



## FOURTH FALL JOINT CONFERENCE--OREGON AND WASHINGTON ACRL CHAPTERS

Fifty-three academic librarians from Oregon and Washington met at Pack Forest, Washington, in late October for a look at our electronic future. "Online Publishing and the Library" was the theme for the fourth fall joint meeting of the Washington and Oregon ACRL Chapters. The Pacific Northwest Chapter of ASIS also sponsored the conference. The high-tech theme was in sharp contrast to the sylvan setting. Pack Forest, managed as an experimental field station by the College of Forest Resources of the University of Washington, is nestled in the Cascade foothills twenty-five miles west of Mt. Rainier. With the weather cooperating, hikes through the woods rewarded participants with views of Mt. Rainier during breaks in the conference.

Fran Spigai, of Database Services, delivered the keynote address. She reviewed the state of the present online industry--a \$1 billion business with over 800 suppliers of 1600 databases to around 300,000 users. Technologies contributing to continued growth of the on-line industry include microcomputers, "smart" modems, user-friendly retrieved languages, low-cost storage and integrated software for micros, and "gateways" providing easy access to a variety of databases.

Spigai sees four areas of impact on the academic library. In the area of technology, microcomputers, data-base management software, creation of local data-bases through downloading, new optical and laser disc storage devices, and telecommunications developments will contribute to change. In the area of resources, Spigai foresees a "brain drain" with some talented librarians opting to work for commercial services. Funding and full-text delivery of source documents are also a concern. In the policy area, the issues of service for a fee versus "free" services, copyright and other ethical issues, and the difficulty of evaluating online access for accreditation purposes will need to be addressed. In the area of skills and roles for librarians, Spigai foresees development of a Chief Information Officer (CIO) to manage and evaluate online services.

Brian Aveney, Director of Research and Development and Blackwell North America, considered electronic publishing and technical services organizations in a visionary look into our future. He began by describing the present ferment of development in electronic publishing and differentiating among electronic editions, on-demand publishing, and true online access to information. The library of the future will be very different from that of today. Collection development in anticipation of need will disappear in favor of on-demand electronic delivery of information. The library will no longer catalog, store or circulate documents since they will be printed out on demand at the touch of a switch.

Aveney foresees that within fifteen years traditional technical services roles of cataloger and acquisitions librarian will disappear in favor of increased emphasis on public services, helping users negotiate their information needs in the on-line environment. In response to a tongue-in-cheek question, he also admitted that companies that sell books to libraries (like BNA) would either disappear or change considerably.

The last speaker, Libby Trudell, Marketing Manager of Dialog Information Services, dealt with the impact of electronic publishing on reference work. She too sees a convergence of typical library functions with distinctions between technical services and public services disappearing. With on-line access to indexes and

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abstracts now commonplace, affordable electronic delivery of full-text documents is being developed. Improved telecommunications, data compression, high-speed transmission equipment, and new high-density storage formats make this likely. Reference librarians will be challenged to provide adequate and precise retrieval mechanisms for the vast storehouse of online full-text information.

The conference at Pack Forest was organized by the ACRL Washington Chapter in an alternating arrangement that has become traditional. Also traditional was the Halloween party complete with costumes, prizes and pumpkin carving. On October 25 and 26, 1984, the Oregon Chapter will in turn host the fifth annual joint conference at Menucha in the Columbia River Gorge.

## AMENDMENTS TO ACRL/OREGON ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Articles of Association have been amended by vote of the membership. Article II (Purpose) was amended at the fall membership meeting to include language required for tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It reads as follows, with the amendment underlined:

## Article II. Purpose.

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)/Oregon Chapter is organized exclusively for educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). This association is not organized for profit, and no part of the earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Upon the winding up and dissolution of the association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which has established its tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The original articles called for elections at the fall membership meeting. Since our fall Chapter meeting was in Washington this year, board members felt a mail ballot should be another possible option for electing officers. The following two amendments, again underlined, were subsequently passed by a mail vote of the membership:

## Article IV. Officers.

...The election by the membership takes place at the annual fall business meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting. At the discretion of the Advisory Board, the election may be conducted by mail ballot prior to the annual fall business meeting; provision will be made for write-in candidates on the mail ballot.

## Article V. Selection

...The nominating committee will nominate at least two at-large members to be elected at the fall meeting, or by mail ballot prior to the fall meeting, following the same procedures as for officers.

## TAX-EXEMPT STATUS FOR ACRL/OREGON

Last summer the Chapter officers applied to the IRS for tax exempt status. The application is now under review at the IRS' Seattle office and a favorable judgment is expected soon. The Chapter Articles of Association have been amended to include language required by the IRS. In an effort to keep its programs affordable the Chapter has partly supported them with grant funds. Official recognition of the Chapter as tax exempt will facilitate future grant applications.

## INTEGRATED ONLINE LIBRARY SYSTEMS CONFERENCE

Genaway and Associates, an information/research consulting firm in Canfield, Ohio, organized the first national conference on Integrated Online Library Systems (IOLS) held September 26 and 27 in Columbus, Ohio. The conference was intensive and well worth the time and cost. Thankfully, proceedings were distributed to attendants of the conference providing complete and extensive information for later reference. The only complaint I and others had concerned the lack of sufficient time for informal talk with the speakers and other conference attendants and to visit exhibits.

The stated purpose of the conference was to serve as a catalyst for interaction of ideas and experiences of those involved with integrated systems. For the conference Genaway defined an integrated online library system as "those systems that use a common machine readable database and have two or more subsystems operational and accessible online, such as circulation, public catalog, acquisitions, etc."

Among the presentations were papers presented by consultants, librarians marketing university developed systems such as NOTIS and VTLS, and librarians reporting experiences. Representatives from many major commercial firms such as OCLC, Data-Phase, GEAC and CLSI spoke and exhibited their respective systems. The program was structured to follow the progression of planning for and obtaining an integrated system. Specific systems were discussed within a planning/evaluation context.

### Highlights

Joseph Matthews, President, J. Matthews and Associates, in his "state of the art" presentation estimated the life of a system to be seven to ten years and suggested that a seven year life span be used for cost analysis to compare systems. Considerations for selecting an IOLS are 1) reliability, 2) response time (Matthews has observed that user satisfaction is greater when response time is constant; complaints come when the system has fast and slow periods), 3) the vendors' ability to handle MARC records and exactly what kind of "handling" is needed, and 4) levels of accessibility to the database for changes and manipulation.

Joseph E. Rush, President of JERA, defined the term "integration" at various levels in his talk on evaluating integrated systems. He emphasized the importance of fully integrated software at all levels (operating systems, utility, and application software). Integration of a system with the environment implies that the existing infrastructure of the library (space, heating and air conditioning, and security) is sufficient to supply the needs of the computer system without degradation to other areas of the library operation. Integration of a system into staff work stations, (changes in floor plans, furnishings, fixtures) is an important and sometimes neglected environmental consideration. According to Rush, the principal consequences for libraries of integration in computer based library systems are lower cost of operation, improved maintenance of data, and faster, more efficient service to patrons.

Ellen Miller from the University of Cincinnati gave a very good and well received talk on selecting automated systems in academia. She stressed the importance of communication, involvement and education of the academic community as a whole in every step of the process. Her experience at the University of Cincinnati in doing just that was used to illustrate this process.

The library system I found particularly worth following up on is the VTLS (Virginia Technical University System; Blacksburg, VA). The system is designed for the shared use of a computer by multiple libraries, allowing each library to share in a state-wide databank with the spin-off of tapes of each library's holdings to load into its own system. Fred Glazer presented a glowing report on West Virginia's experience using this system.

Richard S. Dick, Executive Vice President, AVATAR Systems, reported on the impact of microcomputer software on integrated library systems. He agreed that new

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systems seem to be coming out of the wall and are increasingly more sophisticated and inviting in their relatively low cost. The drawback to the micro-based systems is their inability to utilize a full MARC record and the awkwardness in providing a back-up disc. Micro-based systems like the AVATAR Library System (about \$50,000) are best suited for small libraries.

Lawrence A. Woods, Assistant Director, Automated Systems & Technical Services, University of Notre Dame, also talked about microcomputer library systems and confirmed Dick's statements. According to Wood, there isn't an IOLS for microcomputers. Microcomputer software is not available for multiple users to do multiple things to the same data base. Storage limitation is a problem for most libraries using microcomputers--50,000 records is the outside limit.

Richard Boss, Senior Consultant, Information Systems Consultants, Inc., discussed the potential of using the personal computer in the work station as a back-up to the library's larger system. Systems level interface (computer to computer) is desirable but not occurring because of the competition between systems.

### Repeated Points

The following are points made by several speakers: 1) I heard over and over the importance of realistic RFP's (requests for proposals) and the urging to resist the temptation to write "wish lists" instead; 2) the future of an IOLS for microcomputers is limited--evaluation of systems and the library's desired use of the system is key; 3) a consultant for telecommunications is recommended, 4) the importance of consistent maintenance of standards for data input was stressed, and lastly 5) state-wide cooperation is becoming increasingly important.

### Second Conference

A second IOLS conference is being planned for October 2 and 3, 1984. According to Genaway and Associates, several tracks are being considered, but the three most likely topics are planning information, information on operational problems, and an advanced track for the technically oriented. The address for Genaway and Associates, Inc. is 530 West Regency Circle, Post Office Box 477, Canfield, Ohio 44406. Phone: (216) 533-2194.

Bonnie Allen-Walsdorf  
Willamette University Library

## ELECTION 1983

The Nominating Committee would like to thank the members of the ACRL Oregon Chapter for their participation in the Autumn 1983 election. Well over half of the membership voted, an indication of a good level of interest in the Chapter and its governance. We were very grateful that the membership unanimously approved the amendments to the Articles of Association. The amendments made legal the ballot by mail; if they had not been approved, the election of officers would have been void.

### New Officers and Board Members

Pat Silvernail, Assistant University Librarian for Public Services at the University of Oregon, was elected Vice-President/President Elect. She assumed the responsibilities of office--including the duties of treasurer and membership person--at the Pack Forest Conference.

Paula Hamilton, Director of the Marylhurst College Library, and Terry Ann Metcalf, Portland State University Library, were elected to fill the two open positions on the Advisory Board. The Committee thanks each of the excellent candidates for an interest in serving the Chapter and for participating in the election.

Pam Horan, Chair

ACRL/OREGON  
Minutes  
Annual Meeting of the Membership  
Pack Forest, WA  
October 20, 1983

The meeting was called to order by Vicki Kreimeyer, president.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Lynn Chmelir**

The chapter membership has increased to 103, gaining 40 new members over the last year. The membership comes from the following: 6 community colleges; 12 private colleges; 7 OSSHE institutions; 6 miscellaneous institutions. There are 90 members of ACRL (National) in Oregon.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - Lynn Chmelir**

The primary expenses of the chapter over the last year were for the Fall 1982 conference at Menucha. Membership dues for the first time provided the chapter with a steady source of income. In addition, the chapter receives funding from ACRL based on the number of ACRL members in the Oregon chapter. Current balance is \$707.09.

Kreimeyer commended Chmelir for accurate and efficient work as treasurer and membership chair.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Pam Horan**

The results of the mail ballot for Vice pres/Pres. elect and Advisory Board were announced:

Vice pres/Pres. elect	Pat Silvernail	U. of O.
Advisory Board	Paula Hamilton	Marylhurst

The second Advisory Board position must be chosen by a run-off ballot between Verle Anderson (EOSC) and Terry Ann Metcalfe (PSU). Ballots were passed out to those present.

The amendments to the by-laws voted on through the mail ballot, both passed, making the mail ballot valid.

**TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

Kreimeyer reported that over the last year, the Advisory Board had been in the process of establishing tax exempt status with the IRS in order to make it possible for the chapter to qualify for grant money. Papers have been filed, but correspondence with federal officials indicated that the chapter needed to amend the Articles of Association to meet criteria for tax exempt status. A copy of the proposed amendment was passed to each member in attendance. Brief discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Articles as proposed. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Kreimeyer thanked Tom Stave for his efforts in getting the tax exempt status application off the ground.

**LONG RANGE PLAN FOR OREGON LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT**

Chmelir reported that the OLA Legislative and Library Development Committee was working on drafting a long range plan for library development. An effort is being made to have the plan reflect the contributions and needs of all types of libraries. Academic library representation on the committee is Lynn Chmelir, Linfield College; Pat Silvernail, U of O.; Rebecca Thompson, Central Oregon Community College. Five hearings will be held around the state for all interested persons. Chmelir stressed the importance of having the opinions of academic librarians either at the hearings or communicated to the committee members.

**NEWSLETTER**

Tom Stave, newsletter editor, asked that the membership consider the newsletter as a means for disseminating information. Anyone with information of potential interest to the membership is encouraged to send it to Tom for inclusion in the newsletter.

**BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Kreimeyer remarked that four people were leaving the Advisory Board and thanked them for their contribution to the chapter: Kay Grasing, OSL; Jim Morgan, OHSU; Doris Tilles, OSU and Barbara McKillip, LBCC. Barbara also had served as newsletter editor.

Kreimeyer also reported on the new Articles of Association that provide for both geographical and type of library representation on the Advisory Board. Changes in the Board are now established to ensure continuity.

**RUN-OFF ELECTION**

Horan and Stave counted ballots and announced that Terry Ann Metcalfe (PSU) had been elected to the second vacant position on the Advisory Board.

**CHANGE OF OFFICERS**

Kreimeyer officially turned the chair over to Chmelir. Chmelir thanked Kreimeyer for all her work for the last year and one half and the many accomplishments of the chapter during that time.

The meeting was adjourned.



# ACADEMIC LIBRARIES: MYTHS AND REALITIES

ACRL Third National Conference—Seattle  
April 4-7, 1984

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Many volunteers will be needed for the Third National Conference:

### Contributed papers

Volunteers will be needed to assist at each contributed papers session to aid the moderators and speakers. These duties may include: contacting Seattle Center staff if more chairs are needed or if audio-visual equipment is not working, and counting attendance.

### Special events

Volunteers will be needed to assist with the boat trip to Kiana Lodge (Friday evening, April 6), and at the reception at the Pacific Science Center (Wednesday evening, April 4).

### Hospitality

Volunteers are needed for several hospitality assignments: running errands from the registration area, picking up speakers at the airport, and helping to staff the information booths in the registration areas. Volunteers working at the information booths should have an excellent knowledge of Seattle, and how to get around in Seattle.

I would be interested in helping with:

Contributed papers \_\_\_\_\_  
I have experience with media equipment \_\_\_\_\_

Special events  
Kiana Lodge trip \_\_\_\_\_  
Pacific Science Center reception \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality  
running errands \_\_\_\_\_  
picking up speakers \_\_\_\_\_  
helping at the information booth \_\_\_\_\_

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

MELVIN R. GEORGE has been named as Director of the Oregon State University Library, to succeed RODNEY K. WALDRON who will retire at the end of December, 1983. Mr. George comes to the position from Northeastern Illinois University Library.

KAPPY EATON, Head of the Bureau of Governmental Research and Service Library, University of Oregon Library, has been named the Coordinator of International Relations for the American Association for University Women, and will represent the United States on the 50 member nation Council of the International Federation of University Women. IFUW has nearly 275,000 members in 50 countries.

SEATTLE '84

The ACRL National Conference will be held in Seattle, April 4-7, 1984. Its theme: "Academic Libraries: Myths and Realities". In order to encourage members to attend the Seattle Conference, the Oregon Chapter will not hold its usual joint Spring meeting with OCCLA. Elsewhere in this issue is a form to be used by members who wish to contribute their energies to helping put on the Conference.

For more information about the Conference, see recent issues of College and Research Libraries News. National ACRL members may expect to receive registration information in the mail in December.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Membership in ACRL/Oregon is now about 125. To be among this growing number, or to renew your membership, simply make appropriate use of the form provided below.



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM: 1983-84

**ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES**  
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EUGENE, OR 97403

Your cancelled check is your receipt.  
Dues are a tax deductible expense.

**ACRL/OREGON OFFICERS AND ADVISORS FOR 1983/84**

ACRL/Oregon is administered by a committee consisting of three elected officers (President, President-Elect, and Past President), and an advisory board comprised of four appointed and four elected members. Two Board Members serve as Recorder and Newsletter Editor. Whenever you have any questions about ACRL/Oregon or would like to be come more actively involved, please contact one of the officers or advisors.

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