Passing Thoughts of an Almost Past President

School is about to start, the days are rapidly dwindling, and the ACRL year is about to begin again, with a new board starting after Menucha.

This issue contains a ballot. Use it and vote for the candidates you think are the best qualified to maintain a high level of connection between Oregon academic librarians. Also please note the fact that there is one, very qualified candidate for Vice President/President Elect: Barbara Jenkins of the University of Oregon. Two years ago the members of ACRL-OR approved a bylaws change so that two candidates would run for this office. This year we were unable to find/persuade/cajole two people to run. Barbara will be a wonderful, smart, able President, but the fact that she is running alone is indicative of a larger issue within our constituency.

The ACRL Chapter of Oregon needs more participation from its members. Two years ago we had a general brainstorming session at Menucha, out of which grew several ideas for possible small group meetings or other ways academic librarians could connect, in addition to Menucha. One of these groups, the BI group, met twice and then fizzled due to peoples' schedules. The others never coalesced at all. The Board meets four times a year and is charged with organizing Menucha every other year and with putting on programs at OLA every spring. I think we need once again at Menucha to talk about how to involve more people, how to reconnect with the academic librarians across the state, and how to connect successfully with our colleagues in public and special libraries throughout Oregon. Please bring your ideas and energy to Menucha, October 20-21, 1994.

Menucha (see registration information) promises to be very exciting this fall. So register early! We have a line-up of speakers from the private sector of information providers on Thursday and a responding panel of librarians on Friday. We purposely have scheduled no small-group break-out sessions due to overwhelming discontent with this format two years ago. We anticipate lively debate, so bring your brains and opinions with you.

There will be no bibliography provided, by the way. These often are looked at, then put away in that ever-growing file of things to read. Obviously the debate surrounding the Internet will be enhanced if you all do some reading and thinking before you arrive at Menucha. Victoria Mitchell at Reed just recommended the August 12th issue of *Science* which has a slew of articles about the 'Net. Articles abound all over.

This past year has been very successful for the Oregon ACRL Chapter. We had several very good and well attended programs at OLA and a bang-up preconference. The OLA News had a regular ACRL column. Victoria Mitchell did a great job of editing and putting together the newsletter. We are now in the planning stages for OLA '95. Suggestions are welcome for programming ideas; volunteers are needed for organizing the events.

I wish to thank the ACRL Board for their hard work and support over the past year. I have really enjoyed working with them.

Connie Anderson of Southern Oregon State College is the new president of ACRL-OR Chapter. She will do a great job with your needed support and involvement.

Susan Whyte
Linfield College
Past President
ACRL OREGON BOARD CANDIDATES

A Note on the Presidential Election

At the annual meeting of OLA/ACRL at Menucha in 1992, the membership voted to nominate and field two candidates for the office of Vice-President/President-Elect. This year the Board unanimously nominated current Board member Barbara Jenkins and contacted a number of other people about running for this office.

All declined because of other commitments. The Board feels that Barbara is an excellent choice for this office, and thus has decided to field only one candidate this year. The problems the Board encountered in trying to identify a second candidate will be discussed at this year's meeting in Menucha.

The pen is mightier than the sword... Don't forget to use yours & cast your vote!

Barbara Jenkins
(Candidate for President-Elect position)

Current position:
Head of Reference, Knight Library, University of Oregon 1992-

Previous Positions:
Acting Coordinator of Library Instruction, 1993-1994
Assistant Head of Reference, Main Library, University of California at Irvine, 1989-1991
Biological Sciences Librarian, University of California at Irvine, 1987-1990
Head, Collection Development and Acquisitions, Texas Medical Center Library, 1986-1987

Special Librarian, American Hospital Association, 1984-1985

Continuing Education Coordinator, Medical Library Association, 1982-1984

Education:
MLS, University of Chicago, 1982
BA, Biology, Earlham College, 1978
Certificate of Advanced Study in German, 1977

Organizational Memberships:
ALA - ACRL, RASD, LAMA

Chair, RASD Standards for Reference Librarians Discussion Group, 1994-1995
Past Chair, LAMA Economic Status and Staff Welfare Committee, 1993-1994
Member, LAMA Economic Status and Staff Welfare Committee, 1991-1993

Oregon Library Association 1992-ACRL Oregon Chapter, Board Member at Large, 1993-Present

Publications:

Significant Achievements and Presentations:
Co-Chair, ALA Program "Who's Who: Changing Roles of Librarians and Support Staff", 1994
"Rethinking Reference: Oregon Style", OLA Annual Conference, 1994
"The World of Electronic Information", UO Alumni Association, 1994
"FirstSearch and Reference Service", OSSHE Resource Sharing Conference, 1993
"Rethinking Reference", Panelist for Standards for Reference Librarians Discussion Group, ALA, 1993
"FirstSearch: A Review", Panelist for OCLC Users' Group, ALA, 1992
"Information Resources in Indigent Care", Medical Library Association, 1986

Jim Rible
(Candidate for 1st at-large position)

Current position:
Science Librarian and Coordinator for Electronic Resources, Southern Oregon State College Library, 1987-present

Previous position:
Reference Librarian, Oregon Institute of Technology, 1985-1987

Education:
MS in Environmental Education, SOSC, 1992
MLS, University of California, Los Angeles, 1985
BA, Chemistry, California State University, Chico, 1980
Organizational Memberships:  
OLA, ACRL

Publications:  


and several other short reviews in CD-ROM Professional and Information Today.

Significant achievements:  
One of eight OSSHE ILC Online Coordinators, organizers for Online Northwest for the past nine years. I was head of this committee for two years, 1987-1989. I have made several presentations at this conference.

Ruth Vondracek  
(Candidate for 1st at-large position)

Current Position:  
Coordinator of Reference Services and Distance Education Support Services, Western Oregon State College Library, 1992-

Previous Positions:  

Assistant Librarian, Willamette University, 1986-1989.

Iowa Newspaper Project Cataloger, Iowa State Historical Department (US Newspaper Project), 1985-1986.

Documents Curator Library Head, Office of the State Archaeologist, University of Iowa, 1984-1985.

Education:  
MLS, 1984 University of Iowa.  
BA, 1978 University of Wisconsin -Madison, Anthropology and German.  1977-78 Junior Year Abroad Program, Freiburg, West Germany.

Organizational Memberships and Activities:  
ACRL; ALA; OLA  
Co-editor OLA Reference Roundtable Newsletter

Bonnie Allen  
(Candidate for 2nd at-large position)

Current Position:  
Director of Library Services, Clatsop Community College, Astoria, OR, 1992-

Previous Positions:  

N a t i o n a l M a r k e t i n g Representative and Acting Marketing Manager, Western Library Network, 1989-1991.


Head of Technical Services, Willamette University, 1981-83.

Acquisitions Coordinator, Northern Arizona University, 1980-81

Assistant to the Director of Library Services, University of Cincinnati, 1975-79.

Education:  
M.B.A., Portland State University, 1988  
M.L.S., Indiana University, Bloomington, Graduate School of Library and Information Science

B.A., Indiana University, Bloomington, Art History and French

Organizational Memberships and Activities:  
OLA, ALA, PNLA, ACRL

Oregon Correspondent for PNLA News (1982)  
Member, Executive Council, ACRL/Oregon (1981-1983)

Significant Achievements:  
Trainer, Collection Development Conspectus Project – presented workshop in evaluation of collection for the OSL Conspectus project (1985)

OCLC User Group Chair, 1983

Speaker, WLN User Group at WLA, 1990, as WLN Product Manager.

Chair, Taskforce on Technology for Clatsop Community College, 1994

Academic Library Representative, Northwest LÍNK Advisory Committee (Reference Referral project)

Activity Director, Title 3 Grant (1994) for Incorporating Instructional Tech into the Library Service to faculty.

Johannah Sherrer  
(Candidate for 2nd at-large position)

Current Position:  
Director, Watzek Library, Lewis & Clark College, July, 1993-

Previous positions:  
Head of Reference, Duke University

Head of Reference, University of Northern Colorado

Reference Department, University of Dayton

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Candidate information: Johannah Sherrer, contd.

Education:
M.S.L.S., University of Kentucky
M.A., University of Dayton
B.A., University of Portland

Organizational Memberships:
ALA, ACRL, OLA

Organizational Activities:
ALA, RASD Mudge Citation Committee Member, 1994
ALA, RASD, President's Program Committee Chair, 1993

Publications:


Paper:

Significant Achievements:

Oregon News

Fall Meeting will set Direction for Oregon Information Highway

The Oregon Information Highway Project Task Force will present its plans for a statewide library network at a meeting in Salem on October 28th.

The Task Force will report on the input received from meetings with various library groups throughout the state. The Task Force will also present proposed goals and functional requirements for a statewide library network, and the outline of a technical plan to achieve the goals of the project.

The meeting is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Anderson Auditorium, on the lower level of the Salem Public Library in Salem. All interested library staff and library trustees are encouraged to attend and to contribute to the planning effort.

The Oregon Information Highway Project is a joint project of the Oregon State Library, the Oregon Library Association Resource Sharing Committee, and the Library Information Network of Clackamas County. Earlier in the year, the project sponsored two meetings of larger libraries that are expected to play a major role in the statewide library network.

Following the October meeting, the Task Force intends to develop a written plan for the statewide library network that would be completed by the end of the year. Once planning is completed, the Task Force plans to begin to seek funding for the network.

For more information contact: Jim Scheppke, Oregon State Librarian, 378-4243.

OSU’s Pauling Collection to Go Online

"I strongly believe that this project will exemplify the future preservation and access of historical material"

– Ramesh Krishnamurthy, Project Coordinator

A new electronic text retrieval and imaging system is being developed by Oregon State University’s (OSU) Kerr Library Special Collections that could revolutionize research with rare and valuable documents.

OSU’s library is in the process of converting the collection of two-time Nobel Prize winner and Oregon native Linus Pauling and his wife, Ava Helen Pauling, into a digital format that can be stored and retrieved by computer. The new system will give researchers around the world remote access to the Pauling Collection without ever touching the original documents.

The Pauling collection contains about 150,000 items stored in over 800 archival boxes. It includes letters, speeches, hand-written manuscripts, and newspaper articles. The Special Collections staff is in the process of scanning each document for storage in a digital form.

After a document is scanned and stored using LaserFiche imaging software, an optical character recognition software (OCR) developed by Calera is used to extract the typewritten text of the scanned document. This method lets researchers have a facsimile image of the original document and the extracted text side-by-side on a single screen. Researchers using the system will have the option of storing the image, text, or both in digital form.
The system also will allow researchers to do key-word, easy Boolean, and fuzzy word searches.

The new system still must work out some problems with the OCR software. Existing software can now accurately scan 75-80 percent of a document; the goal is to achieve nearly 100 percent accuracy.

Public access to the system will come through OSU's Kerr Library local area network. People will be able to access the system in much the same way as they do when searching the library's OASIS electronic catalog. Researchers from around the world will be able to access the Pauling collection through Internet.

"The Imaging and Text Retrieval of the Pauling Papers is an example of the type of project which OSU libraries and other libraries around the world will be undertaking during the next decades as we convert our cultural heritage to a widely accessible computer format", says Charlene Grass, Associate University Librarian for Technical and Automation Services.

Ed. Note: The above article has been excerpted from an OSU press release of 6/20/94. Sources: Ramesh Krishnamurthi and Clifford Mead, 503-737-2075.

PEOPLE NEWS

-Linfield College-

Karen Diller has joined the staff of Linfield College as reference librarian. She comes to us from the Undergraduate Library at the University of Maryland, College Park. Before that she was a reference librarian at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wa. She has an MLS from the University of Michigan. (She was in the same class as Sarah Beasley.)

Her professional/academic interests are: bibliographic instruction, reference collection development, and women and slaves in the ancient world.

Her favorite activity outside of work: trying out new restaurants.

-OSU-

May Ying Chau is the new Life Sciences Librarian for OSU Libraries. She comes to OSU from Colorado State University, where she had been Plant Science Librarian since 1991. She received her MLS from Wayne State in 1991 and has a MS in Horticulture from Brigham Young. May's subject responsibilities will be in agriculture. She is a member of the Libraries' Electronic Resources Team and OSU Information Services Multimedia Team.

Jeanne Davidson is the new Physical Sciences Librarian for OSU Libraries. She had been a Reference Librarian at Augustana College (Illinois) since 1991. Her MLS is from University of Missouri, and she holds an MS in Geology from the University of Wyoming. At OSU, Jeanne's subject responsibilities include chemistry, geology, math and statistics. She is a member of the Libraries' User Education Team.

-PSU-

Michelle Tsoi has been appointed Assistant Systems Librarian at Portland State University Library, with a starting date of August 16. Michelle has a BS from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a Masters of Library and Information Studies from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Michelle's most recent experience is from Wake Forest University where she was the Cataloging/Automation Librarian. Previously she worked at the Great Commission Theological Seminary, Loyola Law School Library, and Pacific Oaks College Library.

In her new position, Michelle will be a part of the Computer Systems Working Group, involved with providing day-to-day support for the Library's automation activities.

Three librarians have sabbatical plans this year. Janet Wright, Humanities Librarian, will be on sabbatical for four months beginning in September. Robert Westover, who recently finished organizing the conversion of the Acquisitions Section from the WLN automated system to a SIRSI system, will be gone four months starting in December. Joe Kohut will be gone for one year as of September. Bob Lawrence, who has retired from his position as a science reference librarian at OSU, will serve in a temporary reference position while Joe is gone.

-State Library-

Phillip Peacock joined the State Library in June as the new User Support Analyst for the Automated Systems Unit. He has worked as a computer systems specialist and as a trainer and support person for several state agencies, most recently for the Oregon Corrections Department. Phillip's educational background and experience is in programming, systems planning, and user support.

-Willamette University-

Arlene Weible, former Government Documents Librarian at Yale University, has returned to her native Oregon to be the Periodicals and Government Documents Librarian at Willamette University. The W.U. librarians are thrilled to have her!

Ford Schmidt, Head of Reference at W.U., is the proud father of Nathaniel Albert, a healthy, happy and big baby boy born on May 13th!
ACRL $$$ for the Deserving

Last year, there were three (count 'em, three) applicants for this award, which was, believe it or not, three more than the previous year. So, come on, all you acquisitions and techie-types — give it a try.

Samuel Lazerow Fellowship for Research in Acquisitions or Technical Services in an Academic or Research Library

This award fosters advances in acquisitions or technical services by providing fellowships to librarians for travel or writing in those fields. Research projects in collection development or the compilation of bibliographies will not be supported by this fellowship.

Award: $1,000 cash and a citation donated by the Institute for Scientific Information.

Criteria: The proposals will be judged with an emphasis on the following:
1. Potential significance of the project to acquisitions or technical services work.
2. Originality and creativity.
3. Clarity and completeness of the proposal.
4. Evidence of an interest in scholarship (previous publication record).

Application procedure: Brief proposals (five pages or less, double-spaced) should include the following:
1. Description of research, travel or writing project.
2. Schedule for project.
3. Estimate of expenses (e.g., travel, faxing, data analysis, computer time, photocopying, typing).
4. An up-to-date curriculum vitae should accompany proposal.

Awardee obligation: Recipients of the fellowship are required to submit a report of the results of their research to ACRL for possible publication in C&RL News.

Submission procedures: Send eight copies of the application to the Samuel Lazerow Fellowship, Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), American Library Association, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Staff contact: If you have questions or need help in compiling a nomination, contact: Althea H. Jenkins, (800) 545-2433, ext. 3248, (312) 280-3248, or U55385@uicvm.uiuc.edu

Deadline: December 1, 1994.

★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★

Oregon Library Workshops

To register, or for more information contact:
Division of Continuing Education and Summer Programs, Western Oregon State College, Monmouth, OR 97361, (503) 836-8483 or 1 (800) 451-5767.

What's New In . . .
Saturday, Oct. 15
Western Oregon State College, Monmouth

Select four topics and learn what's new in fiction, non-fiction, Hispanic services, women's literature, intellectual freedom or science fiction. Concurrent sessions of 90 minutes each are offered throughout the day.

Presenters:
Fiction — Linea Patrick
Robin Beerbower
Non-Fiction — Paul Gregorio
Hispanic Services—Robin Puccetti
Women's Literature—Jan Fortier
Intellectual Freedom—Mary Ginnane
Science Fiction—Kim Antieau

Presenter Notes:
Linea Patrick holds an MLS from UC Berkeley. She has been Fiction Acquisitions librarian at the Salem Public Library since 1978 and the Circulation Division Manager since 1991. She has also worked in Reference, Audio-Visual and Circulation Divisions since 1973.

Robin Beerbower, the OLA Oregon Library Employee of the Year for 1993, has been at the Salem Public Library since 1973. She served as the Bookmobile Librarian, Readers Advisory Service supervisor, and Fiction Acquisitions librarian for the Bookmobile for 12 years. She selects genre fiction for the central library and has taught popular fiction classes for the Chemeketa Community College Adult Education Program.

Paul Gregorio teaches library courses in the School of Education at Portland State University. He has conducted workshops for librarians throughout Oregon. He holds an MLS from the University of Washington.

Robin Puccetti is a graduate of UC Berkeley in Library and Information Studies. She served as the director of an elementary school library before moving to Independence to accept the position of City Librarian where she has enhanced the services to Spanish speaking patrons.

Jan Fortier is Director of Shoem Library and Department Chair of the Library Information Management Program, both at Marylhurst College. Jan received her MLS from the University of Oregon and her Ph.D. in English from Temple University in Philadelphia. She teaches literature in the Humanities Department at Marylhurst as well as teaching in the Shoem Library program.

Mary Ginnane has worked at the Oregon State Library since 1986.
Kim Antieau is branch librarian at White Salmon Community Library and the fiction selector for the Fort Vancouver Regional Library. Her short stories have been published in *Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, *Science Fiction Age*, and *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*. *Trudging to Eden*, a collection of her short stories, was recently published by Silver Salamander Press for release this summer.

Collection Development  
Friday, Oct. 28  
Cottage Grove Public Library

This workshop will: "Examine the elements necessary in a written collection development policy and study examples; review a worksheet for gathering information to describe a collection and look at a sample description; address long range planning."

**Presenter: Nancy Powell** – is a library collection development consultant. She served at Oregon State University's Kerr Library and as Associate Director of the Library at Nichols State University in Thibodaux, LA.

Medical Reference  
Friday, Nov. 4  
Wilsonville Public Library

This workshop addresses the practice of providing current health information to consumers, including use of medical reference tools, selection criteria for consumer books and journals, the reference interview, legal aspects of providing consumer health information, use of electronic consumer health information resources, and the direction of that information in the age of health care reform.

**Presenter: Michele Johns** – received a MLS from the University of Illinois at Urbana. She is Director of the Planetree Health Resource Center in The Dalles, a not-for-profit community library of health and medical information. She has served as reference librarian at the Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois College of Medicine, before becoming Director, and taught graduate courses as well as serving as a consultant to hospitals and private corporations in planning and implementing health sciences collections and services.

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And don't forget to mark your calendar for:  
- **Menucha**, October 20-21, 1994  
- **ACRL 7th National Conference**, March 29-April 1, 1995 in Pittsburgh, PA.

**OLA Annual Meeting**  
April 26-29, 1995 at Portland Hilton. "OLA '95: Creating New Connections"

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**From the Editor:**

This is my last ACRL/OR Chapter Newsletter. It's been sometimes a pleasure; sometimes an exercise in cursing, teeth-gnashing, and throwing things – but never less than educational, and I've enjoyed keeping up with people and news from around the state. All in all, a very valuable experience!

The future of the newsletter is currently undecided. If you have news, etc., that you want published, please contact our new ACRL President for further information:

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ACRL Oregon Chapter Advisory Board Election

BALLOT

Vice President/President Elect
Barbara Jenkins

At Large Positions

Position #1 Vote for one:
Jim Rible
Ruth Vondracek

Position #2 Vote for one:
Bonnie Allen
Johannah Sherrer

Return to Connie Anderson, SOSC Library, 1250 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, OR 97250, postmarked no later than October 1, 1993