |
|  | \$685 | 0.96\% |
| Health Professions |  |  |
| Environmental Healh Science | \$3,390 | 4.77\% |
| Medical Technology | \$1,766 | 2.49\% |
| Occupational Therapy | \$1,190 | 1.68\% |
| Nursing |  |  |
| Nursing | \$947 | 1.33\% |
|  | \$1,190 | 1.68\% |
|  | \$0 | 0.00\% |
| Political Science and Psychology |  |  |
| Pollitical Science | \$1,996 | 2.81\% |
| Psychology | \$5,092 | 7.17\% |
|  | \$159 | 0.22\% |
| Social Sciences |  |  |
| Afro-American Studies | \$1,107 | 1.56\% |
| Anthropology | \$304 | 0.43\% |
| Social Work | \$153 | 0.22\% |
| Sociology | \$1,524 | 2.15\% |
| Teacher Preparation |  |  |
| Bilingual Education | \$4,139 | 5.83\% |
| Elementary and Early Childhood | \$4,139 | 5.83\% |
| Special Education | \$4,139 | 5.83\% |
|  | \$5,286 | 7.44\% |

The final chart details a total amount spent in each of the subject areas, including both book and periodical purchases. These figures do not include things like the Business Collection and microforms.

| 7/1/94-6/30/95 | Total |
| :---: | :---: |
| Major | Books \& Jls |
| Accounting \& Business |  |
| Accounting | \$3,044.98 |
| Business Administration | \$1,021.02 |
| Economics | \$558.96 |
| Marketing | \$3,044.98 |
| English |  |
| English | \$7,640.24 |
| Fine and Performing Arts |  |
| Art Studio | \$1,744.48 |
| Art Performing | \$1,744.48 |
| Music | \$1,348.16 |
| Speech |  |
| Foreign Languages |  |
| French | \$445.16 |
| Italian | \$445.16 |
| Spanish | \$445. 16 |
| Health and Physical Education |  |
| Community Health | \$2,031.16 |
| Gerontology | \$3,353.71 |
| Health Education | \$2,031.16 |
| Health Promotion Management | \$2,031.16 |
| Physical Education | \$799.28 |
|  | \$4,348.02 |
| History and Philosophy |  |
| History | \$8,937.45 |
| Philosophy | \$1,887.26 |
| Mathematics |  |
| Information Systems Management. | \$3,034.80 |
| Mathematics | \$3,034.80 |
| Natural Sciences |  |
| Biology | \$0.00 |
| Chemistry | \$7,813.87 |
| Geology | \$950.95 |
| Physics | \$1,395.20 |
|  | \$1,190.00 |
|  | \$744.84 |
| Health Professions |  |
| Environmental Heath Science | \$4,068.32 |
| Medical Technology | \$2,034.16 |
| Occupational Therapy | \$1,190.00 |
| Nursing |  |
| Nursing | \$980.44 |
|  | \$1,190,00 |
| Political Science and Psychology |  |
| Political Science | \$2,618.01 |
| Psychology | \$6,399.99 |
|  | \$180.96 |
| Social Sciences |  |
| Afro-American Studies | \$5,483.76 |
| Anthropology | \$560.36 |
| Social Work | \$1,585.02 |
| Sociology | \$1,954.87 |
| Teacher Preparation |  |
| Bilingual Education | \$5,833.24 |
| Elementary and Early Childhood | \$5,833.24 |
| Special Education | \$5,833.24 |
|  | \$8,146.59 |

In examining the information in all the above charts, it can be seen that in some subject areas the Library's collection is proportional to the student body, its majors, and circulation figures, while in others it is not. This information will be used to further tailor the collection through book purchases in the coming academic years.

Approximately $22 \%$ of the Library's collection is in History and Philosophy, and in the past academic year approximately $16 \%$ of the book budget was spent on books to support this area. Nearly no students graduated in that major and less than one percent of the students majored in the subject. When considering the circulation of books, approximately $12 \%$ were in the History and Philosophy sections.

In a similar manner, the English graduates (approximately one percent) and majors (slightly over one percent) can be compared with the collection total (over 15\%) and the book purchases (over $12 \%$ ). The circulation of books in this subject is approximately nine percent.

On the other hand, the Library seems to have spent a disproportionately small amount in the Health Professions, where approximately eight percent of the graduates were, and approximately $16 \%$ of the declared junior and senior majors, but less than three percent of the book budget was spent. Approximately five percent of the books circulated were in the Health Professions.

In a similar manner one can examine Accounting and Business. Though approximately $30 \%$ of the graduates were in these majors, and approximately $26 \%$ of the majors were here, only $14 \%$ of the collection is in this area, and only five percent of the book purchases. When looking at the circulation figures, a mere four percent of the books circulated were in this area.

## B. Journal Usage

The York College Library collection of journals can be examined in many different ways. One way is to see if the students find what they need in the periodicals collection of the Library. This was not be possible in the past, but the Information Access Company, provider of the InfoTrac system (an indexing tool widely used at York College) has provided one way in which we can assess the usefulness of the collection.

In the current academic year, the Library has moved to accessing the InfoTrac database through the internet from CD-ROM. Each time a citation is printed on a terminal with a York College IP address, the Information Access Company records the 'hit.' At the end of each month, a report is issued, detailing which journals have had citations printed at the college. An examination of those journals which had citations printed ten or more times in a month from March through June of 1996 (the only months available at the present time) shows that York College's Library users who consulted the Expanded Academic Index and/or the Business Index over the internet were satisfied with the holdings of York College's Library in 135 of 189 times (approximately 72\%). For a Library of our size, this is encouraging.

The complete list of those journals for which citations were printed ten or more times in any of the four months is given below. In the second column are details of whether or not the Library subscribes to the named journal:
Journal ..... YORK?
Aba Journal ..... n
Addictive Behaviors ..... n
Adolescence ..... y
Adolescent Psychiatry ..... n
Advertising Age ..... y
African American Review ..... y
Alcohol Health \& Research World ..... y
America ..... y
American Banker ..... n
American Behavioral Scientist ..... y
American Demographics ..... y
American Family Physician ..... n
American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse ..... n
American Journal of Nursing ..... y
American Journal of Orthopsychiatry ..... y
American Journal of Psychiatry ..... y
American Metal Market ..... n
Analytical Chemistry ..... y
Astronomy ..... y
Automotive News ..... y
Aviation Week \& Space Technology ..... y
Behavioral Neuroscience ..... n
Behaviour Research and Therapy ..... n
Beijing Review ..... n
Billboard ..... y
Biochemistry ..... n
Black Enterprise ..... y
Black Issues in Higher Education ..... y
Brandweek ..... y
Broadcasting \& Cable ..... y
Business Week ..... y
Callaloo ..... n
Campaigns \& Elections ..... n
Child Abuse and Neglect ..... n
Child Development ..... y
Choice ..... y
Christianity Today ..... y
Commonweal ..... y
Computerworld ..... n
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Consumer Reports ..... y
Cornell Hotel \& Restaurant Administration ..... y
Quarterly
Corrections Today ..... n
Cq Researcher ..... y
Current Health 2 ..... y
Daily News Record ..... n
Death Studies ..... y
Discount Store News ..... y
Discover ..... y
Ebony ..... y
Editor \& Publisher ..... y
Education Digest ..... y
Educational Leadership ..... y
Enr ..... n
Environmental Science \& Technology ..... y
Esquire ..... y
European Journal of Clinical Nutrition ..... n
Exceptional Children ..... y
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Family Planning Perspectives ..... n
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Far Eastern Economic Review ..... n
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Folio: The Magazine for Magazine Management ..... y
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Hispanic ..... n
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Human Services ..... n
Icarus ..... n
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Association
Journal of Adolescence ..... n
Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis ..... n
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Journal of Black Studies ..... y
Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology ..... $y$
Journal of Counseling and Development ..... y
Journal of Drug issues ..... $y$
Journal of Elder Abuse \& Neglect ..... n
Journal of Gerontological Social Work ..... n
Journal of Interpersonal Violence ..... n
Journal of Marriage and the Family ..... y
Journal of School Health ..... y
Journal of Studies on Alcohol ..... n
Journal of the American Dietetic Association ..... n
Journal of Youth and Adolescence ..... n
Journals of Gerontology ..... y
Knight-Ridder!tribune Business News ..... n
Lancet ..... y
Library Journal ..... y
Los Angeles Business Journal ..... y
Maclean's ..... y
Marriage \& Family Review ..... n
Mediaweek ..... y
Modern Fiction Studies ..... y
Modern Healthcare ..... y
Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report ..... y
Nation's Restaurant News ..... y
National Journal ..... n
National Review ..... y
Nature ..... y
New Scientist ..... y
New Statesman \& Society ..... y
New York ..... y
Newsweek ..... y
Nutrition Reviews ..... n
Omega - the Journal of Death and Dying ..... y
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Parabola ..... n
Parents Magazine ..... y
Patient Care ..... y
PC Magazine ..... y
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Perceptual and Motor Skills ..... y
Personnel Journal ..... y
Phi Delta Kappan ..... y
Popular Photography ..... y
Population and Environment ..... n
Pr Newswire ..... n
Prevention ..... y
Psychiatry: Interpersonal and Biological ..... n
Processes
Psychological Reports ..... y
Psychology of Women Quarterly ..... n
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Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport ..... y
Rolling Stone ..... y
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The Advocate ..... n
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The Financial Times ..... n
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The Guardian ..... y
The Hastings Center Report ..... y
The Humanist ..... y
The International Journal of Eating Disorders ..... n
The Journal of Nutrition ..... y
The Journal of Social Psychology ..... y
The Lancet ..... y
The Nation ..... y
The National Law Journal ..... n
The New England Journal of Medicine ..... y
The New Republic ..... y
The New York Times ..... y
The New York Times Book Review ..... y
The New York Times Magazine ..... y
The New Yorker ..... y
The Oil and Gas Journal ..... n
The Progressive ..... y
the United States ..... n
The Wall Street Journal ..... y
Time ..... y
Times Educational Supplement ..... y
Travel Weekly ..... $y$
Trial ..... n
U.S. News \& World Report ..... y
Unesco Courier ..... n
USA Today (Magazine) ..... y
Utne Reader ..... n
Vaniety ..... y
Vital Speeches ..... y
Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents ..... y
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World Press Review ..... y
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