

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENTS

Every once in awhile, the Law School librarians, under the direction of Maurice Leon, issue a newsletter for the faculty and staff, outlining the most recent developments in the Law School Library.

The latest report, issued in December, 1975, included (among others) the following news items of interest to the alumni:

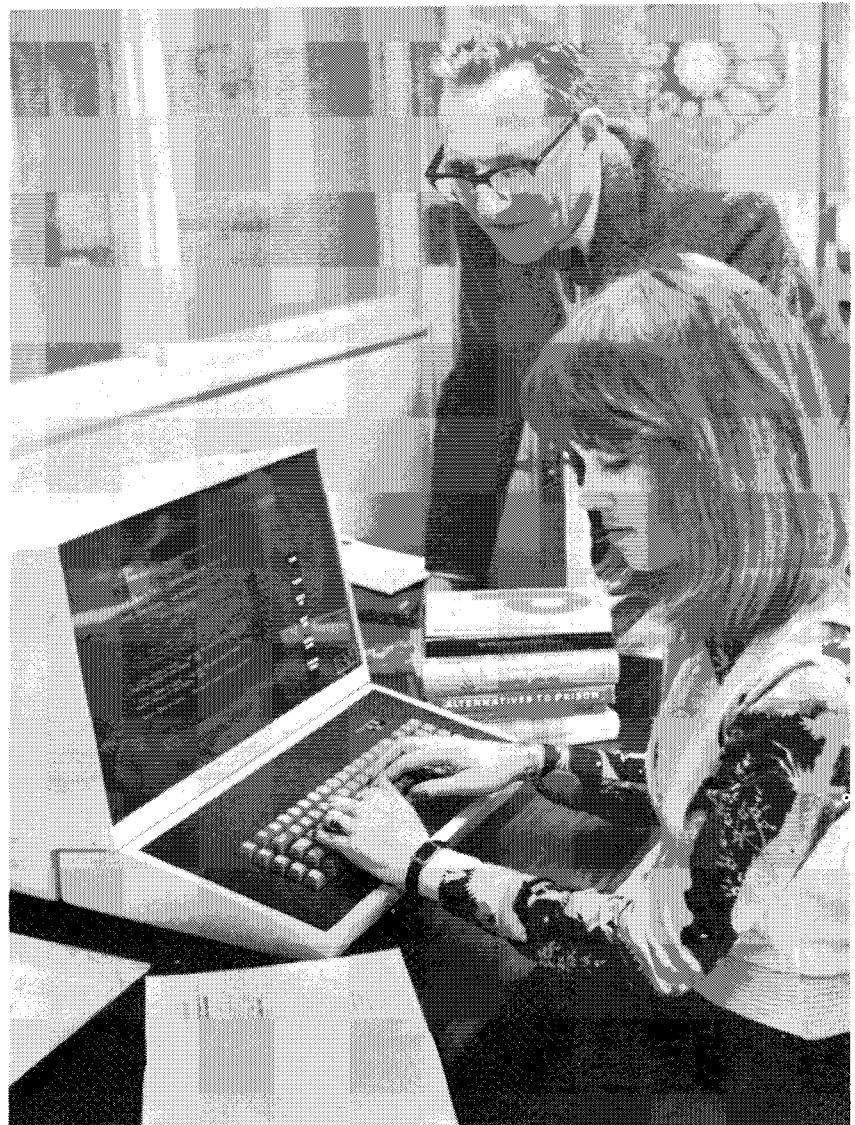
AUTOMATED CATALOG CARD PRODUCTION

In January the Law Library became one of a group of several hundred academic, public and special libraries in a cooperative computer network headquartered in Columbus, Ohio and known as OCLC (Ohio College Library Center). The Law Library was able to come within the contract signed by OCLC with a consortium of UW System libraries, but the financing of this system of card production is entirely paid for by our Law Library budget.

LAW LIBRARY ADDITION

The proposed addition to the Law Library has been funded by the state at \$671,000. This is down from the original sum of \$850,000 estimated by the campus Planning and Construction Department, and it will be up to the project's architect to determine whether the lower amount will be sufficient to build the addition within its defined program. Should it be decided that the new total is too low, it will be necessary to negotiate for additional funding or to cut back the proposal to meet the new limits.

An architect for the project will be named soon, and, if the building plans develop according to schedule, construction will begin next fall and finish in February 1978.



Mary Schwartzbauer and Librarian Leon inspect the new Cathode Ray Terminal.

Prominent among the improvements to the library in the proposal is increased space for student use. Not only added seating, but more carrels and small study rooms to be used by several students are envisioned by the planners. Cluster seating will be suggested to the architect to provide study space in the stacks.

Planned also is an enlarged reserve area in the library, along with a secured area for treatises and bound periodicals. A large microforms room will be provided close to those library personnel who can assist in its use. The New Reading Room will be remodeled

at the same time, and will be carpeted to reduce noise.

CHANCELLOR ADDS SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS TO LAW LIBRARY BUDGET

The Library received a most pleasant surprise this fall when the Chancellor added a considerable sum of money to our capital budget. This supplement ensures that we will be able to complete our fiscal year without accumulating a file of "Hold" orders as we did last year. It also enables us to improve services by getting some of the extras we had been holding on the back burner. Continued increases in costs, however, continue to pose problems.