Coverage of the 2nd Annual NASIG Conference at Denison University in Granville, Ohio begins with an article by Kathy Meneely, one of the many dedicated conference planners, describing some of the joys and interesting experiences of a "blue dot." [For those of you who were not at the conference, the conference organizers and the Executive Board members wore blue dots on their name tags to indicate that they were resource people, problem solvers, etc.] Minutes from both the Executive Board and General Membership Meetings follow Kathy's article. Members are reminded that the 3rd Conference is scheduled for June 4-7 at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia and an article by Tina Feick with particulars concerning price, etc. appears later in this issue.

DIARY OF A "BLUE DOT" / Kathy Meneely, Collection Development Librarian, Serials, Cleveland Health Sciences Library

June 13th, Saturday---

After three months of entering registration information into the PC, answering questions via letters and the telephone, collating and mailing checks, xeroxing maps and letters and creating weekly lists, the big day had finally arrived! I packed all of the computer printouts, name tags, registration cards and other paraphernalia into the car and headed for Denison University.

Upon arrival, had a lot of help unloading and "setting up" in the conference center - this area was the base of operations during the entire conference.

All rooms were assigned and accommodations had been made for the early arrivals (numbering 78 in all) when the word came that none of the rooms on the fourth floor of Shorney were available!! Plan B: move all fourth floor early arrivals to new rooms...
June 14th Sunday---

The morning begins - a "water closet" in Smith is constantly running; the message was relayed to the appropriate people.

As Sunday progressed all those disembodied voices that I had spoken to during the past months materialized; greeting the participants was a highly satisfying experience.

The library reception was a success and Dr. Charles Maurer's "dinner summons" delighted everyone. The reception following the picnic afforded ample opportunities for serials talk, re-establishing old friendships and getting acquainted with colleagues from the U. S., Canada, England, and The Netherlands.

Later that evening, Smith dormitory had some unwelcome guests (wasps) due to a lack of screens; screening was secured.

June 15th Monday---

The registration unit, which was maintained throughout the conference, went on location to Herrick Auditorium for the morning sessions. Meanwhile, the Fellow classrooms were checked for AV equipment, seating arrangements and air-conditioning prior to the afternoon workshops.

After lunch I accompanied other committee members to Slayter Hall where the cabaret was being set up for that evening - helped transfer cases of liquor from the Conference Center to Slayter.

Evening activities included an Italian dinner, the business meeting and dancing. Due to liquor restrictions in Slayter, the DJ and dancers were on different levels! However, through a bit of creative problem-solving (serials folks are good at this!) the DJ, equipment, and dancers were united in the second floor. At one point the DJ was overheard to say "These are librarians?"...

June 16 Tuesday---

After breakfast went to the library to xerox several copies of a bibliography for one of the workshops. Worked on tour changes and compiled a check-off list for each tour. Crashed in the afternoon. The day's activities ended with a banquet, dance and much camaraderie. Rumor has it that a few revellers continued on into the wee hours of the morning.

June 17 Wednesday---

Check-out activities dominated much of the morning, with the last airport-bound bus departing at approximately 1:30 p.m. "Blue Dot" activities prevented my attendance at many sessions, but I gained a great deal just meeting and talking to all of the people during those five days because I was a "Blue Dot."

Many thanks to the following people for all of their help: Susan Davis, Tina Feick, George Lupone, Kathryn McArtor, Peggy Merryman, Michaele Murphy, Carol Patrick, Frances Piesbergen, John Riddick, Catherine Wells, and Holly Schwartz.
John Riddick thanked everyone for their support throughout the year and distributed copies of letters received from members concerning whether or not NASIG should accept gifts from the corporate sector.

Susan Davis reported that we had a balance of $45,257.43 in our account but that sum does not reflect charges for the second conference. We have 561 members, including 333 renewals.

George Lupone and Kathleen Meneely joined the Executive Board to speak about the arrangements for the Denison Conference. Kathleen reported that there were 272 registrants and some were turned away. She suggested that next year's conference should consider 300 as the limit. She also suggested recycling our name tags for next year. George suggested that planning such a conference should always be done in teams as it made it much easier. With the early arrival on Saturday by so many participants, it made it difficult for the planners to set things up. He suggested that next year's conference begin on Saturday.

Tina Feick reported on a questionnaire that she and Ann Okerson are finalizing to survey members' opinions on future directions for NASIG. A first draft will be sent to the Executive Board during the summer. The questionnaire, after approval, will be sent to the general membership.

The Librarian Exchange Committee was represented by John Merriman as Minne Saxe was unable to attend. John said that the committee was working through LIBEX (Bureau for International Library Exchange) in Wales which has much experience in such matters. The Committee will be placing an advertisement in the UKSG Newsletter to test response. John Riddick suggested doing the same in The NASIG Newsletter. John Merriman expects that the committee will arrange two or three exchanges per year.

The Library Science Student Grant Committee headed by Ann Vidor now consists of two librarians, one publisher, and two library school faculty members. The Committee is working on a draft that will go to the library school deans in the fall. They hope to send out a letter and application forms in the winter. There will be an announcement in The NASIG Newsletter. The goal is for four to six library school students to have their registration funded for the next conference.

Marcia Tuttle spoke on her Continuing Education proposals. She has no committee as of yet and feels that NASIG must create a market for this activity by means of publicity brochures and creating liaisons with other groups. She feels that Tina and Ann's survey of the membership will tell us what is needed. Arlene Moore Sievers will be assisting Marcia in planning the tour to Amsterdam next year.
Christie Degener spoke about her work in establishing liaison ties. Her main question to the Executive Board was how large do we want NASIG to become. She also stressed her need for a membership list. Tina Feick, Susan Davis, and Becky Lenzini will look into the establishment of a membership database.

Mary Beth Clack spoke briefly about the House Exchange Committee. Her notice asking for members was in the last newsletter and thus far she has had no response. David Woodworth is her counterpart in the UKSG.

Leigh Chatterton and Mary Beth Clack spoke about the Conference Program. They both felt that there was a need for the call for papers to be distributed sooner. They also felt there was a need to get first drafts of papers before the conference date to expedite the editing. This year Liegh and Mary Beth have about three weeks to do the editing. They asked the Executive Board if NASIG wanted a theme for the conference call for papers. They said there were fewer responses than last year.

The Site Selection Committee chaired by Tina Feick reported that plans were well underway for the Third NASIG Conference in 1988 at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia. Plans are underway for selecting a 1989 site in California. John Riddick said there had been some interest in having a 1990 Conference in Canada, probably in Toronto. He asked for the Board's thoughts on that.

The NASIG Newsletter editor, Lenore Wilkas, spoke of the need to enlarge the newsletter due to more submissions, committee reports, and other announcements. She reported on the many requests for undamaged copies from members who had received mutilated issues. She suggested a cover similar to the UKSG Newsletter. John Riddick asked her to investigate the cost involved. Lenore said that when NASIG is incorporated as a non-profit group, the newsletter will be able to be sent cheaper at bulk rate postage. She also suggested the need for a NASIG archivist. She also mentioned that copies of the 1st NASIG Conference Proceedings in hard copy would be available in the registration area for $17.50 (half-price).

John Riddick spoke about the acceptance or rejection of gifts from corporations, publishers, etc. the Executive Board earlier in the year had rejected gifts. Susan Davis asked about the possibility of receiving blind gifts or asking those wishing to contribute to advertise in the newsletter or contribute to a scholarship. This question will be asked of the general membership. John Riddick affirmed that the Executive Board had approved a proposal for a committee to be formed to deal with firms, libraries, and others who wanted to place job ads in the newsletter.
John Riddick, President of NASIG, opened the meeting by introducing the members of the NASIG Executive Board. Kathleen Meneely discussed some of the logistics for the conference tours.

Susan Davis, Treasurer, announced that there were now 561 paid members and yellow membership cards had been sent to all. There is over $45,000 in our interest-bearing account. This does not reflect the bills which are estimated at $37,000 for the 2nd Conference. She announced that NASIG is pursuing non-profit incorporation status and that the Finance Committee will be meeting with lawyers this summer. The articles of incorporation will go to the membership for a vote.

Marcia Tuttle spoke briefly about the tour to Scotland made after the UKSG Conference last spring and announced that another tour is being planned for Amsterdam before the 1988 UKSG Conference. As Chairperson of the Continuing Education Committee she encouraged ideas and asked for volunteers. She spoke of possible programs: specific programs upon request; programs in conjunction with other library organizations; pre-conferences; road shows; seminars; a clearinghouse for speakers; programs for support staff; and a publication program.

The Chair of the Library Science Student Grant Committee, Ann Vidor, announced that they hoped to present four to six library school students with grants to attend NASIG's 3rd Conference in Atlanta. The committee hopes to have letters and applications to deans by winter.

Official greetings from our friends in the UKSG were brought to us by John Merriman. He spoke of the UKSG's 10th Anniversary Conference last March in Oxford which was attended by 365 delegates. Their membership is over 400 with nearly a 50-50 split between librarians and non-librarians. The UKSG plans to turn its newsletter into a quarterly journal. They are also planning a series of road shows to library schools which would consist of a publisher, agent, and serials librarian. The 1988 UKSG Conference will be March 28-31 in Leeds. Mr. Merriman also spoke about the Librarian Exchange Committee. He and Minne Saxe are working through LIBEX, an organization in Wales, with experience in librarian exchanges. More will be written about this in the newsletter.

Christie Degener, Chair of the Liaison Ties Committee, spoke about establishing ties for NASIG with other professional organizations. She asked for volunteers who would be willing to assist.
Mary Beth Clack spoke about the formation of the House Exchange Committee. She and her UKSG counterpart, David Woodworth, would like to find four to five members for the committee who would represent each section of the United States.

Lenore Wilkas, newsletter editor, stated that due to more submissions there were plans to expand the newsletter (but not into a journal!) and provide it with a cover which would prevent some of the postal mutilation being reported by NASIG members. She asked anyone who received a damaged copy to let her know. She also asked the membership for their comments on the newsletter by asking them to answer the newsletter question on the conference questionnaire.

Tina Feick, Chair of the Conference Site Selection Committee, spoke about next year's site, Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia. She assured everyone that all rooms (including dorms) will be air-conditioned! The Third Conference will be the first week of June. Members of the local arrangements committee are Roger Presley and Ann Vidor. If anyone in that area would like to assist them they should contact Roger or Ann. Future sites being considered for 1989 are in California and there is some thought being given to having 1990 conference in Canada.

Earl Boyce, Sylvia Martin, and Jan Scullin of the Nominations Committee were introduced. Members were encouraged to make their nominations before the deadline, June 26th. Announcements were made concerning ALA programs of interest at San Francisco.

Because so many members took advantage of the airlines super-saver fares and arrived on Saturday, the Executive Board is seriously considering starting the next conference on Saturday rather than Sunday. Members were asked to comment upon this on the evaluation forms in their packets.

John Riddick related how many employers had approached him and other NASIG Executive Board members about people to fill job vacancies. NASIG plans a committee to deal with employers and to have possible vacancies announced in the newsletter.

A lengthy discussion followed about the feasibility of acceptance of outright gifts to NASIG. The early ad hoc Executive Board said "no" to grants and the formally-constituted Executive Board has also refused a grant from a vendor. Some alternatives suggested were anonymous gifts, advertising in the newsletter, or a continuation of the no-grants policy. John Merriman said that the UKSG has only asked for grants to underwrite the banquet at Blenheim Palace last March. Many of the NASIG members from the corporate community added that they preferred the personal membership policy and the no-exhibits policy. Some members thought
that accepting gifts for library school scholarships would be good. Someone added that grants for librarians whose institutions could not afford to send people to the conference would be great.

Becky Lenzini, past Co-Chair of NASIG, spoke about the birth of NASIG and its present status. She spoke about John Riddick's dedication to seeing that NASIG became a reality. The meeting was adjourned after an ovation for John Riddick.

ATTENTION, SPORTS FANS!

On a warm and humid June morning some intrepid runners began their battle with a 2.4 mile course around Denison University. All finishers agreed that the hill at the end of the race was a "killer."

The winners and their times were:

1st- David Winchester (16:30) Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas
2nd- Bill Willmering (16:35) National Library of Medicine
3rd- Michael Markwith (17:38) The Faxon Company, Inc.

The 2nd Annual NASIG Conference generated some correspondence from several of our members in the publishing field. The first submission is from Graham Marshall, Director, Sales and Promotion, Butterworths. His article is followed by responses from Tina Feick, NASIG Vice President and Mary Fugle, Executive Board member from Springer-Verlag, New York City. These are followed by a letter from Brian Scanlan, Pergamon Journals, Inc. which gives librarians some hints as to how to interest publishers in NASIG.

THREE QUESTIONS FOR THE ORGANISERS OF THE NEXT CONFERENCE / Graham Marshall, Butterworths

As a member of the UKSG I was very pleased to attend the NASIG Conference (my first, your second) in Granville. The programme promised some interesting discussion on topics equally important to librarians, vendors and publishers.

A glance through the list of delegates on arrival gave me much food for thought: how few of my fellow publishers were present.
It seems to me that NASIG provides the ideal forum for exchange of ideas between librarians, vendors, and publishers, but it will not function properly until there is a more balanced membership.

Bob Houbek and Chuck Hamaker made many good points but the problems they have highlighted will only be resolved by dialogue not by monologues, however well presented.

In my view, we have many important issues that can be resolved by discussion and by carefully directed concerted effort. Here in the U.K., for example, a massive publicity campaign conducted by librarians, publishers, vendors and authors successfully fought off the threatened introduction of VAT [value-added tax] on books and periodicals. It is possible that we have only won the battle here and not the war, but even that small victory would not have been possible if the interested groups had not been working together.

Publishing, the information business, is not like the automobile industry or the oil business. Yes, it is a business but it is only part of the scientific information chain which, if unbroken, is circular: library users are journal contributors; vendors are publishers customers and library suppliers; journal editorial boards comprise many academics, teaching or researching within the same institution as the libraries and often serving on the library committee.

As with other businesses however, competition and a healthy growing market will produce price stability. Cancellations and unlicensed photocopying, on the other hand, will lead to price increases.

If the market is in poor health what is to be done? The answer, surely, does not lie in internecine strife.

I ask the organisers of NASIG's third conference three questions:

1. Can there be a more balanced group of delegates and speakers?
2. Can the burning issues of the day be covered at the beginning of the conference, so that there is ample time for informal discussion afterwards?
3. Can there be more time for questions after the speakers have delivered their papers?

A positive answer to these three questions, coupled with the promised air conditioning should completely eliminate any "hot air" in Atlanta next year.

I look forward to meeting many of you there.
A RESPONSE / Tina Feick, NASIG Vice President

Based on the results of the returned evaluations, NASIG's Second Annual Conference was a success. The overall rating was 4.3 (out of 5.0). Most of the participants reported that they found the conference worthwhile and, if money permitted, would attend another conference. Those of us on the Local Arrangements Committee and on the Executive Board were very pleased with the responses that we received.

As Mr. Marshall indicated in his letter, the imbalance of the commercial sector attendance in relationship to librarians was, however, one aspect that marred the conference; an aspect that has been a prime concern of the NASIG Executive Board. Mary Fugle of Springer Verlag has been working throughout this past year to promote NASIG to the publishing sector. Personal letters, phone calls, and conference mailings have been sent to many publishers. Our return rate has been low, but as NASIG moves towards our third conference, we anticipate that we will see the numbers increasing.

How to change this imbalance? The Conference Program Committee has already taken several steps to address this problem. Mary Beth Clack (Co-Chair) has mailed the Call for Papers to several journals in the publishing field (our thanks to Brian Scanlan for suggestions). We will be inviting several publishers to join the Conference Program Committee. In addition, this committee is looking for topics that are of interest to all members of our organization, for example, copyright concerns. As NASIG becomes known as an organization that promotes open dialogue among all parties, we will see more participation from the commercial sector. It is important that NASIG be receptive to all viewpoints; that we give everyone an opportunity to speak; and, that we take time to learn more about the other parts of the information chain.

For next year's program, we plan to present the "burning issues" earlier in the conference in order for more discussion throughout the conference. More question and answer time is on our list of priorities for the Atlanta Conference. At Denison, many speakers, to be blunt, did go over their time limit and, therefore, cut into our discussion time. Next year, our moderators are just going to have to be ruthless and cut people off (in a nice way).

We are also considering an open forum for the airing of concerns, follow-up questions to papers previously presented, and discussion of other serials-related topics.

I encourage all NASIG members to urge publishers and other commercial sector people to join and participate in our organization. NASIG can only be a vital force with the assistance of all of its members.
ANOTHER RESPONSE / Mary Fugle, Sales Manager - Libraries, Wholesalers and Journals, Springer Verlag

Thank you for your thoughts on NASIG's Second Annual Conference. John Riddick informs me that your points 2 and 3 have been directed to the Program Committee. I will address your first point.

After the first NASIG conference, I had similar feeling of an unbalanced group of delegates and speakers. After a discussion with John Riddick I agreed to serve as Membership Director for the publishing constituency. Last Spring I contacted approximately 15 publishers to tell them of NASIG's mission and encourage their participation in the second conference. Though my success was limited, I plan to continue, particularly at ALA Mid-winter. I also ask that everyone reading this help me! I suggest that when a publisher's representative calls or visits a library, that the serials librarian spend a few minutes talking about NASIG. I feel U.S. and Canadian publishers and University Presses are conspicuous by their absence. I would encourage the commercial members of NASIG to lobby amongst their colleagues for participation.

As one of the first members of NASIG, I strongly believe in its goal to be an open forum for discussion. Next year, I believe, is crucial to NASIG's proving itself as such a forum. With the efforts I've outlined, the possibility exists.

I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta.

ADVICE TO NASIG LIBRARIANS / Brian Scanlan, Pergamon Press

It was noted by John Merriman that participation at the UKSG Conferences is split evenly between librarians and representatives from the publishing and subscription agency sectors. Several times during the meeting at Denison I was asked how we could further encourage publisher participation in NASIG's future meetings and membership activities. We publishers that have participated in NASIG last year and at Denison this year have encouraged our colleagues at other firms to join NASIG and attend the conference.

Despite our contacts, however, librarians are really in a much better position to encourage publisher and vendor participation. Those of you who are librarians and who see publisher and vendor representatives in the course of your work might do well to keep track of which of them participated in the most recent NASIG conference, and encourage those firms who have not, to do so in the future. As purchasers of serials and users of vendors' services, librarians are in a much better position to encourage people in these areas to support our organization. So keep your list of participants handy, and let publisher and vendor representatives know that you expect participation in NASIG in the future.
We have received the following two letters from publishers concerning their journal pricing policies. They are printed here in their entirety for the benefit of NASIG members. Publication of this information is not to be considered an endorsement by NASIG.

AN OPEN LETTER TO LIBRARIANS IN NORTH AMERICA FROM BASIL BLACKWELL LIMITED AND BLACKWELL SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Dear Librarian:

We share your concern about past differentials between the U. S. dollar and overseas sterling prices for journals produced in the U.K.

In order to get information to library agents at the appropriate time we are obliged to announce dollar prices for the next year six months before the start of that year. We hold these prices, irrespective of fluctuations in the exchange rate which may occur in the following 18 months. This is done by selling dollars forward. It is important to realize that we do not benefit from any subsequent change in the exchange rate during the course of the year.

Our policy, then, is to fix a dollar rate which reflects, as closely as possible, the real exchange rate. In some cases, we do not control pricing and may be overruled by the learned societies we represent. Where we can, however, we will avoid any dramatic changes in the prices charged to North American libraries.

If you would like to discuss our policy or would like further clarification please write to us directly.

Sincerely,

Rene Olivieri
Deputy Managing Director
Basil Blackwell Limited

Robert Campbell
Acting Managing Director
Blackwell Scientific Publications

IRL PRESS DISCONTINUES DIFFERENTIAL PRICING / John Bradley, Sales Director

IRL Press has announced that it has taken notice of the views of NASIG members on the question of differential pricing for scientific journals and will discontinue the practice with effect from the 1988 subscription year. Sales Director John Bradley explained that large fluctuations in the exchange rate in recent
years have made it increasingly difficult to set a U.S. dollar price for America and a different pound sterling price for Europe and the rest of the world. Henceforth, therefore, IRL Press journals such as *Nucleic Acids Research* and *The EMBO Journal* will be priced solely in U.S. dollars and will cost the same in the United States and, for example, France and West Germany. The company has chosen to price its journals in U.S. dollars because North America is its biggest market and because it intends to start publishing a number of new journals from its subsidiary office in Virginia. Customers in the home UK market may continue to pay for their subscriptions in pounds sterling.

Currently there is not a great deal of difference between the differential prices set in dollars and pounds by IRL Press and the real exchange rate; therefore, non-American libraries should not be penalized by having to pay in U. S. dollars. Furthermore, in isolated cases where a potential problem exists, IRL Press has cut the U.S. dollar price which will obviously benefit libraries in North America.

**NOTICE FROM TAYLOR & FRANCIS**

The following notice which appeared on the Taylor & Francis 1988 Journal Subscription Price List may be of interest to NASIG members:

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

From 1988 the U. S. Dollar Price will apply to subscribers to Taylor & Francis journals in all countries except those in the UK and Republic of Ireland where the pound sterling price will apply. Agents and subscribers are asked to note this and ensure correct payment is made.

Additionally those journals formerly published by Crane Russak and Company, Inc. are now all published by Taylor & Francis New York Inc. and have been incorporated into this price list.

**SEMINAR IN LONDON ON SERIALS ACQUISITIONS** / Marcia Tuttle, Serials Dept., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

On March 27 in London the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers and the Publishers Association sponsored their Third International Learned Journals Seminar. This year's topic was *The Changing Market for Serials: New Trends in Acquisitions*. Having been a speaker at the first of these seminars in 1985, when the topic was the emotionally-charged "Differential Pricing," I
found both audience and attitude to have changed. This year's audience was more heavily publishers than the earlier session, with fewer librarians and subscription agents and fewer attendees from continental Europe. The mood of the group was no longer adversarial but somewhat open to information. The American contingent was about the same size as in 1985. There was some overlap of speakers from two years ago, as Gillian Page, John Merriman, and I were on both programs.

The first session was titled "Value of Learned Information: The Librarians Dilemma." Gillian Page (Pageant Publishing) explained the difference between the relatively low cost of printing an article and the high price of getting the information. Professor Brian Coles (Imperial College, London) spoke from the scholar's perspective, and Norman Higham (University of Bristol) responded with the librarian's viewpoint. In the second morning session two representatives of international publishers, David Anderson (Springer Verlag) and Herman Pabbruwe (Kluwer Academic), and a subscription agent, Takashi Yamakawa (USACO), discussed "Economic and Marketing Aspects of International Trading."

Following lunch, three papers treated "New Trends in Library Acquisitions." May Katzen (Leicester University) concentrated on new developments in information technology and John Merriman (Blackwell Periodicals) revealed to the publishers what he has been hearing about serials acquisitions from activist librarians in Britain and elsewhere. Speaking as a member of the NASIG Executive Board, I discussed five trends in serials acquisitions in the United States: containing rising costs, cooperative acquisitions, new technology (including CD-ROM and optical disks), online serials management systems, and the changing role of the subscription agent.

The final segment of the seminar consisted of an informal wrap-up and general discussion of the issues raised during the day. Richard Rowe (Faxon Company) moderated the discussion. Themes that recurred throughout the meeting were just what one would expect: costs of publishing and of acquiring; the possibilities, risks, and threats of the new technologies; a general conviction that the paper journal is here to stay. My impression of this third seminar is that it was a better meeting than in 1985 because the participants were not feuding this time; there was thus less emotion in the presentations and questions from the audience; the papers meshed far better than two years ago, aided in part by the speakers keeping to their allotted times; and the unhurried, free-flowing wrap-up pulled together the various aspects of the topic so that we left with a feeling of a day well spent.
NASIG COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITEE ON LIAISON RELATIONS / Christie Degener, Chair

Virginia R. Reed has been named SLA-NASIG Liaison for 1987-88; she also acted in this capacity during 1986-87. Virginia currently serves in dual roles at Northeastern Illinois University as Periodicals Librarian and also Science Bibliographer. She has been a member of the Special Libraries Association since 1960 and joined NASIG in 1985. NASIG members wishing to voice concerns of mutual interest to SLA and NASIG, or ideas about beneficial two-way communication between these groups, should contact Virginia at the following address:

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Chicago, Illinois 60625

Progress on establishing liaison ties with other professional groups will be reported on in future issues of The NASIG Newsletter.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE / Marcia Tuttle, Chairperson

While no Continuing Education Committee has been appointed yet, all persons who volunteered to serve as members are participating in the work of defining the objectives and scope of the program. Shortly after the Denison Conference, I sent each volunteer the outline of potential activities and asked him or her to critique and expand this document. Each of them emphasized a concern with making available NASIG continuing education programming to the greatest number of people possible, including library support staff. Statewide and regional activities were supported strongly. One person made the point that not enough listed activities are for non-librarian serials specialists. The categories that should be given priority, according to the volunteers' responses, are: programs for support staff, programs for specific situations, speakers' bureau, and seminars. The forthcoming questionnaire to determine the needs and interests of NASIG members will have a few questions regarding continuing education. Response to these questions will also be incorporated into the programming design.
As the NASIG continuing education effort grows, there will be a place for everyone to participate. The actual committee will be composed of chairs of subcommittees; the subcommittees will concentrate on one aspect of the education program, such as seminars or speakers' bureau. We may also try to form state or regional groups to promote NASIG and develop and present programming in their areas. We hope to be a couple of steps farther along by the deadline of the December newsletter.

**THE NASIG EXCHANGE PROGRAM COMMITTEE** / Minna Saxe, Chair

Earlier this year the NASIG Exchange Program Committee, consisting of Kimberly Dobbs, Norma Hervey, Deborah Jensen, Kenneth Kirkland, and Minna Saxe, chair, drafted a statement of purpose. To quote from this document, the Committee "...will serve as an informational clearinghouse for those NASIG members who are interested in working in an exchange capacity in a library in the United Kingdom. The Committee will not plan, coordinate or arrange any actual exchanges, but will provide the applicants with information to guide them in their pursuits."

The Committee will be coordinating its activities with its counterpart in the United Kingdom Serials Group; both groups will be using the excellent services of LIBEX (Bureau for International Library Staff Exchange), which is operated by Mr. A. T. Hillier of the College of Librarianship, Wales.

Ms. Diane Harkins, a NASIG member currently residing in Cambridge, England, has agreed to serve as the Committee's liaison in the United Kingdom. She will be able to obtain information for potential exchange librarians, as well as work directly with Mr. John B. Merriman, chair of the UKSG Exchange Program Committee, and with Mr. Hillier.

If you are interested in more information on participating in the Exchange Program, please contact:

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VISIT HOLLAND WITH NASIG!!! / Marcia Tuttle

NASIG's second tour will precede the UK Serials Group's annual conference this year because of the early Easter holiday. Current plans call for ten days in Holland, beginning March 18, then flying to Leeds, England for the UKSG meeting. While in Holland the group will visit Martinus Nijhoff Subscription Agent, the Royal Agricultural College Library, E. J. Brill Publishers, Swets Subscription Service, Faxon Europe, and Elsevier's publishing headquarters. In between these professional visits are stops at the Kroller-Muller Museum, the Frans Hals Museum, market day in Leiden, and a traditional Indonesians "rijstafel" dinner in The Hague. As with the Scotland trip last year, plenty of time is left free for individual or small-group sightseeing, such as: the Heineken Brewery, Anne Frank House, Rijksmuseum, and the Amsterdam canal tour by enclosed boat. The Holland tour concludes with a weekend full-day visit to Bruges, spectacular medieval city in northwestern Belgium.

The itinerary is being set up and arrangements are being made with the assistance of three NASIG members who live or have lived in Holland: Arlene Sievers, Judy Nederstigt, and Jane Baldwin. All three will accompany the tour. We have not yet determined all costs, so at this time it is not possible to give a price for the tour. Full details will be in The NASIG Newsletter December issue. An announcement will also be in the December UKSG Newsletter, in hope of attracting some British traveling companions.

ATTENTION!!! THIRD ANNUAL NASIG CONFERENCE (1988) / Tina Feick

Location: Oglethorpe University City: Atlanta, Georgia

Dates: June 4th (Saturday) through June 7th (Tuesday), 1988. Registration will be Saturday afternoon with the conference ending Tuesday after lunch. Please plan for airplane departures after 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

Cost: No more than $200.00 for the conference. (Does not include transportation; may not include transportation from the airport).

Answers to anticipated questions:
1. Yes, all buildings, including dorms, are air-conditioned.
2. Yes, the conference starts on Saturday - to help everyone save on airfares.
3. Yes, registration will be limited.

Registration and program details are due in January 1988. All members will receive an information packet. Please mark these dates on your calendar!
The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), an organization committed to cross-communication among, and education of, all members of the serials information chain, will hold its third annual conference Saturday, June 4 to Tuesday June 7, 1988 at Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia.

The chief objective of NASIG's annual conference is to provide a forum in which all participants (librarians, publishers, vendors, Library Science educators, binders, etc.) might exchange views, present new ideas and discuss issues of current interest.

This is a call for papers treating any aspect of serials administration (acquisitions, cataloging, automation, binding, budgeting, union listing, procurement, publishing, etc.) with a view toward the relationships between the various constituencies of NASIG. Members are particularly interested in hearing papers treating the publishing/commercial relationships among the NASIG constituents.

This is also a call for abstracts from individuals interested in leading a workshop at the conference. Workshops are sessions designed to be lively discussions of any aspect of serials and their management within the library and of links with publishers, subscription vendors, binders and automation vendors.

Submissions from all members of the serials information chain are welcome. Suggestions from members of topics and speakers are also welcome.

Titles and abstracts (100 words maximum) of proposed papers and workshops may be submitted by October 15, 1987 to:

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