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OCLC COMES TO THE NORTHWEST. The W. K. Kellogg Foundation has given five academic libraries in the area grants to link up with the Ohio College Library Center On-line Cataloging and Card Production Center. Reed College, Linfield College, Warner Pacific College, Willamette University and Pacific Lutheran University will use their grants of \$8,000 each for start-up costs.

Although there is no membership fee to join OCLC, the main expenses are the terminal and other equipment costs, as well as the cost of training library personnel in the use of a terminal screen which looks like a TV screen to do cataloging.

According to a report by Karen Hanson, cataloger at Reed College, the searcher will check the image on the screen against the book in hand. Any elements on the screen which do not match the book can be immediately changed. (No more manual erasing.) When the copy is correct for the local library, the cards are ordered by just pushing a button. The cards come ready to file into the catalog.

Fr. Browne of the University of Portland says that they have also applied for a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and that he is optimistic of receiving it. In addition to the use of OCLC for cataloging, Fr. Browne sees great potential for improved interlibrary loan service. He says that if they receive a grant, the library will be committed to continuing with OCLC.

Karen Hanson is just as optimistic. "Economic sometimes is a factor preventing progress, but this time with the Kellogg grant we can go ahead and be as progressive as we like, and probably save money in the long run by getting involved now." She adds that she hopes Reed will be able to make savings now by cancelling some subscriptions like the National Union Catalog.

BUSINESS AND PROGRAM MEETING - SALEM PUBLIC LIBRARY, OCTOBER 15, 1976

Richard Heinzkill, Chairperson opened the meeting with words of welcome and gave a brief historical sketch of the chapter and its loose relationship with ALA. He reported that the Special Ad Hoc Committee on Chapters of ACRL had retired itself with the recommendation that its place be taken by a congress of chapters made up of one representative from each chapter. This proposal will be discussed at the Midwinter meeting of ACRL.

ADVISORY BOARD. Richard Heinzkill, Bob Gault, Didi Malarkey and Tom Gerrity met in Salem in June to review the past year's activities and to formulate plans for the coming year. (Fr. Browne was unable to attend.)

NEWSLETTER. At least two issues of each newsletter are sent to each academic library. It was urged that these be circulated among the staff. Those libraries needing more copies or who want the contact person changed, should notify to the editor.

CASSETTES. A cassette of the April meeting at which Eleanor Montague of WILCO talked is available from Heather Rosenwinkel, Health Sciences Library, Portland. The Chairperson asked for volunteers to handle the taping of meetings. (None so far have appeared.)

MEETING TIMES will be usually planned for Thursday or Friday if at all possible.

PROGRAM PLANS were discussed and list of possible topics distributed. The Chairperson asked for volunteers to serve as program chairpersons and panel members on the topics of interest to them.

CONTINUING EDUCATION. John Webb, State Library, announced that the state librarian's office would be discussing that topic at an upcoming meeting in Portland.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Richard Heinzkill was retained as Chairperson, and Didi Malarkey as secretary. Advisory Board members will be asked to serve another term. (The following have consented to serve as the Advisory Board for the coming year. Fr. Browne, Tom Gerrity, Bob Gault and Doris Tilles.)

H. William Axford, University of Oregon Library, presented a talk on "Coping with Austerity." Some discussion followed.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Gault, Secretary Pro Tem.