

# Alverno At-large

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## Kellogg grants will support information dissemination on Alverno learning process; equip library for increased services

Alverno has been awarded a \$426,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan to provide information on its unique educational process to the rest of the nation.

The College's requirement that liberal arts students be able to demonstrate their competence in such areas as problem solving and communication has already attracted wide-spread interest.

In announcing the grant Sister Joel Read, president, said "To assist in the resolution of some of the problems facing higher education today is one of the tasks to which Alverno has committed itself.

"To be able now to more effectively share what we have learned with our colleagues across the nation is a great pleasure."

The \$426,000 grant will be used over three years to develop a dissemination program which will involve both training person-

nel and preparing audio-visual and print materials that will provide an orientation to the learning process as well as producing aids that will help explain teaching techniques, assessment procedures and other implications of the process for higher education.

In addition the College will establish a teaching conference center, and expand its media center and library facilities for presentations to both on and off-campus personnel.

In his letter of commitment to Alverno, George Hanson, Kellogg Foundation program assistant stated, "The Foundation is pleased to be associated with Alverno College and this project which has so much potential for higher education."

Alverno also has received an \$8,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation under the foundation's National Library Demonstration Program.

The two-year grant will enable the college to become a member of the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC), a library network that provides a centralized, computer-based bibliographic file. The grant monies will be used to purchase OCLC terminal equipment and to train library personnel in its use.

The Ohio College Library Center provides each library member with shared cataloging and card production of the more than 2 million bibliographic records currently in the Center's data base in Columbus, Ohio. Other membership benefits include expansion of the library's resources through inter-library cooperation, faster, more efficient processing of materials, and increasing the location of information and availability of library resources to users.

Established in 1967, OCLC currently has member libraries in 35 states.