Index expand its coverage of refereed journals and restrict its coverage of non-refereed journals? Does Academic Index conform to Richard Carney's ideal when, in his article on INFOTRAC, he comments: “Whether a new product addresses a specific need and meets that need should be paramount in the evaluation process.” And since he believes that “no single tool is capable of fulfilling all the needs of a reference center” and that “the question becomes one of evaluating the available tools and the impact each might have on the overall demands placed upon the reference center,” why not refine the coverage of Academic Index and realize its potential as a better reference tool in an academic environment?

1Richard D. Carney, “Infotrac vs. the Con founding of Technology and its Applications,” Database, June 1986, p. 56.

Cincinnati ’89

Here are two additional ways to see and enjoy Cincinnati while at the ACRL National Conference in April 1989: one is a short bus tour during the day, the other is a boat ride on the Ohio River in the evening. Detailed information for both trips will be mailed to you as part of your registration packet in the late fall, so you may sign up for one or both in advance of the actual conference. Both are planned for during the conference, so even if you can’t come early or stay over afterwards, you’ll still have an opportunity to experience Cincinnati beyond its lovely downtown hotels, fabulous restaurant variety and shopping, shopping, shopping!

The bus trip is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The cost is $20.00, which includes lunch. This will be an easy and convenient way to see some of the highlights of the Cincinnati and northern Kentucky area. Boarding downtown near conference hotels, you’ll see and hear about Fountain Square and many other downtown buildings and landmarks, including Music Hall and the Union Terminal. In picturesque nearby Mt. Adams, see Rookwood Pottery, lovely Eden Park and a beautiful Ohio River overlook. Across the historic Suspension Bridge into Covington, Kentucky, you’ll see the restored Main Strasse area, with its many little gift shops, and also several noteworthy churches. Finally, at the new Oldenberg Brewery, you’ll enjoy a show and lunch. Following a short tour of this fascinating “Old World” brewery, you’ll return to the downtown hotel area by 12:30. (Registration is limited to 100 people for this event.)

The riverboat trip is planned for Thursday, April 6, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The price of $21.00 includes dinner on the boat. Board a BB riverboat in Covington, Kentucky, just across the river from downtown Cincinnati. This leisurely cruise on the Ohio River includes a delicious buffet dinner, music and the lovely scenery of both the Kentucky and the Ohio shores. An evening to remember, especially if you plan to attend along with a group of your favorite ACRL friends!

The ACRL Local Arrangements Committee hopes that you’ll plan to enjoy one or both of these events as well as the other activities—both professional and purely for fun—that will be available to you at ACRL in Cincinnati in ’89. See you in Cincinnati!!

2Carney, p. 58.