

RESOLUTION TO THE MACTLAC GROUP

This cost of Chemical Abstracts has now risen to the point where many small colleges cannot afford to subscribe. Librarians with restricted funds cannot justify the expenditure of a large fraction of their total budget on this one publication. The abrupt rise in cost to a small college is shown in the table below.

	1956	1960	1964	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Colleges & Universities (\$)	80	150	500	1,050	1,050	1,450	1,900	
Base (\$)	350	570	1,000	1,550	1,550	1,950	2,400	
Supplementary Grant (\$)				275	275	475		
Subscribers	16,907	16,107	6,802	6,475	6,442			

Unless the American Chemical Society has no interest in the survival of chemical training in the liberal arts colleges, the relative cost of Chemical Abstracts to different types of users must be reconsidered. It seems grossly unfair to charge the same for the educational use made of Chemical Abstracts in a small liberal arts college as the much larger use in a big university. It seems even more unfair to charge a college as much as 79% of the charge to an industrial corporation.

Reader's Guide developed a pricing policy which offers reduced rates to small libraries by basing the price on the number of journals subscribed to.

Be it moved that: MACTLAC request the American Chemical Society to reconsider pricing of Chemical Abstracts to liberal arts colleges.

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