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MEET US IN MERIDIAN !

The 15th Annual Meeting of the Society of Mississippi Archivists will be held in Meridian, Mississippi, on April 15-16, 1993. Meeting location will be the Holiday Inn South, just off of I-20 on Hwy 45 South.

The theme of this year's meeting will deal with efforts to preserve sites and documents of local cultural interest from natural disaster and man-made progress. Special emphasis will be placed on the preservation and use of local government records. Study tours are planned to two organizations actively working to preserve Meridian's local heritage: The Meridian Opera House and the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History.

Program sessions for the meeting will focus on the following topics: disaster preparedness and recovery, optical imaging technology to preserve information, and the "Save Outdoor Sculpture" program.

For more information contact Will Henson, Chair, Local Arrangements, c/o The Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Inc., P. O. Box 5511, Meridian, MS 39302-5511 or call (601)482-9752.

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VISIONING THE FUTURE: PLANNING FOR PRESERVATION

A one-day seminar, *Visioning the Future: Planning for Preservation*, will be held at the University of Texas at Austin on Friday, April 30, 1993. The speakers are Paul N. Banks and Carolyn L. Harris, faculty of the Preservation and Conservation Education Programs (PCEP) at The University of Texas at Austin, GSLIS. The program will discuss identifying preservation problems through planning processes and needs assessments -- from bringing in appropriate consultants to self-studies involving the entire library or archives staff. It will answer such questions as: "How can preservation issues begin to be addressed in an institution of any size: small archives to large research library?" The program will include demonstrations of model computer programs that support planning efforts, CALIPR and GRASP; and of new environmental monitoring equipment.

For more information, contact David Terry, Asst. Director of Continuing Education, Grad. School of Lib. & Info. Science, EDB 564, Univ of Texas at Austin, 78712-1276. Phone: (512) 471-8806; E-mail: gltd@utxdp.bitnet.

GUIDANCE ON MAGNETIC MEDIA

"The Magnetic Media Challenge: Preservation of Audio Tape and Videotape in Libraries and Archives" is the subject of a new national institute to be held May 21-22, 1993, in Atlanta, Georgia. The program has been developed by the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) Preservation of Library Materials Section, and is co-sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), Society of American Archivists (SAA), and Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET).

The program is designed for librarians and archivists responsible for housing, maintaining, and providing access to information stored on audio tape and videotape. Media center librarians, television news archivists, and curators of oral history collections will especially want to attend, along with preservation managers in public libraries, academic institutions, and archives. This in-depth program will provide an understanding of the history and composition of audio and videotape, analysis of analog and digital technology, and practical recommendations on care and handling, storage systems, equipment selection and maintenance, staff and user training, and emerging technologies.

Nationally recognized specialists in magnetic media technology, preservation, and history will address the institute. Speakers include Delos Eilers, Professional Audio/Video Products Division of 3-M; Cliff Kuhn, Associate Director of the Georgia Documentation Project; Frederick Layn, Ampex Recording Media Corporation; Bill Storm, Belfer Audio Laboratory and Archive of Syracuse University; Les Waffin, National Archives and Records Administration; and David Wickstrom, Belfer Audio Laboratory and Archive of Syracuse University.

Registration fees are \$145 for ALCTS members, \$170 for ALA personal members, and members of ARL, SAA, and SOLINET; and \$205 for non-ALA members. For more information and registration forms, contact Yvonne McLean at ALCTS. Telephone: 800-545-2433, ext. 5032; e-mail: U58294@UICVM. (*ALCTS Network News* 5, no. 6 (Jan. 19, 1993))

WESTERN ARCHIVES INSTITUTE

The Society of California Archivists and the Californian State Archives are sponsoring the 7th Annual Western Archives Institute. This intensive, two-week program will be held on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley, June 6-18, 1993. The

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Institute is designed to offer an introduction to modern archival theory and practice for a variety of participants, including those whose jobs require a fundamental understanding of archival skills, but have little or no previous archives education; those already in the profession who want to update and renew their archival knowledge; and those who wish to explore the possibility of an archival career.

The 1993 program will feature James O'Toole of the University of Massachusetts, Dept. of History, as the principal faculty member. Joining him on the faculty will be distinguished working professionals noted for selected fields of archives education. In addition, the program will include site visits to two historical records repositories in the area. Sessions will include history and development of the profession, theory and terminology, records management, appraisal, arrangement, description, manuscripts acquisition, archives and the law, photographs, preservation administration, reference and access, automation, outreach programs, managing archival programs and institutions, and several practical.

Tuition for the program is \$450.00 and includes a selection of archival publications. Housing and meal plans are available at Berkeley's Clark Kerr Campus for additional charges. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 1993. For additional information and an application form, contact: Nancy Zimelman, Administrator, Western Archives Institute, California State Archives, 201 N. Sunrise Ave.,

VISUAL RESOURCES COLLECTION FUNDAMENTALS

Offered for the 17th year, the 5-day workshop, Visual Resources Collection Fundamentals, will be held at the Fine Arts Complex at the University of Texas at Austin, on June 22-26, 1993. The speakers are Nancy Schuller, UT Austin, and Christine Sundt, University of Oregon. Fee is \$395, limited to 24 participants. Dormitory accommodations are available. This workshop, for art and architecture visual resources curators, will include lectures and demonstrations on all subjects related to management of slides and photographs, as well as demonstrations of microcomputer technology and IBM software developed for information retrieval in visual resources collections.

For information about the seminar, contact David Terry, Asst. Director of Continuing Education, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, EDB 564, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas 78712-1276. Phone: (512) 471-8806; E-mail: gldt@utxdp.bitnet.

PRESERVATION MANAGEMENT FOR COLLEGE LIBRARIES

SOLINET and the College Libraries Committee of the Commission on Preservation and Access will present a week-long seminar, "Preservation Management for College Libraries" at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, July 22-30, 1993. This seminar will enable academic librarians to implement effective, decentralized strategies for preserving their general collections. The 20 applicants selected for the seminar will come away with priorities, an action plan, and a timetable, as well as drafts of critical documents tailored to their own libraries. The seminar will be most useful for the librarian responsible--often on a part-time basis--for planning and coordinating preservation activities for the library's circulating collection. Total cost for tuition, room and board (including all meals except one lunch and dinner), and instructional materials is \$1,500. For more information, contact Amy Bernath, SOLINET Workshop Coordinator: 1-800-999-8558 or 404-892-0943, ext. 226, Internet inquiries: abernath@mail.solinet.net. Roseville, CA 95661 916/773-3000.

MISSISSIPPI NEWS

Mississippi Archives Week Report

The Society of Mississippi Archivists sponsored the first annual Mississippi Archives Week, October 4-10, 1992. Programs and/or exhibits focusing on archival resources were located at seventeen sites around the state. Governor Fordice endorsed the week with an official proclamation, a copy of which is included following this report.

In order to evaluate the success of the week, the Mississippi Archives Week Committee sent out questionnaires to all sponsors and speakers. From the 17 questionnaires that were returned, it appears that public response to the programs and exhibits was enthusiastic. Attendance at eleven programs and one open house was 350. In addition, an estimated 600-800 people saw one of the four conservation exhibits or two historical exhibits which were located in six libraries.

It is impossible to gauge how many people saw publicity concerning the week. However, 7500 brochures with Mississippi Archives Week events schedules were printed and mailed for posting and distribution at libraries and program sites throughout the state. At least eight of the programs received coverage in area newspapers.

Comments from the respondents suggest that the celebration of Mississippi Archives Week did provide good educational experiences for many people and also gained visibility for archival programs. Jack Weatherly, editor of the Kosciusko Star-Herald participated in the program "Publishing and Preserving the News: The Community Newspaper as a Historical Source" at the Old Capitol Museum. Jack did not know about the historical resources of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and expressed his surprise and delight at what he and his wife learned during a tour of the repository. Many of the 25 visitors who attended the open house at the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History were first time visitors. Some of these visitors expressed interest in becoming volunteers for LCDAH.

At Mississippi State University, Dee Jones' slide/talk show about the DeGrummond Collection was attended by more than 75 children's literature students, most of whom were not previously aware of the collection's existence. Sid Graves, Librarian at Carnegie Public Library, felt that Lynne Mueller's program "Family History: How to Preserve It" was excellent and he would like to repeat the program in 1993. After the program, Lynne Mueller toured the Library's Delta Museum and Archives and gave suggestions to staff.

More than 55 persons heard Marcie Cohen's presentation on "The Southern Jewish Experience" and her discussion of the efforts of the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience in Utica to preserve the heritage of the Mississippi Jewish population by collecting artifacts and archival materials. The Hattiesburg Historical Society planned a display in the Hattiesburg Historical Society Museum to accompany the program which was held at Temple B'Nai Israel in Hattiesburg.

In spite of short planning time, and the usual glitches that occur when something new is attempted, it appears that Mississippi Archives Week was a success. All of those who responded to the questionnaire indicated their willingness to participate in Mississippi Archives Week in the future. The week would not have been possible without the volunteer efforts of many individuals and the contribution of resources by archival repositories in the state.

SMA is making plans to sponsor a 1993 Mississippi Archives Week. Volunteers are needed to help with planning programs, writing publicity, fund-raising and other activities. Suggestions for programs or other ideas are also welcome. Write or call Mattie Sink or Lynne Mueller (325-7679), Sandra Boyd (359-6873), or Elaine Owens (359-6869).

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

A PROCLAMATION

BY

THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, knowledge of the past is the basis for making sound decisions about the future, and the collection and study of documents, records, photographs and artifacts from previous generations are crucial to understanding our unique and diverse heritage and are a vital and irreplaceable record of Mississippi's past; and

WHEREAS, these one-of-a-kind records are protected by Mississippi archival repositories from loss, damage and destruction, and the archives retaining these records acts as a window to our past by allowing citizens the opportunity to view fundamental links to our state's history and by preserving these items for use by future generations; and

WHEREAS, archival repositories housed in academic institutions, public libraries, county historical societies, state and local government buildings, cultural facilities and private collections throughout the State of Mississippi play a crucial role in collecting, preserving and making these records accessible to the people of the Magnolia State and to researchers from other states; and

WHEREAS, archivists working in Mississippi's archival repositories provide archival cataloging, preservation, interpretation and reference services for the public; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Mississippi Archivists, a professional association founded in 1978, is dedicated to advancing professional knowledge and encouraging public awareness and use of archival materials:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kirk Fordice, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim October 4 through October 10, 1992, as

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in Mississippi, and urge all citizens to recognize the accomplishments of archivists as well as the importance of archival repositories to the preservation of Mississippi's rich history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson the 5th day of October in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and seventeenth.

Kirk Fordice
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Daniel Morgan

SECRETARY OF STATE

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Archives Week last October was a great success, thanks to some very hard work by the Archives Week Committee. The various programs and exhibits around the state helped call attention to the need to preserve the past and the way in which institutions and individuals can do that. The response from people who attended the programs was positive. One improvement the Archives Committee felt could be made would be to start the planning process at an earlier date. This would eliminate some of the long hours they put in during the last days, and it would make it possible to seek outside funding. If you are interested in helping with the Archives Week Committee this year, let Sandra Boyd or Mattie Sink know. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated, and the Committee needs to gear up as soon as possible.

The next big SMA "event" will be the annual meeting, which will be in Meridian this year. The program will include some interesting sessions, and there will be tours of several facilities in Meridian. Start planning now to attend.

On a sad note, SMA lost a charter member, Virginia Brocks-Shedd, in December. She had worked at Tougaloo College for many years but more recently had been at Piney Woods Country Life School. Virginia will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

/Lynne Mueller/

Mississippi Archives Sweatshirts Available

During Archives Week, a suggestion was made to design a tee-shirt/sweatshirt to give special attention to our institutions. The shirt was designed and made available during Archives Week, October 4-11, 1992. There was such a good response to the shirt that the Old Capitol Sales Shop agreed to carry them on a regular basis.

The design is shown on the right, for those of you who have not yet seen a shirt.

The Sales Shop currently has sweatshirts (appropriate for winter) for \$13.95.

Stop by when you are in Jackson, make a purchase, and show your support for Mississippi archives.

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THIEF PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING FROM FOLGER

Stuart L. Adelman recently pled guilty to stealing books and letters from the Folger Shakespeare Library. He was apprehended when he offered to sell to a rare books dealer letters signed by Voltaire and Burgoyne. He admitted stealing letters signed by Isaac Newton, King Charles II of England, and Samuel Pepys as well as an 1827 copy of Shakespeareana and an 1838 essay on the publication of Newton's Principia. Adelman faces up to ten years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. (Conservation Administration News, No. 52)

NEW ADDRESS FOR AASLH

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) announces a new address. It is 530 Church St., Ste 600, Nashville, TN 37219 (615)255-2971; FAX (615)255-2979. The latest issue of History News, published bimonthly by AASLH, focuses on disaster preparedness. (History News, January/February 1993)

AASLH AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Awards Program of the American Association for State and Local History is designed to establish and encourage standards of excellence for state, provincial and local history. Each year, the Awards Committee of AASLH seeks out, studies, and evaluates achievements in state, provincial, and local history in the United States and Canada. Considered for awards are programs, exhibits, and publications of historical societies, historical preservation groups, history museums, and other organizations and individuals.

For information, nomination forms, and a list of required documentation for the nomination, contact Mary Lohrenz, AASLH Awards Committee Chair, Mississippi State Historical Museum, P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571 (601)359-6929. The deadline for submitting nominations is April 1, 1993.

TWO NEW ARCHIVAL ORGANIZATIONS ANNOUNCED

The Society of Colorado Archivists voted last summer to broaden its outreach from a state to a regional organization and to become the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists (SRMA). (The Dusty Shelf, September-December 1992)

Approximately 25 archivists and interested persons met in October to form the New Hampshire Archives Group (NHAG), an organization dedicated to fostering identification, preservation, and use of records of enduring value in the state. The first meeting of the organization will be held in 1993. (NEA Newsletter, January 1993)

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS REDUCES HOURS OF OPERATION (AGAIN)

Hours for the Main Reading Room at the Library of Congress, as well as the Local History and Genealogy, Microfilm, Science and Business Alcove, Newspapers and Current Periodicals, and Law Library Reading Rooms were reduced January 2, 1993, to help offset mandatory pay and price increases not covered in the 1993 budget allocation. These rooms will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday evenings instead of continuing the closing time of last year, 9:30 p.m. They will also be closed on Sundays during the summer months. (Perspectives, January 1993)

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES MISMANAGEMENT STILL BEING DISCUSSED

Both the American Historical Association and the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History sent statements to the Clinton/Gore Transition Team, requesting a "reinvigorated and more assertive National Archives." Both groups feel that the mandate of an independent National Archives has not been carried out, and that the agency has been too slow to respond on matters involving access and preservation, particularly in the area of electronic records. Edwin C. Bridges, Alabama Department of Archives and History, and Larry J. Hackman, New York State Archives, also sent a report to the Clinton/Gore Transition Team calling for the Archives to provide better leadership to archival repositories across the nation. (The Chronicle of Higher Education, January 13, 1993)

NHPRC SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR FELLOWSHIPS IN ARCHIVAL ADMINISTRATION

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is now accepting applications from individuals for two Fellowships in Archival Administration. Host Institutions for 1993-94 will be Radcliffe College, Schlesinger Library, Cambridge, MA, and Kansas State Historical Society, Library and Archives Division, Topeka, KS. Applications and project descriptions are available from NHPRC (NP), National Archives Building, Washington, DC 20408 (202)501-5610. Applications must be completed and received by the Commission by March 1, 1993. (SAA Newsletter, January 1993)

KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, UNDERTAKES ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

In anticipation of Knox County, Tennessee's 200th anniversary, a project to copy original photographs in the hands of the county's citizens was developed by the local history/genealogy department of the county library and funded by a local celebration committee. Members of the McClung Historical Collection visited 44 community centers and churches across the county, meeting people, evaluating photographs, and copying approximately 4,000 images. The ultimate goal of the project is to print all negatives by the end of this year and to publish a book containing 200 of the images. For more details on the project, contact Steve Cotham at the McClung Historical Collection, Knox County Public Library, Knoxville, TN. (The Archivist, Fall 1992)

LC & NYPL PRESERVING UNITED STATES TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

The Library of Congress (LC), with assistance from the New York Public Library (NYPL), announces a major cooperative preservation microfilming project to preserve United States telephone directories. The primary objective is to preserve a complete set of U.S. telephone directories and to make them widely available to users. These directories are a valuable source of historical information. They are endangered because the paper on which they were printed is deteriorating, and they are suffering further damage through continued use.

Telephone directories from the collections of LC and NYPL are being filmed by state and within each state alphabetically by city. The Library will film all directories from large metropolitan and other areas for each year. Although the combined LC/NYPL collections are not comprehensive, they are extensive. Current plans call for microfilming the LC and NYPL collections and for obtaining loans or donations of missing directories from state libraries and other organizations to fill gaps. A descriptive project plan and a list of LC/NYPL holdings of directories from some states are available upon request.

The directories are being prepared by the Library's Preservation Microfilming Office and filmed by the LC Photoduplication Service on 35mm roll archival microfilm, up to

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the year for which the directories are available in the commercial collection, "Phonefiche," that is produced by University Microfilms International (UMI). For those cities and towns not covered by "Phonefiche," the Library will produce film through 1987.

Please send information and refer any questions or comments to the project: Tamara Swora, Preservation Microfilming Officer, Library of Congress, COLL/PMO, LM G-06 Washington, D.C. 20540. Tel: 202-707-5918; Fax: 202-707-3434. (ALCTS Network News, Jan. 5, 1993)

COALITION OF HISTORIANS, LIBRARIANS AND PUBLIC INTERESTS GROUPS WIN DECISION BARRING DESTRUCTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL RECORDS

On January 6, 1993, Judge Charles R. Richey of the federal District court for the District of Columbia ruled that the Reagan and Bush Administrations' attempts to destroy valuable electronic records were unlawful. The court also found that the Archivist of the United States, Don W. Wilson, breached his statutory duty to prevent the destruction of such records and has ordered the Archivist immediately "to take all necessary steps to preserve, without erasure, all electronic federal records generated by the National Security Council.

"In January, 1989, the American Historical Association, along with the American Library Association and the National Security Archive, joined the Public Citizen Litigation Group as co-plaintiffs in a lawsuit to prevent the White House and the National Security Council officials from destroying computer records, including electronic mail communications. This case, which has been slowly moving for the past four years through the legal labyrinth of appeals and complaints, is frequently called the PROFS case because the electronic mail system used by the National Security Council was the Profession Office System (PROFS).

Documents from the National Security Council's backup tapes of the 1986 and 1987 PROFS system provided significant evidence in the Iran-Contra hearings. However, the government argued that use of PROFS by Oliver North, John Poindexter and Robert McFarlane to conduct agency business was the rare exception and that all other historical significant records on the PROFS system were printed and are in the permanent file of the National Security Council. The government's position throughout the case has been that the PROFS was an electronic mail system which was not used for substantive memos but instead for brief messages, the equivalent of telephone slips. The National Archives has supported this position by officially stating that electronic mail computer tapes are not federal records. Yet while denying that these records were of historical value, the National Security Council in 1991 searched the PROFS tapes from the Reagan years, preserved under this lawsuit, to produce for the Justice Department documents to assist in the investigation of Manuel Noriega. Judge Richey's decision ensures the preservation of these records which will at some future time be reviewed for declassification.

Judge Richey stated that "the threshold issue before the Court is whether the material created or saved on the Defendants' computer systems fall under the Federal Records Act's definition of federal records." The Court concluded that some of the material stored on these computer systems do meet the definition of records and must be saved, regardless of whether a paper or hard copy of the material has been printed out. Paper copies from the PROFS system do not contain all of the notations included in the electronic version, such as notations about the circulation of information. Judge Richey noted in his decision that "such information can be of tremendous historical value in demonstrating what agency personnel were involved in making a particular policy decision and what officials knew, and when they knew it." The Court found that the records-keeping guidelines given by the National Archives to the National Security

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Council staff at the time of this suit were filed were "arbitrary and capricious."

The case of *Armstrong v. Bush* has significant policy implications for the National Archives and for federal record keeping practices. This is the first court decision that explicitly applies the Federal Records Act to electronic records. Thus it will force the National Archives to deal more effectively with the complexities of preserving electronic records. Second, the decision reaffirms the independent authority of the U.S. Archivist. Many in the historical and archival community have felt for some time that the Archivist has neglected important responsibilities for the preservation of records. He has seemed reluctant to use statutory authority that many interpreted to be a part of the 1984 National Archives independence legislation. Finally, this decision puts federal agencies on notice that arbitrary and capricious records keeping practices will not be condoned. The government will have until February 6 to decide whether to appeal this decision.

— Page Putnam Miller, Director of the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History. (Editor's Note: See Dr. Don Wilson's article concerning the controversies surrounding the National Archives on pages 13-17)

ACQUISITIONS

PAPERS OF THE NON-PARTISAN VOTERS LEAGUE AT SOUTH ALABAMA ARCHIVES

A black civil rights organization, the Non-partisan Voters League, has donated its papers to the University of South Alabama Archives. The League, centered in Mobile, was organized in the 1950s after the NAACP was prohibited by Alabama courts from operating in the state. Its early work focused on ending racial segregation, particularly in education, while its later work shifted to cases of discrimination in employment and efforts to increase black representation in political offices. (Access, Fall 1992)

RECORDS OF THE BILL GLASS EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION OPENED

The Bill Glass Evangelistic Association records have been opened for research at the Archives of the Billy Graham Center of Wheaton College. The Association was founded in 1969 by Glass, who is widely known for his evangelistic work in prisons. The collection contains information for researchers interested in sports evangelism, prison ministry, mass evangelism, and other topics related to American evangelism. (North Carolina Archivist, Winter 1992)

HOFFMAN PAPERS AVAILABLE IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY LIBRARY

The Annie Lee Hoffman papers, which span the years 1906-1926, document the life of Hoffman who worked with the Y.M.C.A. following World War I and was stationed in various locations in France. The collection includes letters, a large photograph collection, and postcards from France and other locations. (North Carolina Archivist, Winter 1992)

KIPLING DOCUMENTS DISCOVERED IN VERMONT

Previously unknown documents of Rudyard Kipling were discovered recently in the vault of the Vermont National Bank in Brattleboro and were given to Marlboro College in Vermont to enhance their collection of Kipling material. Kipling and his American bride lived in the Brattleboro area between 1892 and 1896, the period during which he wrote The Jungle Book, The Seven Seas, and Captains Courageous. Following a family disagreement and trial sensationalized by the press, Kipling and his family fled to England, leaving the box labeled "personal property of Rudyard Kipling" in the Vermont bank. (NEA Newsletter, January 1993)

CONSERVATION NEWS

NEDCC SENDS CONSERVATORS TO FLORIDA

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) in Andover, Massachusetts, received an Emergency Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to send a team of conservators to Miami, Florida, to help museums, libraries, other cultural institutions, and members of the public in their efforts to salvage collections damaged by Hurricane Andrew. The purpose of the team was to provide advice and to examine damaged books, records, manuscripts, photographs, and works of art and artifacts on paper. The three conservators brought expertise in conservation of paper, photographs, and books.

NEDCC is currently making plans for follow-up activities and would be glad to hear from institutions in the Miami area, or elsewhere, about additional needs for consultation and training. To contact NEDCC write to 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810; or call 508-470-1010. (ALCTS Network News, Nov. 24, 1992)

MAPS COMPLETES MEDIA CONVERSION STUDY

The Micrographic Preservation Service, Inc. (MAPS), has completed a demonstration study on converting images from preservation microfilm to alternative media. MAPS converted 89 color prints and drawings to Cibachrome (Now Ilfochrome) preservation quality color microfilm, as well as preservation quality black-and-white microfilm. They then reconverted the microfilm images to paper, microfiche, and CD-ROM. The color images reconverted to paper varied in quality depending on the sophistication of the copier used, but only those produced in a photographic laboratory rivalled the original. The images reconverted to microfiche suffered from limitations in projection hardware. The black-and-white images reconverted to CD-ROM were of higher quality than anticipated, so this type of media conversion may prove useful in the future. The color microfilm images were not converted to CD-ROM. (College and Research Libraries News, Dec. 1992)

PAPERMAKING VIDEO AVAILABLE

Handmade-paper producers Kathryn and Howard Clark and their Twinrocker Mill in rural Indiana are featured in a half-hour documentary titled, "The Mark of the Maker." Amidst the story of the Clarks' business, the video shows and describes flax being "cooked" in a caustic liquid to eliminate non-fibrous portions prior to beating, a home-made hollander beater pounding cotton fiber to create pulp, various molds being used to form paper, the hydraulic press squeezing water out of newly-made sheets, watermarks at various stages of production from on-the-mold to dry, and the Clarks dipping sheets of paper in vats of gelatin size to produce watercolor paper.

"The Mark of the Maker," 1991, 28 minutes. McGowan Film and Video, Inc.; 4926 North Wolcott; Chicago 60640; 312/271-0793. 16mm film print \$450. 1/2-inch VHS cassette \$285. 16mm film rental \$125. Free preview (15 min.) 1/2-inch VHS. (Conservation Distlist, Jan. 3, 1993)

ADVANCES IN PRESERVATION AND ACCESS

Volume 1 of the new annual Advances in Preservation and Access, edited by Barbara Buckner Higginbotham and Mary E. Jackson, has just been published (Meckler, 11 Ferry Lane West, Westport, CT 06880; 203/226-6967; Indexed; 300 pp., \$55.00, ISBN 0-88736-787-9). Meckler pays postage, handling, and insurance. The table of contents appears below.

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NEW HOME FOR THE ABBEY NEWSLETTER

Abbey Publications and Ellen McCrady, publisher and editor of The Abbey Newsletter, moved in November to Austin, Texas, to be near the Conservation Education Program which was transferred to the University of Texas following the closing of the Library School at Columbia University. The new address is 7105 Geneva Drive, Austin, TX 78723 (512)929-3992; fax 929-3995.

CONSERVATION NEWS

PRESERVATION PAMPHLETS FROM HISTORIC NEW ORLEANS COLLECTION

The Historic New Orleans Collection has prepared three pamphlets on the care of private collections and heirlooms. Their titles are: Preservation Guide 1: Family Papers, Preservation Guide 5: Books and Preservation Guide 6: Matting and Framing.

For copies of these items, write to The Historic New Orleans Collection, 533 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, or call (504)523-4662.

SUCCESSFUL LEARNING DISASTER STAGED IN FLAGSTAFF

A Library Disaster Planning Workshop was held in September for thirty-six librarians, archivists, and museum curators from the state of Arizona. The workshop opened with a hands-on exercise in wet book packout, requiring teams of participants to deal with stack ranges of soaked books and records (approved for destruction) with only minimal instruction.

After such a realistic introduction, the day's learning sessions focused on options and immediate response after a disaster, psychological factors, workers' safety, and public relations. The workshop was sponsored by the Northern Arizona Preservation Network (NAPNET), a loosely organized confederation of institutions interested in cultural preservation. Its purpose was to learn recovery techniques and strategies, to raise awareness of the need to plan and to motivate participants to write their own institutional disaster plan, and to encourage networking and cooperation (Conservation Administration News, No. 52)

OPTICAL SCANNING PROJECT BEGINS

PROJECT PAPER, a new optical-scanning program, has begun a one-year trial to preserve the information contained in books, journals, government documents, and other forms of philatelic literature that are disintegrating due to the acidic condition of the paper on which they were originally printed. The project has been funded by the Collectors Club of Chicago (CCC) and the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL). Scanning and printing a hard copy were chosen instead of microfilm because stamp collectors use their reference books as a source of material and are constantly referring to them. The final product will be bound and made available to philatelic libraries and collectors throughout the world for a nominal fee. For more information on the project, contact Ginni Horn, Director, APRL, 100 Oakwood Avenue, P. O. Box 8338, State College, PA 16803-8338. (The Commission on Preservation and Access Newsletter, Nov./Dec. 1992)

PROJECT IBID STATUS REPORT PUBLISHED

PROJECT IBID, an effort to investigate the possibility of enhancing access to out-of-print (OP) books by the use of digital technology, has met with considerable interest during an initial exploratory phase. The project seeks to encourage the on-demand printing of digitized versions of OP books needed by colleges for curriculum and instructional purposes. Funding for further work on the project is being sought from the U.S. Department of Education. For more information about this evolving project, contact co-directors Willis Bridegam, Librarian, Amherst College, Amherst, MA 01002 or David Cohen, Dean of Libraries, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC 29424. (The Commission on Preservation and Access Newsletter, January 1993)

SPECIAL REPORT

The following is a modified version of an forthcoming article in NEA Newsletter, written by Dr. Don Wilson, Archivist of the United States. Dr. Wilson thought that readers of archival association newsletters might also be interested in hearing his views on the recent controversies involving the National Archives.

I thought the readers of The Primary Source might like to hear my views on the recent publicity involving the National Archives, especially the report issued last November by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Soon after the report was issued I announced an Action Plan to deal decisively with the matters it raised. Much has taken place since then. I will summarize those developments in this statement, commenting on each point in the Action Plan.

I. I have reassigned the agency's Inspector-General, and we have begun a search for a permanent replacement. In the meantime, we have arranged to "borrow" the Deputy Inspector-General and two investigators from Amtrak for up to ninety days so that we have qualified staffing in our Inspector-General's office. These persons report directly to their superior at Amtrak.

II. At my request, the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency has assigned two members of the Inspector-General's staff at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to undertake an impartial review of the allegations in the Senate report. They are examining the evidence that the Senate committee gathered and will recommend any further actions that I should take to resolve the matters the report touched upon. The HHS staff members, who have been working in our building but are under the direction of their own Inspector-General at HHS, expect to complete their work by March 1. I will act promptly once I have received and studied their report.

III. The appointment of Raymond Mosley as Acting Deputy Archivist continues in effect, pending receipt of the HHS Inspector's office. The new National Archives internal management council has met, and I am optimistic that it will strengthen my own administrative management of the agency.

IV. We have redoubled our efforts to keep our oversight committees in both houses of Congress informed about our actions in responding to the Senate report, and about other subjects. We are committed to a better relationship with these committees.

V. The strategic planning initiative that was begun last summer, before the current controversy began, is nearing fruition. Over the months since then, the planning process has been broadened to encompass the entire agency, has engaged a professional expert in strategic planning for advice and assistance, and has involved dozens of National Archives employees and others in a thoroughgoing reassessment of the agency and its mission. Some thirty-five employees from all over the country have been responsible for the planning process, with the guidance of the senior management of the National Archives. We have written a new mission statement for the agency. We have crafted goals and objectives that take it and our external environment into account. And we have sketched out what the National Archives must do during the next three to five years to be successful in accomplishing its mission. We are now putting specific requirements and definite steps together with the goals and objectives. We will soon be able to share the detailed plan with those outside the agency who are interested in seeing it.

(I might add that we have benefitted greatly in the planning process from the advice of many outside organizations and individuals -- from OMB to MARAC -- who advised us on what the National Archives does well, what it does less well, and what it should

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focus on for the future. In preparing the detailed plan, we have tried to balance those viewpoints with others that arise within the agency.)

The next -- and difficult -- challenge will be tying the strategic plan with resource allocations. We know that there will be considerable external scrutiny of our actions during the next few years: our credibility is on the line. We ask that you judge us by what we do as we move toward systematic implementation of the strategic plan.

VI. I have invited nearly fifty organizations to send me their recommendations regarding the purpose, structure, and membership of the re-established National Archives Advisory Council. We intend to have this Council meet later this spring.

As you can see, we are expecting additional developments between the time I am writing this and the publication of this issue of the newsletter, and thereafter as well. We do know that members of the national archival profession are vitally interested in what is happening at the National Archives, and we will do our best to keep you informed. In the meantime, we are always willing to respond as fully as possible to inquiries; I suggest that if you have any you contact our Director of External Affairs, Donn Neal, at (202) 501-5521.

Space does not permit me to respond at length to Seymour Hersh's critical article in the December 14, 1992 issue of New Yorker magazine. The article contained numerous misrepresentations of the position of the National Archives, which we described in a letter to the editor of that magazine. Donn Neal will send you a copy of that letter upon request.

Before I conclude, let me also comment briefly on the status of the White House computer materials that were the subject of litigation and several court orders during the presidential transition. The National Archives has acted to reach agreements with Bush Administration officials and others regarding backup tapes and disks in the White House. We have taken possession of these materials and will carefully preserve them until the legal issues are resolved. I am sure that there will be more to report about this matter as the case proceeds through the appeals process.

I appreciate the opportunity to address these matters on these pages, and I welcome your thoughts on these topics.

PUBLICATIONS

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) has a free eight page brochure listing all available technical standards relating to information sciences. NISO, P.O. Box 1056, Bethesda, MD 20827.

The Society of Indiana Archivists has recently published an informational brochure, "From Attic to Archives: First Steps to Setting Up Your Archives." It is available from the Society, c/o Indiana Historical Bureau, 140 North Senate, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

The Institute of Paper Conservation has published the 46 papers presented during the Manchester Conference last April. Papers concern the conservation of: Painting, printing and drawing media; Albums and sketchbooks; Large works of art on paper; Oil media and stains on paper; Library management and book conservation techniques; Leather update; Sizing and resizing; Scientific studies and special papers. 270 pp. Price including surface postage worldwide \$60 US for non-members. Contact: IPC, Leigh Lodge, Leigh, Worcester WR 5LB, England. Fax 0886-833688.

PUBLICATIONS

"Electronic Mail: Implications and Challenges for Records Managers and Archivists," Records and Retrieval Report 8 (November 1992) by Cox, Richard J. and Chris Tomer.. Available from GP Subscription Publications, 88 Post Road West, PO Box 5007, Westport CT 06881.

A Core Collection in Preservation, 2nd ed. edited by Lisa Fox; compiled by Don K. Thompson and Joan ten Hoor. Order from: American Library Association. Price: \$5.00. (ISBN 0-8389-7633-6)

Preservation of Library and Archival Materials: A Manual. Order from Northeast Document Conservation Center, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810. Price: \$20.00.

The Society of California Archivists offers for sale its WESTWORDS series of occasional papers addressing topics of interest to the archival, manuscript, and library communities. Each issue presents a single essay on a significant subject.

WESTWORDS #1, "Disaster at the Los Angeles Central Library: Fire and Recovery," by Randall Butler contains a narrative of what happened before, after and during the fire and a list of factors contributing to the fire and recovery. Price: \$3.50.

WESTWORDS #2, "Practical Large-Scale Disaster Planning" by Christopher Coleman discusses the complexities facing the writers of disaster plans, especially for institutions of large or multiple parts. Appendices include the elements of a written disaster plan, action checklist, translation of the action plan into a product via a set of instructions, and extract from the UCLA Master Disaster Plan. Price: \$4.50.

DIRECTORY OF ARCHIVAL AND MANUSCRIPT REPOSITORIES IN CALIFORNIA, 1991 is a comprehensive, 410 page listing of 822 repositories which includes a listing of facilities by name, a general subject index, and a county index. This is the 3rd edition of the guide and is greatly expanded over the previous (1981) edition. Price: \$32.50.

All prices above include postage. Checks should be made payable to THE SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA ARCHIVISTS. Send your order and payment to: Peter Blodgett, SCA Publications Committee, Huntington Library, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA 91108

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 18, 1993

National Archives Preservation Conference: "Is It Bigger Than a Bread Box? Preservation of Oversized Documents, Maps, and Engineering Drawings" Contact: Alan Calmes, Preservation Conference Coordinator, NARA, Washington DC 20408; (202)501-5355; FAX (202)219-1543.

April 15-16, 1993

Society of Mississippi Archivists Annual Meeting, Meridian, MS. Contact: Will Henson, Lauderdale County Dept. of Archives and History, Inc., Meridian, MS

April 27-28, 1993

Baptists and the News Media, Nashville, TN Contact: Historical Commission, SBC 901 Commerce St., Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203-3630 (no cancellations after March 31st)

April 30, 1993

"Visioning the Future: Planning for Preservation." Austin, TX Contact: Mrs. Mel Boggins, Director of Placement and Continuing Education, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, The University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712-1276; (512)471-8806.

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