

Report to
Faculty, Administration, Trustees, Students
of

Bryn Mawr College

Bryn Mawr, PA

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C. Library and Learning Resources

Bryn Mawr has a superb library that is further enhanced by the Tri-College Consortium. The cooperation among the three colleges is strong and has recently been supported by a Mellon grant. In both adding to collections and culling existing books, there is significant cooperation. The staff is engaged in continuing efforts to deal with issues of space, services, access, and collecting policies. They are proceeding with their efforts to centralize video and other collections to order to increase access.

One objective of the *Plan for a New Century* is the investment in a technologically sophisticated learning environment. In order to achieve this, the College has reconfigured infrastructure and staffing and has tightly integrated information technologies and the libraries. Since the MSCR, the top positions in IT and the Library have been merged into that of Chief Information Officer. The organization of the campus into “nodes” for the provision of IT services proved in a recent assessment to be a success. In these rapidly changing and ever-expanding areas, Bryn Mawr is doing very well. Cooperation between Bryn Mawr and Haverford in this area, however, does not appear to have moved to the level achieved in the libraries.