

# Ohio State computer searches library catalogues

"There are over 50 Smiths who have written about history."

"Shall we continue the search?"

Good morning from OCLC. Give it your authorized Social Security number and it will search its memory bank for the book you want.

OCLC is a computer in Columbus, Ohio.

Four OCLC terminals were added to Love Memorial Library this month. They are connected by telephone to the Ohio College Library Center—a nationwide cataloguing service at Ohio State University which records subscribing libraries' holdings in its computer.

OCLC then sends the libraries bibliographic cards ready to catalogue in each library's card catalogues.

### Library growth

The four terminals were installed in Love Library to keep up with the physical growth of the library, said Dan Lester, associate director of libraries for technical services.

Lester said installation of the terminals "makes operations much more efficient and will save money."

Money for the terminals, which cost \$3,700 each, is coming from within the library system. The largest share will come from a reduction in staff as employees leave and the rest from lower supply inventories, he said.

Expenses include installment of the terminals, maintenance, training of employees and service fees, he said. It costs \$1.77 for each book to be catalogued into the system and about 3.4 cents for each bibliographic card sent back, he said.

"Minimizing cost is important," Lester



New computer terminal in Love Library.

said; "but improved service is the main thing."

### Few libraries

Few libraries have programmed their entire holdings into the computer, Lester said.

Love Library has begun by cataloguing only new books, but in five to ten years programming will be completed and computer terminals will replace card catalogues for finding books, he said.

Programming is an expensive and time consuming process, he said, because bibliographic information, the Library of Congress number, the title and the edition of each book must be fed into the computer.

However, the OCLC system will reduce manual labor costs, especially clerical, sorting and filing, Lester said.

"Because of this, the library staff will be reduced," he said.

He estimated that over a three-month period there will be six fewer employees at Love Library.

Only authorized personnel are allowed to program the computer, Lester said. The Social Security number of those people are recorded in the computer.

All other people are classified as "guests," Lester said, and use the number 000-00-000 to use the computer.

## 'Archipelago' tops book list

The Ohio College Library Center (OCLC) Research and Development Division recently compiled a list of the ten most popular books in participating libraries of the OCLC network. Based on the number of libraries listed on each bibliographic record in OCLC's data bank, the ten most popular books in the OCLC system are:

1. *Gulag Archipelago* by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
2. *Working* by Studs Terkel
3. *Dictionary of Behavioral Science* by Benjamin B. Wolman

4. *Sources of Information in the Social Sciences* by Carl M. White and Associates

5. *Faulkner* (biography) by Joseph Blotner

6. *Perpetual Jeopardy* by Kenneth Patrick

7. *The Imperial Presidency* by Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.

8. *Kind and Usual Punishment* by Jessica Mitford

9. *If Beale Street Could Talk* by James Baldwin

10. *Index to Poetry and Recitations* by Edith Granger

## Grandstand affects fair success

As go ticket sales for grandstand attractions at the Nebraska State Fair, so goes the success of the fair.

This year's headliners show a variety of big-name entertainment which should entice people throughout the state to Lincoln.

The opening act Friday, Aug. 29, is the Captain & Tennille, whose recording of "Love Will Keep Us Together" recently hit the top of the AM charts.

Saturday is a gospel music extravaganza featuring five top-name gospel acts.

Freddie Prinze and Jack Albertson, the stars of the NBC television comedy *Chico and the Man* will headline Sunday evening's show.

Country and Western fans will have double opportunity to see stars from that field. Roy Clark will perform Sept. 1 and 2. Roger Miller and Lynn Anderson headline the last two grandstand shows, Sept. 6 and 7.

And, in between, there are the Osmonds, who will present their Las Vegas-type revue show Friday, Sept. 5.

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