Seattle '84

The last two Seattle '84 columns featured Seattle and the Pacific Northwest. The National Conference Executive Committee hopes that many conference attendees will plan to schedule vacation time in the Pacific Northwest before or after the conference. In addition, the ACRL staff has planned continuing education courses immediately preceding the conference, and some other groups are planning meetings in conjunction with the ACRL conference.

An important part of the 1984 conference will be the exhibits. A new feature will be exhibitor new product seminars. These sessions are scheduled before the opening of the exhibits and will provide exhibitors an opportunity to review briefly the products and services they have recently introduced. A reception is scheduled for the opening of the exhibits and the conference schedule allows free time for attending the exhibits.

Registration packets will include tickets for free continental breakfasts in the exhibit area on Thursday and Friday mornings before the program sessions that begin at 9:00 a.m. ACRL has mailed exhibit information to prospective exhibitors; however, if there are firms whose products you would especially like to see in Seattle, please contact Sandy Whiteley in the ACRL office. She will be happy to contact any prospective exhibitors.

The deadline for intents to submit contributed papers and proposals for other program sessions was July 1. The intents have been acknowledged and referees are being selected to review the papers submitted. All papers are due no later than October 1, 1983. Papers received after that date cannot be considered. Theme sessions and other program sessions are also being planned. Speakers for these sessions are being selected over the summer.

The fastest way for most conference attendees to get to Seattle is by plane. However, Seattle is served by Amtrak trains from Chicago and Los Angeles. This is a relaxing, though not necessarily less expensive, way to travel. If you choose this option you should plan to make your reservations early, since the trains and especially sleeping accommodations, are frequently booked several months in advance.

In emphasizing Pacific Northwest themes, the Conference Executive Committee has selected a Pacific Northwest Coast Native American design for the conference logo. The design is based on a Nootka myth entitled, "Woodpecker and the Thunderbirds." The myth describes how Woodpecker sought revenge on the thunderbird people for stealing his wife. Woodpecker created a mock whale which the thunderbirds caught; but Kwatyat, a supernatural trickster and Woodpecker's helper, made the whale heavy so the thunderbirds could not lift it from the water and were drowned.

A conference poster using the logo has been produced and is shown on page 241. The original col-

ors are reddish-brown, yellow, and black. Copies are available by mail for \$5 each from Gary L. Menges, Suzzallo Library, FM-25, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. Please provide a mailing address, as posters will be mailed at library rate. Checks should be payable to Gary L. Menges.

OBERLY AWARD ANNOUNCED

J. Richard Blanchard and Lois Farrell have been selected to receive the 1983 Eunice Rockwell Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural Sciences. The award recognizes their jointly written monograph, *Guide to Sources for Agricultural and Biological Research*, published in 1981 by the University of California Press.

Blanchard is librarian emeritus at the University of California, Davis. This is Blanchard's second Oberly Award, his first in 1960 having been presented for his *Literature of Agricultural Research*, published in 1958 by the University of California Press.

Farrell is head of the Natural Resources Library at the University of California, Berkeley.

The Oberly Memorial Award, instituted in 1925, is presented in odd-numbered years to American citizens who compile the best bibliographies in agriculture or related sciences in the preceding two-year period. The award is administered by ACRL's Science and Technology Section.

The award was presented at the ALA Annual Conference at 9:30 a.m., Monday, June 27, prior to the Section's program.

BI Correction

The forthcoming publication from the Bibliographic Instruction Section announced in the May 1983 C&RL News, p. 165, is the Bibliographic Instruction Evaluation Handbook. This is a completely new publication, not to be confused with the Bibliographic Instruction Handbook. The BI Handbook has been in print for several years and is available from ACRL at \$5 for ACRL members and \$6 for nonmembers.

The *Bibliographic Instruction Evaluation Handbook* will be published by ACRL in the late summer and the price will be announced at that time.

The Introduction to the new handbook will be published in the September 1983 C & RL News.

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