From Inside the DLP

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A great many of you are, no doubt, readers
of The Acquainter, "An International Newslet-
ter for Academic Consortia for Higher Educa-
tion," published by KCRCHE, the Kansas City
(Mo.) Regional Council for Higher Education.
I find it unfailingly stimulating and full of new
information instead of the repetitious items
used in many other professional sources.

The December 1970 issue was of special in-
terest to the DLP because of the reports of the
activities of two consortia in making periodical
banks available to their members. Both groups
have been awarded Title II-A (HEA) Special
Purpose Type C grants in the College Library
Resources program, so we are particularly hap-
py to read of their successes. Just in case you
don't see The Acquainter regularly, I'm going
to be guilty of repeating the two items.

The Associated Colleges of the Midwest
(ACM) maintain their Periodical Bank at their
Chicago headquarters, 60 West Walton Street
(zip 60610). The twelve members of the group
are in five states, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Min-
nesota, and Wisconsin.

The Acquainter reports (page 2) that ACM's
board of directors has recently made it possible
for non-ACM colleges to join the Periodical
Bank as associate members, with an annual
membership fee and charges for photocopies
of articles from its holdings. The Bank is de-
signed to complement and augment the peri-
odical holdings of its member colleges, and has
backfiles, both in paper and microform, for ap-
proximately 1,884 current subscriptions and
300 ceased publications. Three types of services
are provided: (1) Photocopies of tables of con-
tents of periodicals currently received; (2)
Photocopies of articles from Bank holdings;
(3) Photocopies of articles from periodicals not
in ACM holdings but available from other Chi-
gaco libraries. Orders for photocopies are re-
ceived by TWX and they are normally filled
within twenty-four hours of receipt. Copies are
sent by first-class mail. If an order cannot be
filled from the Bank, a few days are usually
necessary for obtaining photocopy from another
Chicago library. In ten months of fiscal year
1969-70 the Bank filled 12,276 orders.

The second item (page 10) is about
KCRCHE itself and illustrates perfectly the
hope the DLP has cherished that the College
Library Resources grants may act as seed mon-
ey for germinating much larger projects than
federal funds can support. On September 23,
1970, the Women's Chamber of Commerce of
Greater Kansas City was honored for a project
that led to the establishment of the KCRCHE
Periodicals Microfilm Bank. Funds raised by
the Women's Chamber served as the matching
funds for the federal grant to establish the col-
collection now housed at Park College. Represent-
atives of the Women's Chamber visited the
Bank, witnessed a demonstration of its opera-
tions, and were guests of honor at the luncheon
attended by representatives of the KCRCHE
board of directors, the librarians, the committee
of academic deans, and the KCRCHE staff.
The Bank's 3,191 reels of microfilm are provid-
ing access for 42,000 area college students to
most periodicals listed in the leading periodical
guides for the period since 1955. Using the
KCRCHE telephone network, a requesting li-
brary can call the Bank and have a printoff of
an article placed in the mail that day. Lists of
holdings of the Bank have been provided to li-
brarians for distribution to faculty members as
well as samples of catalog cards for adding the
Bank's holdings to library card files.

Although we would like to think that the
Title II-A (HEA) Special Purpose Type C
grant in 1969 was the biggest factor in the sup-
port of KCRCHE's interesting project, many
of the consortium's members have also bene-
fitted from Title III (HEA) grants for
Strengthening Developing Institutions. Such
grants may not have been directly related to
this library project, but they have undoubtedly
helped the institutions in learning how to co-
operate successfully in all sorts of academic ac-
tivities, including library services.

MINITER NAMED FOR
GOOD TEACHING AWARD

The Good Teaching Award Committee of
Beta Phi Mu International Library Science
Honor Society announces that John J. Miniter
has been named Library School Teacher of the
Year for 1971. Miniter is a member of the fac-
culty of the School of Library Science of Texas
Woman's University, Denton. His teaching in-
terests include special library administration,
library automation, and information storage
and retrieval. Recipients of the award are elect-
ed by students of library schools accredited by
the American Library Association from among
those professors whose courses they attended.
Miniter is the tenth teacher to be named for
this honor since it was first given to Frances
Neel Cheney of Peabody Library School in
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