

REPORT ON STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE GRANT 2003-2004
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GOAL

The goal of this project was to provide appropriate, high-performance microtext scanner / printers for UTC students, faculty, and staff. The new equipment is creating better viewing and printing. The glass on all of the universal carriers on our existing Minolta readers was scratched and pitted, making viewing difficult, and producing grainy and streaked prints.

METHODOLOGY

Although we requested \$64,250, the Student Technology Fee Committee granted us \$12,850. This allowed us to purchase one Minolta MS6000 microform scanner/printer, only 3 Minolta UC-6E universal carriers, one zoom lens for viewing ultrafiche, and one table for the MS6000 and its connected PC.

1 Minolta MS6000 Digital Microform Scanner to allow patrons to view/print/download/email microfilm, microfiche, and ultrafiche -- \$5725

1 Minolta zoom lens for reading 90x ultrafiche -- \$675

1 Minolta Universal Carrier UC-6E for the MS6000 -- the universal carrier is the part of the machine that holds the film/fiche for viewing -- \$1805

2 Minolta Universal Carriers UC-6E to replace older, non-functioning ones on the library's current Minolta MS2000 scanners -- \$3610

The PC was purchased through library money, and 3 more universal carriers were purchased in June for the remaining scanner/printers through library accounts.

We submitted our requisition to purchasing who sent it back saying we needed to complete the new Justification for Non-Competitive Purchases. We completed that form and it was sent back. We had stated that Milner, a division of RMS Document Management Group, was the regional vendor for Minolta. Purchasing said there were 2 other Minolta vendors in Tennessee, so we would be required to send our purchase out for bids. The two vendors identified by Purchasing never responded to the request for bids. We have since learned that Milner is the only vendor allowed to sell in our area.

All of this took us into March 2004. The equipment was installed in April but there have been some glitches with setting up the MS6000 that have kept us from being able to start using it. We intend to have it functioning by the start of Fall term.

Two of the universal carriers were installed on our existing MS2000s, one on the new MS6000, and we have been using them this summer. Acting Dean Mike Bell allowed us to purchase an additional 3 universal carriers for our remaining Minolta MS2000s. The zoom lens was installed immediately on one of the MS2000s and has been heavily used for viewing materials in the *Library of American Civilization (LAC)* and the *Library of English Literature (LEL)* ultrafiche collections.

EVALUATION

Since the first real use of the new equipment will occur in Fall 2004, we will track usage of the MS6000 by documenting the number of students who ask for assistance. I believe one of the heaviest users of the MS6000 will be the library's ILL office. They will be using it to email articles from the microform collections directly to patrons. Patrons using the MS2000s through the summer have commented on the higher quality of copies with the new universal carriers. Use of the LAC and LEL has increased dramatically through use of the new zoom lens.