MENUCHA III HIGHLIGHTS
By Tom Stave

The results are now in from Menucha III, and we can now tell those who missed it what they missed, and reveal what those who made it to the Conference thought of it. Ninety-five librarians attended the Annual Joint Oregon/Washington Chapter conference on October 25-26. Demographically speaking, there were 65 women and 30 men; 66 were Oregonians, 27 were from Washington and elsewhere.

Early on in the conference it appeared that we might learn some rather unexpected things, beyond mere demographics, about each other and ourselves: how many of us, for example, believed in ESP, or the Holy Ghost, or whether the world had another five years before a nuclear war. Seat-squirming questions like these, posed by keynote speaker Robert Theobald (who demanded a show of hands), were not meant to make his audience comfortable, but rather to produce the sort of discomfort that stimulates change. Change was the keynoter's theme: our society is headed for a future that we probably won't like—characterized by instability and a much larger class of dispossessed, alienated people—unless we are willing to influence it. The messages for academic librarians were that in the post-industrial "communication society" those whose role it is to provide access to information have the most significant opportunities to affect the direction of the future, and the most productive arena for inciting positive change is at the local, grassroots level. Theobald identified some issues he believes librarians and others who deal in information must address:

1) If access to information is linked to the ability to pay, we will create a class of people who are permanently cut off from participation in society.

2) Given the explosion in the amount of information produced, librarians must make more judgments about which information is truly important.

3) Our educational system must stop imparting information and become committed to preparing people to learn how to learn; to bring about change, we must enable people to change.

4) Private ownership of information is no longer either socially or
morally right, now that it has become a necessity for true participation in society. Copyright is obsolete.

Participants took questions like these into a series of small-group discussion sessions which, judging from their favorable evaluations, may become a fixture of future conferences. Indeed, a major complaint was that there were not even more opportunities to tackle such issues in discussion groups. The groups addressed some probable future issues of professional ethics, public policy, user education, funding, leadership, and staff development.

In what proved to be the conference's most highly rated intellectual activity, the discussion group leaders assempled as a panel to trade ideas and questions with the larger group. The panel's moderator was Sharon Rogers, national ACRL President, who had presented the conference's second address. Rogers gave alternative answers to the question: how will libraries define their role as information providers on their campuses in an era of electronic information, when other groups (e.g., computing centers or academic computing committees) stand ready to step into any leadership vacuum that appears?

Evaluations of all aspects of the conference were high, with the highest levels of satisfaction being registered for the most participatory events: the party took all honors, with eating a close second. There seemed also, in spite of the rain, to be nearly unanimous approval of Menucha as a congenial surrounding for the annual conference.

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MINUTES OF THE MENUCHA MEMBERSHIP MEETING, OCTOBER 25, 1984

President Lynn Chmelir called the meeting to order. The minutes of the October 20, 1983 meeting, as distributed in the newsletter, were approved.

Vice-President Pat Silvernail gave the Membership Report and reported that there were sixty-seven paid members. She then gave the Treasurer's Report, listing the treasury as $1,003.12 as of June 30, and $2,334.98 as of September 30. She explained that conference expenses had yet to be paid from the treasury, and that these payments would reduce the balance considerably.

Chmelir reported that during the year the chapter obtained tax exempt status, and that this had been helpful in receiving grants to support the Menucha conference.

She reported her pleasure at serving as the President over the past year and thanked the hard-working advisory board.

Nancy Powell gave the report of the Nominating Committee. No new nominations were received from the floor. Rebecca Thompson, acting Library Director at Central Oregon Community College, was elected Vice-President/President Elect. She assumed the duties of office -- including the duties of Treasurer and Membership Chair -- at the Menucha conference.

Faye Powell, Washington County Co-operative Library Services Reference Librarian, headquartered at Pacific University, and Tom Stave, University of Oregon Library, were also elected to fill the two open positions on the Advisory Board.

Pat Silvernail appointed Charles Abshire, Head Librarian at Mt. Hood Community College, and Maureen Seaman, Head Librarian of the Oregon Graduate Center, to the Board.

Paul Gregorio, the new Continuing Education Coordinator for Oregon, made a brief report on his role in continuing education.

There was no old business.

Under new business, the ten year anniversary of the chapter was discussed. Preparation of an early history and a possible celebration next summer were suggested.

Chmelir thanked the board members who were leaving: Pam Horan, Bonnie Allen-Walsdorf, and Vickie Kriemeyer.

After a number of announcements, the meeting was adjourned.
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TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

1985 represents the ten year anniversary of the Oregon Chapter of ACRL.
Perry Morrison and Richard Heinzkill have agreed to write a chapter history
and plan to finish it by January.

There are plans afoot for an anniversary party to be held August 22,
1985, following the Academic Library workshop at PNLA. The party will feature
refreshments and a salute to past officers of the chapter.

OREGON ONLINE '85

Here we come again! OSSHE under the sponsorship of its
Interinstitutional Library Council is presenting Oregon Online '85 - New
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to last year's very successful information retrieval conference. Be at OSU's
Steward Center in Corvallis for an outstanding program.

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systems, the software available, the impact of patron-conducted searches. A
second theme looks at new technologies in online retrieval-downloading and the
growing number of full text databases. In addition, there will be new
sessions on the popular subject of search strategy formulation.

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person.
COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE SCHEDULED

A Regional Collection Development Institute will be held in the Pacific Northwest on September 3-6, 1985. The Institute will be held on the campus of the University of Washington in Seattle.

The Collection Development Institutes, sponsored by the Resources Section of ALA's RTSD, have been held in other parts of the country; this will be the only Institute in the Northwest.

The Institute is an intensive, four-day workshop designed to assist librarians in learning more about all aspects of collection development, with emphasis on skills which can be used in the librarian's own institution. It is the goal of the Pacific Northwest Institute to offer programs of interest to librarians in public, special, and community college libraries, as well as academic libraries.

More specific program information, and costs (which are being kept low through the use of the University of Washington's dorms), will be available in 1985. Any questions about the Institute should be directed to Mrs. Linda Gould, Chair, Planning Committee, Collection Development Institute, University of Washington Libraries, Seattle, WA 98195.

JOINT MEETING WITH OCCLA SLATED

ACRL-Oregon Chapter and the Oregon Community College Library Association will co-sponsor a winter meeting on Friday, February 22, 1985, at Chemeketa Community College Library. Speakers will discuss risk management and the program will allow time for discussion. Registration and coffee will be at 1:00 p.m. and the program from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For additional information call Pat Silvernail, University of Oregon Library, 686-3056.

ILC CALLS IN CONSULTANTS

The Interinstitutional Library Council, Oregon State System of Higher Education, has hired two consultants to provide information for planning a library automation system. Richard Boss, Maryland, and Joseph Matthews, California, each met with members of the ILC and the Chancellor's office staff in November to discuss factors to consider during the planning stages.

As recently announced in the media, the Governors Budget requests $6 million in program improvement funds to implement an integrated automated library system for OSSHE libraries.
PNWC/MLA REMINDER

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association will hold their annual meeting October 30 - November 1, 1985 in Eugene, Oregon. The theme will be "Connections for the '80's."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

BONNIE ALLEN-WALSDORF has been appointed Assistant Librarian at the Oregon Graduate Center and began December 3, 1984.

TOM GERITY, Business Administration and Economics Librarian, and PAT BYRD, Social Science and Social Work Librarian, will be retiring from Portland State University at the end of Fall term, 1984.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS


NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The Oregon Chapter Newsletter will now be edited by Terry Ann Soohoo, Serials Librarian, Portland State University. Subscription fulfillment will be handled by Tom Stave, Personnel Librarian, University of Oregon. If you have information you would like included in the newsletter, please send it to Terry Soohoo. Questions about the receipt of the newsletter or requests to be added to the mailing list should be addressed to Tom Stave.
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Jan. 7 - March 22, Monmouth

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Jan. 8, Pendleton

Jan. 9 - March 15, Eugene

Jan 12, Portland

Jan. 16, Monmouth
"A Bigger Byte for your Buck". Breakfast seminar on computer applications and demonstration. Contact: DCE, WOSC, 838-1220.

Jan 17 - 18, Portland
"Systems Seminar". Two-day introduction to on-line searching using DIALOG. Good Samaritan Hospital. Contact: DIALOG Training Office, 1-800-227-8282.
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Jan. 19 & Jan. 26, Portland
"Data Base Searching for Educators: Microcomputer Applications". Two part workshop using SPIN, ERIC and PsycInfo data bases. Contact: DCE, PSU, 229-4800.

Jan. 23, Portland
"Introduction to Wilsonline". Sessions limited to 20 persons. $50.00 fee. Contact: Pat Silvernail, U of O, 686-3056.

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Jan. 25, Corvallis
"Oregon Online '85: New Challenges, New Trends". Full text data base searching, data base development, storing forward, and more. La Sells Stewart Center, OSU. Contact: Karen Starr, OSU, 754-4743.

Jan. 30, Corvallis
"Tagging for OCLC Machine Readable Files". Instructor, Glenn Patton. Contact: Bruce Preslan, University of Portland, 283-4794.

Feb. 7 & 21 or Feb. 8 & 22, Marylhurst
"AACR2 & L.C. Interpretation". Instructor, Jennie Laursen. Emphasis on monographic as well as serials cataloging. 2 crs. $210 + $5 materials; non-cr. $160 + $5 materials. Contact: 636-8141, ext. 370.

Feb. 14 & 15, Marylhurst
"Sci/Tech Computer Databases". Instructor, Maureen Seaman. Part I: databases in engineering, computer science and physics. Part II: chemistry, life science, biology, energy & agriculture. Complete course - 2 credits. Either part may be taken separately for 1 credit. 1 cr. $105 + $5 online time; non-cr. $80 + $5 online time. 636-8141, ext. 370.

Feb. 14 & 16, Marylhurst
"Accessing Databases with Your Micro". Instructor, Karen Starr. 1 cr. $105; non-cr. $80. Contact 636-8141, ext. 370.

Feb. 22 & Mar. 8, or Mar. 9, March 8 or March 9, Marylhurst
"Basics of Online Literature Searching". Instructor, Leslie Wykoff. Boolean logic, search negotiation, system and file selection search strategy, commands & various search features. Search online during the class. Schedules especially for persons who are coming from a distance. Contact Paula Hamilton if accommodations are needed. 2 cr. $210 + $15 online time; non-cr. $160 + $15 online time. Contact: 636-8141, ext. 370.
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