**Publications**

**NOTICES**

- In order to make the Department of Commerce annual *U.S. Industrial Outlook* more accessible and useful, Penton/IPC Research has developed an **SIC Order Index**.

  The index is available in the form of a sixteen-page booklet. The price is $2 from Penton/IPC Research, 614 Superior Ave. West, Cleveland, OH 44113.

- A new exposition of Universal Serials & Book Exchange (USBE) processes and operations in the form of a coordinated cassette tape-photographic slide presentation has been announced. Contact: USBE, 335 V St., NE, Washington, DC 20018; (202) 529-2555.

- The Winter 1978 issue of *University Publishing*, a quarterly devoted to the publications of the nearly 100 university presses in America, has been published. The themes of this issue, under the guest editorship of Leonard Michaels, are "The Body" and "Music."

  *University Publishing*, a quarterly, is distributed by subscription and through bookstores. Single copies are $1. Subscriptions: Individuals, $4 a year, $10 three years (Foreign, $5 a year, $12 three years); Institutions, $6 a year, $15 three years (Foreign, $7 a year, $17 three years).

  For more information concerning editorial policies, consult Leonard Michaels, Professor of English, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720, or William McClung, Sponsoring Editor, University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

- The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc., has announced the publication of *Plant Bibliography*, Issue no. 1, January 1978, consists of an annotated bibliography on desert gardening—desert plants and their cultivation.

  A second issue in publication is on vegetable cookery, and two more are being completed on the gesneriads (African violets and their relatives) and orchids. The council hopes that each *Plant Bibliography* will be an invaluable aid to librarians, researchers, and others needing specialized bibliographic information in the fields of botany and horticulture.

  It is priced at $2.50, which includes postage and handling, and may be ordered from the council in care of the Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL 60539.

- The Colorado Council of Medical Librarians, has announced the publication of the second edition of the **CCML Union List of Serials**. There are approximately 125 new titles added to the 1977 list of some 1,700 health science titles. The holdings included are from twenty-eight Colorado health sciences libraries (excluding the University of Colorado Medical Center and Colorado State University Libraries). The cost is $27 and the publication may be ordered from Joel Greenblat, Treasurer, Colorado Council of Medical Librarians, UCMC Denison Library, 4200 E. 9th Ave., Denver, CO 80262. Checks may be made out to the Colorado Council Medical Librarians.

- The newly published *Collection Analysis in Research Libraries: An Interim Report on a Self-Study Process* contains five papers on the status of the Collection Analysis Project (CAP) of the Association of Research Libraries, Office of University Library Management Studies. The papers, first presented at the ARL membership meeting on October 1977, were brought together in this publication to provide an overall view of the CAP procedure, which university research libraries can use to analyze collection, acquisition, retention, resource sharing, and preservation practices. CAP is supported by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

  The papers discuss major issues confronting research libraries in developing and maintaining collections, the operation of the CAP procedure, and the status of pilot tests at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Arizona State University, and the University of California at Berkeley. *Collection Analysis in Research Libraries*
LAD Announces Preconference

The Buildings and Equipment Section of the Library Administration Division announces a preconference institute to be held prior to the 1978 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. "Energy and the Library" is the title of the institute that will be held in the Palmer House Hotel on June 23-24, 1978.

The purpose of this preconference is to introduce librarians to the concepts of energy conservation and to illustrate the success and problems of buildings already designed to save energy. A number of library buildings from different geographical regions will be critically examined by librarians and architects; and models, photographs, and specifications of those projects and others will be on exhibit.

The preconference is planned to be relevant to all sizes and types of libraries and to the design of new buildings as well as the renovation of existing buildings.

For information and a registration brochure, contact the Library Administration Division headquarters at 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; (312) 944-6780, ext.266 or 267.
and title indexes provide easy access to the entries.

It is available for $2 (to defray printing and mailing costs) from Donnelley Library, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

• A steering committee appointed by the American Council of Learned Societies in 1975 to undertake a study of the problems of East Asian libraries has issued its report and recommendations in East Asian Libraries: Problems and Prospects (1977). According to the report, the study—which was accomplished with funding from the Ford Foundation—revealed that "institutional autonomy and duplication of acquisitions [among East Asian libraries] must be replaced by coordination of purchases and sharing of resources to a far greater degree than in the past."

The report calls for "development of a national East Asian library system consistent with and geared to the general American research library network which is gradually evolving." The three imperatives for success in such a system, the report submits, are (1) maintenance and continued growth of the East Asian library collections of major research universities; (2) creation of more regional consortia and national pools, with incorporation of East Asian materials into those already in existence; and (3) development of a comprehensive bibliographic data base. The report concludes by recommending establishment of a committee of scholars and librarians to oversee implementation of these objectives.—HUL

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(Selected items will be reviewed in future issues of College and Research Libraries.)


Harvard and RLG

This statement from Douglas W. Bryant, university librarian, Harvard University, recently appeared in HUL Notes.

A reluctant decision, but one unanimously supported by those at Harvard University who have been chiefly concerned with RLG, was reported in a letter of April 4, 1978, from President Bok of Harvard to James E. Skipper, president of The Research Libraries Group:

I am writing to inform you that Harvard University no longer finds it possible to participate actively in The Research Libraries Group, Inc., and has under consideration withdrawal as a member.

We take this action only after my colleagues and I have deliberated long and searching. While we continue to believe that collaboration among research libraries is important, we have reluctantly come to the view that our continued active participation from this point is not the most effective course for either Harvard or RLG. Five years ago, when the Rosenthal study was undertaken to explore the basis for establishing this consortium of four research libraries, the similarities among them seemed to be greater than, in our opinion, they have proved to be. Since then, the institutional imperatives operating within each of the four libraries have led to differing perceptions of individual needs and priorities. It is clear that the development of the Harvard libraries must now take first priority in the use of our resources. Moreover, the complexities in the organization, administration, and financing of the nearly one hundred libraries that comprise the Harvard University Library system have made our participation in RLG singularly difficult.

Though it has been concluded that active participation in RLG is no longer desirable, President Bok’s letter commends the progress that has been made by the organization toward several goals; endorses the recommendations made in the chapter, “The Major Research Libraries: Strengthening a National Heritage” in the February 17, 1978, report, Research Universities and the National Interest, issued by the Ford Foundation; and emphasizes Harvard’s interest in continued cooperation with RLG and other research libraries and in maintenance of close communications.

I should like to express my appreciation to all members of the university library staff who have been involved in RLG activities. If the experiment had been unsuccessful after only halfhearted participation by Harvard, the outcome would have been regrettable indeed. As it is, the Harvard Library can take pride in having made an honest and strenuous effort.

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