President's Corner
Susan Davis

MAY YOU LIVE IN INTERESTING TIMES:
TRAVELS WITH THE BOARD

Most of us are familiar with the Chinese curse, "May you live in interesting times." After the recent NASIG Board meeting during the October blizzard in Colorado, I can tell you I know at least 17 people who would opt for some dull and boring times. Upon arriving in Boulder on a beautiful autumn day, I heard reports of a winter storm watch. Living in Buffalo I have picked up a lot of meteorological lingo, so I know that a watch means the potential is there for a storm, but one is not necessarily in the offing. But I didn't worry too much, it sounded like it would be a short event, whatever happened, and watches don't necessarily mean something bad will happen. However, Mother Nature had her own ideas, and by the end of the storm Boulder had received 24 inches of snow!

Undaunted, your elected Board members, the Newsletter Editor, plus the co-chairs of the Program Planning Committee and Conference Planning Committee met for a full two days, took a tour of the campus facilities to be used for the 1998 conference, and endured some very interesting and lengthy trips home afterwards.

The NASIG membership is a smart bunch, you elected a great group of folks (as in the past) who pulled together during a difficult time to focus their energy on the business at hand. Namely, keeping NASIG running smoothly and preparing for another super conference.
I want to especially thank the PPC and CPC co-chairs, Judy Luther, Michael Markwith, Marjorie Wilhite, Wendy Baia, and Pat Wallace. They all deserve special recognition, in particular Pat and Wendy for their gracious hospitality. They took very good care of us and will do the same for all of you who attend the annual conference next June.

As a silver lining, the Board is relieved that our next meeting will be held in warm and sultry New Orleans just prior to ALA Midwinter.

AROUND THE ORGANIZATION

NASIG really has its bases covered. Our committee members are a very dedicated group who accomplish some amazing things. They have begun their annual activities, which I'll highlight here. I am only scratching the surface in these highlights, but I wanted the membership to have a small sense of what the committees are up to.

Nominations & Elections committee members are reviewing all of the nominations, verifying eligibility, contacting potential candidates to complete profile sheets, and will be compiling a slate for the membership to vote on.

Continuing Education has a very ambitious list of possible programs to sponsor or co-sponsor in 1997/98. They have purchased NASIG banners which can be displayed at CE programs and will be on display at next year's annual conference. Based on the success of the past two years, CE again plans to coordinate a conference mentoring program at UC-Boulder.

Database & Directory has mailed out the annual renewal forms and is working on updating the database with address corrections, etc. They are also investigating how to mount the Membership Directory on NASIGWeb.

Electronic Communications keeps busy updating e-mail addresses for NASIG-L, updating NASIGWeb, and suggesting ways to improve the search engine for finding information on NASIGWeb. ECC folks also plan to provide another HTML preconference for next June at UC-Boulder.

Awards & Recognition has a full plate of awards to administer. The Board approved the Fritz Schwartz Education Scholarship, a joint undertaking with SISAC. More details will be forthcoming from A&R. The ever popular Student Conference Grant and Horizon Awards are continuing as well. (Ed. Note: Announcements for these awards can be found starting on page 8; the application form for the Student Grant Award can be found at the end of the issue.)

Evaluation & Assessment has compiled the data from the 1997 conference evaluation forms. A summary of the findings is published elsewhere in this issue.

Regional Councils & Membership has revised its charge by expanding outreach efforts to Mexico and adding another region for Canada. They are currently working on defining roles for the state representatives. RC&M will also assist the Continuing Education Committee in identifying possible venues for programs.

Bylaws has revised their committee guidelines and mounted them on NASIGWeb.

There are some task forces at work as well, and the Board will hear more from them at our next meeting. We are investigating several sites for the 1999 conference, Jean Callaghan is our site selection specialist extra ordinaire.

The Newsletter continues to provide essential communication to the membership five times per year.

And last but not least, the Conference Planning and Program Committees are in full stride putting together another excellent conference, with exciting sessions to inspire us all and some relaxing and entertaining local color to refresh and revitalize us.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Elsewhere in this issue and/or on NASIG-L, you will see that NASIG is looking to fill some upcoming vacancies for Archivist, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief, and Proceedings Editors. I encourage all interested members to apply. Here is your chance to become more involved in NASIG.
activities and for NASIG to tap into the talents of its members.

In closing, there are a lot of interesting times ahead for the organization. The NASIG Board, committees, task forces, and other volunteers are working hard to make sure we have an exciting and productive year.

**NASIG 13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1998)**
**JUNE 18-21, THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER**

Wendy Baia

The Conference Planning Committee for the 13th Annual Conference is hard at work coordinating arrangements for Colorado’s first NASIG Conference.

With a population of just over 96,000, Boulder is among the most dynamic, progressive and attractive cities of its size in the United States. The campus is located at the foot of the magnificent Rocky Mountains, 30 miles northwest of Denver. Founded in 1876, the year Colorado became the Centennial State, the CU campus covers 873 acres, with more than 200 buildings and an enrollment of over 24,000 students. The University Libraries system includes Norlin Library, housing Archives, Government Publications, the Periodicals Room, Special Collections, Art/Architecture, East Asian and Science Libraries and five branch libraries — Business, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Math/Physics and Music.

Denver International Airport (DIA), served by all major airlines, is approximately 60 minutes from the University’s main campus. There is convenient hourly shuttle service from the airport to campus. RTD, the Denver metropolitan area’s acclaimed bus service, serves Boulder and the entire Denver metropolitan area, including DIA.

Members of the Conference Planning Committee are: **Wendy Baia**, Co-Chair (University of Colorado, Boulder), **Melissa Bradley** (Denver Public Library), **Georgia Briscoe**, (University of Colorado, Boulder, Law Library), **Donnice Cochenour** (Colorado State University), **Nora Copeland** (Colorado State University), **Elaine Jurries** (University of Colorado, Denver), **Teresa Mullins** (OCLC), **Patricia Smith** (Colorado State University), **Robb Waltner** (University of Colorado, Denver), **Patricia Wallace**, Co-Chair (University of Colorado, Boulder), **Sue Williams** (University of Colorado, Boulder), **Barbara Willis** (University of Colorado, Boulder), **Barbara Woodford** (EBSCO Subscription Services).

Future issues of the NASIG Newsletter will carry more details about the conference. Plans now include dinner Friday night at the Celestial Seasonings Tea Company with a visit to the nearby Leanin’ Tree Museum. Dinner Saturday night will be held on the scenic Tree Terrace of Boulder’s National Center for Atmospheric Research, designed by famous architect I. M. Pei. For local travel information and updated conference information, check the conference home page on the NASIG home page under: “Time-dated announcements.” You may also e-mail the conference co-chairs at: nasig@colorado.edu.
Editor's Note: These reports were not included in the September Newsletter. We apologize for the oversight.

NETWORKING NODES

Paraprofessional Concerns
*Reported by Kathy Sweet, convener*

The discussion node on the role of the paraprofessional in today's serials world was an invigorating and thought-provoking experience. In attendance were paraprofessional serialists and librarians. The group had a lively discussion as to how best to announce, explain, and then implement organizational change brought about by administrative and budget decisions often forced by institutional directives. Questions such as facilitating the "transition" stage of change, creating re-training aids, and communicating were typical of those raised by the group.

Clearly there was felt a need for better communication channels to be opened between librarians and staff; suggestions were offered by both. Leaders should be able to stimulate discussion without dominating it; then, all would participate, and it would be a more fruitful venture. It was nice having the librarians' perspective, reminding us that our goals are usually the same.

Union Listing Networking Node
*Reported by Cathy Kellum, convener*

The networking node was led as in the past several years by Margi Mann of WLN and Cathy Kellum of SOLINET. Again, a small but vocal and dedicated group discussed concerns summarized below.

The ongoing problem of union list members not keeping their holdings up-to-date was brought up for discussion. This issue seems to have more urgency now than in years past, primarily because of the boom in ILL activity. ILL personnel have a greater need for accurate, up-to-date holdings for participating institutions in order to ensure efficient, timely ILL delivery.

Another ongoing problem, which has been discussed repeatedly at NASIG in years past – multiple data entry of holdings in separate systems – was also discussed. One participant noted that the problem has increased in the past few years with the advent of more local systems. Instead of two places to input holdings, many institutions now typically are required to input holdings in three or more different, incompatible systems. Another participant said that "paper forms are still easiest."

Margi Mann noted that the USMARC Holdings Format, in theory, will solve the problem of multiple data entry. She further reported that there seems to be more acceptance of the format in the vendor community, as several have announced plans to implement it within the next year or two. An attendee noted that the downside is that it takes a lot of time for an institution to implement USMARC Holdings, and it is a "double-edged sword;" not all vendors have committed to implementing, nor do they have conversion programs in place. The consensus was to nonetheless advocate the wider implementation of the format.

Michele Sitko from Marywood University announced an upcoming program at ALA, to be sponsored by the RUSA/MOPSSS Committee. The program will include a discussion of the impact of union listing on ILL.

Cathy Kellum announced the OCLC LDR Batch Updating Project. OCLC participants will be able to report their holdings to OCLC in batch mode, provided it is in USMARC Format for Holdings and incorporates the ANSI standard Z39.44-1986. This will allow participants who have input holdings on their local system to automatically forward and load the holdings to OCLC with no re-keying. The project has retrospective conversion implications for older holdings that precede AACR2.

One participant asked how electronic serials are impacting union listing. That is, can institutions report holdings for e-journals to their union list? And should they? Another participant noted that the answer depends upon the licensing agreement
and whether or not it allows ILL for the journal. A third participant pointed out that some institutions are not reporting their holdings because of workflow implications, in that the impact on the ILL departments is unknown. She reported that Virginia is looking to develop a statewide policy for reporting electronic journals to union lists. There was a lot of subsequent discussion with no firm decision or consensus.

Another attendee also reported an emerging desire for consortia to report their holdings on a consortial symbol, rather than reporting by individual consortium member. No one has actually implemented this as it has the downside of disguising individual holdings.

Discussion summary: Union listing is still a difficult activity, but it is needed more than ever because of the ever-increasing activity in ILL. ILL staff are sometimes involved in holdings policy discussion, and many institutions are experimenting with where to place holdings and ILL activities in the organization structure.

USERS GROUPS

Horizon Users Group
Julie Su, Convener
Patricia Sayre McCoy, Reporter

Representatives of 8 Horizon libraries met after the official NASIG conference for an hour and a half this year. The libraries represented were Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Julie Su; Indiana University School of Medicine, Rick Ralston; Johns Hopkins, Kristine Smets; University of Alabama Birmingham Health Sciences, Jay Harris; University of Chicago, Patricia Sayre McCoy, University of Mississippi Medical Center, John Lucas; and Wayne State University, Steve Savage.

No library has completely loaded Horizon 4.2, the latest release. The University of Chicago is using Horizon 4.2 for item record creation, receipt of materials ordered through Yankee Book Peddlers GOBI system, a web-based ordering system, and for the D'Angelo Law Library's retrospective conversion project with the TALX company. Some archival materials are being cataloged directly into Horizon too. Chicago hopes to convert serial holdings this summer and bring up the Serials module in the fall.

IU-PUI was testing Horizon 4.2 for production in all modules later this summer. The Purdue campus will be the first one brought online with Horizon. Julie Su remarked that there were many problems discovered and solving one often causes another.

Johns Hopkins is also testing for production in all 4.2 modules in August and all patrons will use the Web PAC for accessing materials. The Utah ALS office is loading the tapes for Johns Hopkins because they don't yet have the machine for Horizon yet; this will limit the testing time onsite to only one week—not enough time according to most of the librarians involved in testing. They are converting from NOTIS and are in a consortium with several other libraries. Security of data is a big concern now.

University of Alabama Birmingham Medical Center converted from Dynix to Horizon 4.1 and is running all modules. Acquisitions is a problem because the Horizon acquisitions module doesn't do standing orders or link to serial records for payment information. Other problems include lots of clean-up for summary of holdings statements and display problems with the Reserve module—they only use it for course reserves and leave permanent reserve titles in the PAC. The "All Locations" concept is a problem too—it adds an extra step to PAC searching.

Indiana University School of Medicine is not using the Horizon indexing program but is buying ProlIndex instead.

University of Mississippi Medical Center is using Horizon 3.9 (really the last version under the Dynix name) in all modules except Acquisitions and is beta testing 4.1. They have many problems concerning the order of item lists which require manual editing for numerical/chronological display, the lack of the CODEN index in 4.1 and mysteriously changing circulation periods—but not frequently. They add summary holdings for each new volume added but will look into the collapse of holdings to reduce time spent on
holdings. The OS2 platform the technical services modules run under make copying information to outside applications difficult.

Wayne State University is in a consortium of 22 NOTIS libraries of all types and is in development partnership with ALS to develop a system that can do this. Security concerns are their biggest problem now. The consortium is planning to migrate about 5 million bibliographic records and 900,000 patron records.

CONFERENCE EVALUATION REPORT
Jennifer Marill, Conference Evaluation Committee

Many, many thanks to the 232 respondents who completed the evaluation form! Unfortunately, that meant 398 conference attendees did not complete a form. Don't forget, the NASIG Executive Board and the Conference and Program Planning Committees rely on your feedback to help them in planning future conferences.

Overall, the conference this year in Ann Arbor was rated 4.3 on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 being the highest). This is only slightly lower than the 1996 conference rating (4.4), while the 1995 conference was rated 4.

Over two thirds of you were from university and college libraries; almost 9% represented medical libraries; over 4% from subscription agents; 3.5% were from the publishing community; 3% from corporate/special libraries; almost 2% each were from law libraries and library networks/consortia/utilities. Under .5% were from public libraries.

Conference attendees once again brought a great deal of experience with them. 53% had over 10 years of serials experience; only 4% less than a year. Similarly to the conference in Albuquerque, nearly one quarter of those attending at Ann Arbor were NASIG first-timers!

Over 50% of you checked off "serials librarian" with regard to your work responsibilities. 42% were responsible for cataloging, 31% for acquisitions, 22% for processing or binding, 17% for reference, over 16% for collection development, almost 9% for training and development, and almost 7% for automation/systems. 6% checked off paraprofessionals, a slightly higher number than in 1996. Roughly 3% of the attendees were library directors or associate directors. Note that the preceding categories were not mutually exclusive, allowing for multiple responses from the same person and a total of over 100%. Given this, and in comparison with the figures from 1996, it appears that more of you have taken on multiple job responsibilities.

Once again, respondents approved of the geographic location, rated 4.2 (Albuquerque was rated 4.5). Housing received a 3.9 rating and meals 4.2 (both of these ratings were higher than Albuquerque's). Social events/entertainment was rated 4.1, with many commenting that the Chenille Sisters were absolutely wonderful and the best entertainment NASIG has ever offered!

This year, workshops again won the highest praise in terms of format. 13 of the 22 workshops received a rating of 4 or higher. "Fitting Preservation into Your Life: Preservation Basics for Serialists" and "Cataloging Electronic Serials" were the two most highly rated workshops. Project and Issues Sessions were well received, with 10 out of 12 receiving a 4 or higher score. The issues session, "Understanding License Agreements for Electronic Products," received an almost perfect score of 5! While plenaries overall were rated slightly lower, many of you felt "Jam Tomorrow, Jam Yesterday, but Never Jam Today: Some Modest proposals for Venturing through the Looking-Glass of Scholarly Communication" was very thought-provoking. Most of the written comments focused on the quality of the presentations; the only regrets were that there were too many excellent choices!
While only 30% of you attended a preconference, almost 100% felt that NASIG should continue to provide preconferences. Many of you suggested preconference topics on licensing, WWW, and SGML/HTML hands-on sessions.

The evaluation form you filled out was produced by members of the Evaluation and Assessment Committee. The Committee is always interested in hearing your feedback about the conferences, and about the form itself. All suggestions are forwarded to the appropriate Board and/or Committee members in an attempt to improve NASIG conferences and activities year-to-year. Members of the Evaluation and Assessment Committee are: Beatrice Caraway (Chair), June Chressanthis, Janice Lindquist, Jennifer Marill, Juliann Rankin, Lucien Rossignol, Marla Schwartz, David Winchester; Steve Oberg, Board Liaison.

NASIG TREASURER’S REPORT
Geraldine Williams

Cash Position

NASIG is in an excellent cash position. 1997 membership renewals were strong, and NASIG is still increasing its membership base with new members. The annual conference was again a great success. Our overall cash position is overstated due to not yet having received the housing bill from the UMICH conference.

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Due to fluctuating market conditions, the investment account was never moved to Charles Schwab as reported in the Treasurer’s report of last December.

1998 Membership Renewals

The 1998 renewals have not started to arrive, so the cash position is understated for renewals for the year. During the next three months, I would anticipate another $20,000 in the checking account.

1997 Annual Conference at UMICH

The annual meeting was again a success. NASIG has still not received the large housing bill, but it is projected that we should show surplus income of between $20,000 and $30,000. This overstates our cash position as it will lower our savings based upon the housing bill. Again, the Conference Planning Committee did an outstanding job of planning and controlling costs. NASIG may need to look at outsourcing some of the conference planning activities as the attendance at the conference continues to grow.

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* The large housing bill has still not been received from University of Michigan: this will significantly reduce the conference surplus.

1998 Budget Projection

Each committee has submitted its budget projection for 1998. The budget has grown significantly based upon the expectations of the committees. Traditionally, NASIG has not expended its entire budget allocation. This points out how much NASIG depends upon its conference surplus to maintain its operations. If the conference surplus lessens, NASIG may need to look at other sources of income such as increasing its membership fees, some cost recovery in the regional NASIG continuing education events, etc. As we continue to grow, NASIG may need to look at more paid labor for its committee and administration operations.

Treasurer’s Report
NASIG AWARDS

1998 NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT AWARDS APPLICATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT
Debbie Sibley

NASIG is currently seeking candidates for grants to attend the Thirteenth Annual Conference to be held at the University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, June 18-June 21, 1998. Through the granting of these awards, NASIG desires to encourage participation in this information chain by students who are interested in some aspect of serials work upon completion of their professional degree.

GUIDELINES

SCOPE OF AWARD: Recipients are expected to attend the entire conference and submit a brief written report to NASIG. Expenses for travel, registration, meals, and lodging will be paid by NASIG. Each recipient will also receive a year's membership in NASIG.

ELIGIBILITY: Students who are currently enrolled at the graduate level in any ALA accredited library school, who do not already have an ALA accredited degree, and who have expressed an interest in some aspect of serials work, are eligible. Applicants must be full- or part-time students at the time of application. In order to accept an award, a recipient must not be employed in a position requiring an ALA accredited degree, nor on leave from such a position, at the time of acceptance of the grant. Equal consideration will be given to all qualified applicants, with preference given to those graduating the year of the conference. Students do not have to be NASIG members to apply.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Application forms will be available after November 15, 1997, in ALA accredited library schools, through the NASIG Web Page, and from Debbie Sibley, Co-Chair, Awards and Recognition Committee. Completed applications should be sent to:

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E-Mail: dsibley@library.ummed.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 1998. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Fax submissions are acceptable.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Award recipients will be notified by April 1, 1998. A maximum of ten grants may be awarded for 1998.

1998 NASIG HORIZON AWARD APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT
Pat Frade

NASIG is sponsoring the 1998 NASIG Horizon Award, (originally established in 1995 to recognize its tenth annual conference.) The purpose of this award is to welcome aspiring new serialists to the serials profession by introducing the recipient to NASIG, to further enhance the recipient's knowledge of and interest in serials, and to provide an opportunity for interaction with other members of the serials chain.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARD: The NASIG Horizon Award provide the recipients opportunity for professional development by attendance at NASIG's thirteenth annual conference to be held June 18-21, 1998 at the University of Colorado, Boulder. NASIG is pleased to announce that a maximum of three (3) recipients will be chosen.

NASIG will assume all conference fees and travel costs. The recipients will receive a free year's membership to NASIG, and will be invited to serve on a NASIG committee the year following the award.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants should currently be in a position of a professional nature with primary responsibilities for some aspect of serials, e.g. head of serials, serials acquisitions, serials vendor, serials publisher. Applicants must have served in this position for no more than three years.

Applicants do not have to be a member of NASIG,
and they must not have attended any previous NASIG conferences. Preference will be given to applicants with previous serials experience, to those employed by a North American organization or institution, and to those whose career goals include long range plans for professional growth and development in serials.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Applications will be available after November 15, 1997, from:

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Provo, UT 84602  
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Fax: (801) 378-3221 or (801) 378-6708  
E-mail: Pat-Frade@byu.edu

Applications must be accompanied by a letter of reference from a current supervisor.

Completed applications should be returned to Pat Frade as above.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15th, 1998

Applications postmarked after this date will NOT be considered. Fax submissions are acceptable.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: The award recipients shall be notified by April 1, 1998.

FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT
Sponsored by NASIG and SISAC

A $2,500.00 scholarship is awarded annually by the North American Serials Interest Group and the Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee to a student who shows excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in a serials career. The scholarship recipient will receive a Student Grant award to attend the NASIG conference for the year the scholarship is granted and a one year NASIG membership.

Eligibility requirements for the scholarship:

The applicant must be entering an ALA-accredited graduate library program or must have completed no more than twelve hours of academic requirements of the graduate program at the start of the scholarship.

The applicant must have serials-related work experience.

The following materials are required by the applicant and must be received by February 15, 1998:

- A completed application form.
- Letters of reference from two information professionals.
- A resume or curriculum vita.
- A statement of the applicant's career objectives (not to exceed 250 words).
- A statement on how the applicant's qualifications apply to the award (not to exceed 250 words).

The award winner will be required to be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours of library/information science courses per semester/quarter during the academic year that the award is granted. The award winner will be ineligible to reapply for the scholarship. Only one scholarship will be awarded per academic year. For applications or further information contact:

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Return completed application and all related materials to Debbie Sibley as above.
ABOUT NASIG MEMBERS

Correction: NASIG president Susan Davis's ZIP Code is: 14260-2200. Please correct her listing in your Membership Directory.

IN MEMORIAM: LIBBY HALPIN

NASIG is saddened to report that Libby Halpin was killed in an automobile accident on July 23.

She was Technical Services Specialist at the Indiana University School of Dentistry Library.

We extend our sympathy to Libby Halpin's family, friends, and associates.

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NASIG ARCHIVIST

NASIG is seeking applications from members interested in serving as the NASIG Archivist for a three-year term beginning in the summer of 1998. Applications are welcome from librarians, vendors, publishers, and other members interested in serving in this capacity. Archival experience desirable, and temporary storage of archives may be required. The archives currently occupy approximately six boxes. The Archivist collects and preserves the papers and electronic documents for the organization, and maintains the inventory. The position involves communication with the NASIG Board and Committee Chairs in order to acquire appropriate documents.

Please send a letter of application and vita to:
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Library
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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Feb. 13, 1998
Be renewed!
Send in your membership renewal today!
If you already have,
Thank you!

TITLE CHANGES
Carol MacAdam
[Note: Please report promotions, awards, new degrees, new positions and other significant professional milestones. You may submit items about yourself or other members to Carol MacAdam. Contributions on behalf of fellow members will be cleared with the person mentioned in the news item before they are printed. Please include your e-mail address or phone number.]

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Maggie Horn reports that she has "followed my peripatetic husband (yes, he is a follower of Aristotle) yet again -- this time across the country to New York State. I am now the Head of the Cataloging Department at SUNY Albany where I am wrestling with learning my fifth ILS and having to hit the ground running -- only the ground is a moving sidewalk! I'm still trying to find all those NASIG editorial files which I so nicely set aside so that they wouldn't be lost in the move." Maggie was previously Head of Bibliographic Services, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff. Her new addresses are:
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Albany, NY 12222
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Teresa Mullins is now an Account Manager for OCLC in Denver, Colorado. She was previously Database Development Coordinator at CARL UnCover. Teresa's new addresses are:
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Sue Nielsen was promoted to Head of Cataloging at American University in Washington, DC. Her promotion from acting Head came in August 1997.

Michelle Sitko writes, "I began my position as Coordinator of Collection Management/Serials in the Learning Resources Center here at Marywood University on March 3rd, 1997. I came back to the area I grew up in (Clarks Summit and the Pocono Mountains) after having been away 25 years...to be closer to my family (sister, brother, mother, nieces, nephews, etc.) after my Dad recently passed away. I took this position at Marywood as it gave me an opportunity to be a part of a very special liberal arts learning environment that has a very socially conscious faculty, student body and staff that takes on the philosophy of 'making a difference' in society seriously. My responsibilities are also more varied (i.e. not strictly with serials) and I have the freedom here to be creative and hopefully also 'make a difference'." Michelle was previously Serials Librarian at Western Michigan University. Her new addresses are:
Learning Resources Center
Marywood University
2300 Adams Avenue
Scranton, PA 18509-1598
Phone: (717) 348-6211, ext. 2689
Fax: (717) 961-4769
E-Mail: sitko@ac.marywood.edu

From Duncan Spence we learn, "I have been Chairman of Publishers Services Ltd. since April 1996. I remained as chairman of Carfax Publishing Company, until March 1997 when that company was sold to Routledge Publishing Holdings Ltd. Publishers Services Ltd. is a holding company for a number of publishing-related trading companies. We also own CatchWord Ltd., the providers of the RealPage Internet publishing solution for academic and commercial publishers. I find that in my new positions I am able to use my experience from previous printing and publishing jobs, and I can encourage younger people to develop into successful roles in their company."

Title Changes
am travelling quite a lot more than previously, but I am able to spend some time at my lovely home in Sark, where we have a small island without motor cars." Duncan's addresses are:
Publishers Services Limited
PO Box 31
Sark Channel IS
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United Kingdom
Phone: +44 1481 832695
Email: PUBLISH@SARK.NET
Fax: +44 1481 832698

Julie Su assumed a new position beginning August 18, 1997 as the Librarian of the Center for Nursing Scholarship at Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society for Nursing. Prior to the new position, Julie was with Indiana University — Purdue University at Indianapolis Library for nine and half years as Serials Cataloging Librarian. Sigma Theta Tau's Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library is an electronic library which creates and provides resources for nursing research via the Internet. The two primary resources currently offered are Registry of Nursing Research and Online Journal of Knowledge Synthesis for Nursing. The address is http://www.stti.iupui.edu/library/ Julie says that although she will miss her over 20 years career in cataloging, she is excited to have the opportunity to direct an electronic library which provides services to remote users. Julie's new addresses are:
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Sigma Theta Tau International
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Indianapolis, IN 46202
Phone: (317) 634-8171
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Joe Weber has a new job as acquisitions librarian and collection development coordinator at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. Previously Joe was technical services librarian at Christopher Newport University in Virginia. Joe is originally from Michigan and is happy to have found an exciting position in his home state. He recently learned that funding is now officially in place for a new library building at Ferris State. According to preliminary designs it will be around 185,000 square feet, as compared to the 57,000 square feet in the current building. It will be situated right at the end of Perry Street, and will thus be the first building people see as they enter campus from the west side. Joe's new addresses are:
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NASIG NEWSLETTER EDITOR

NASIG is seeking applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the NASIG Newsletter. Applications are welcome from librarians, publishers, vendors, and other interested members who are willing to serve as Editor-in-Chief for a two-year term, beginning in the summer of 1998.

The Newsletter Editor-In-Chief works with an editorial board to oversee the production and dissemination of the Newsletter, which is published five times per year.

Individuals with editorial experience (preferably with a regularly issued publication), access to a computer and word processing software, expertise in standard word processing programs, and experience meeting deadlines are invited to apply. Access to electronic mail and a fax machine are required. Web and HTML experience desirable.

Please send a letter of application, vita, samples or citations of edited works, and any supporting documentation to the chair of the search committee:

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS : Jan. 31, 1998
SERIALS RELATED REPORTS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL & MEDICAL PUBLISHERS (STM)

STM PUBLISHING: LICENSING AND USE OF DIGITAL CONTENT, Boston, MA, April 10-11, 1997
Reported by John Tagler

The annual STM Conference was held in Boston. Dealing with issues related to copyrighting and use of digital content, the program was structured around sessions that explored the perspectives of the various players in the scientific research chain. STM Chairman and CEO of Springer-Verlag, Dietrich Gotze, presented the keynote address. He opened by noting that the paradigm is shifting from a model of print first/distribute second to distribute first/print second. The model for the paradigm shift is in a state of evolution, but if this model is to be sustained, it needs to work financially. Electronic publishing offers advantages to all participants, but these advantages must be recognized. In the evolutionary process, the participants will be called upon to re-examine and re-define their roles.

The opening session addressed rights issues. Charles Clark, Esq., International Intellectual Property Alliance, summarized several legislative initiatives currently in discussion. He focused on the WIPO Diplomatic Conference on copyright, its outcome and related issues. Two key aspects of concern to this audience are international copyright protection and database protection. Eric H. Smith, Esq., also of IIIPA as well as Smith & Metzler, a Washington law firm, updated the audience on developments at a recent international copyright conference in Geneva, Switzerland. Two draft treaties were drawn up; the next step involves having national governments review and ratify the drafts. Both Clark and Smith noted a shift toward a more cooperative stance on protection of intellectual property among representatives of the developing countries.

The perspective of the working scientist was presented by three academicians — Temple Smith (Boston University, biomedical engineering), Paul Kelley (Tufts University, electrical engineering) and Ben Bederson (New York University, physics). All speakers praised the many advantages, conveniences, and functionalities offered by electronic journals. The two most valued enhancements are speed of delivery and ability to create links (particularly forward linking). These areas are suggested for continued development. There was some disagreement as to the durability and continued value of print editions, but no one predicted print's immediate demise.

Three librarians addressed the new technology and access issues affecting different types of libraries. David F. Kohl (University of Cincinnati) presented the academic library's needs, James M. Lommer (General Electric) summarized the workings in the corporate environment, and Brian Lang (British Library) represented the government library. Kohl sees consortia arrangements for electronic collection as a means of solving some of the age-old conundrums of shrinking library budgets, spiraling serials prices, and proliferation of material. He recommends a mix of subscriptions, consortial buying, document delivery and fair use/ILL as the approach. At General Electric, the electronic budget has been growing at the expense of books and journals. Lommer indicated that this was in line with his corporate library's strategy of buying on an as-needed basis, offering desktop access, placing a priority on speedy delivery, and not trying to build an archival collection. While there are many advantages to this approach, Lommer articulated a list of electronic delivery issues that still need to be resolved. Lang examined the challenges to the national library — with a mission to acquire and preserve a national archive — within the context of a digital environment. He perceives a national library becoming the central store, allowing access electronically, and he indicated there needs to be different types of librarians to serve these roles. He summarized three new technology areas facing the British Library.

The views of the primary publishers followed the librarians. Karen Hunter, Vice President, Elsevier Science, indicated that the introduction of electronic products and services has been a long learning curve and continues on. She mentioned about five issues that have been mastered (e.g., defining user communities, navigating the Web
environment) and noted several areas where improvements have been made (e.g., better contract negotiations, getting data into electronic format). There are areas that are still in the R & D stage (e.g., security systems, links between publishers). Amoud de Kemp, Director of Corporate Development, Springer-Verlag, encouraged all players to participate in projects with third parties — even if they are competitors. He emphasized the need for first-hand experience. He foresees a transition to an environment totally removed from the print version with the electronic format offering true fluidity between primary and secondary information along with links to datasets and external databases. The publishers’ session was concluded with a presentation by Carol Risher, Vice President, American Association of Publishers, who summarized recent efforts to generate a new standard, the Document Item Identifier (DOI). Work in the publishing community is moving apace to implement this new standard for electronic tagging, and Risher encouraged the publishers present to participate in this initiative.

Non-traditional players represented the last major section of the program. Joel Baron, then-Vice President of Faxon/Dawson US, contrasted the traditional and evolving roles of subscription agents. The new content provider will offer administrative, access, marketing, and archiving services. Andrea Keyhani of OCLC delineated the choices available to publishers for their electronic files -- (1) do it yourself, (2) publisher collaborations, and (3) aggregators. Services offered by the latter group involve: access across publishers’ collections, access via the Web, access control and wider distribution. She noted characteristics of OCLC’s Electronic Collections Online which meet these criteria. Michael Tansey, President and CEO of ISI, indicated that the role of ISI remains the same — to provide researchers with access to published research literature. It’s the means to that goal that have changed, and the publishing community must meet the research community on its own terms, which is desktop access. Tansey outlined some of the experiences learned through ISI’s Electronic Library Project.

The concluding session offered perspectives on international reproduction rights from Tarja Koskinen, Chairman of the International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organizations, and Isabella Hinds of the U.S. Copyright Clearance Center.

1996/1997 WORST SERIAL TITLE CHANGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS
Selena Lin

At long last, the ALCTS-SS Worst Serials Title Change of the Year Award Committee is ready to share with you the winners of this year’s prestigious awards. We hope you enjoy them as much as we.

The 1996/97 Worst Serial Title Change of the Year Award goes to: Journal (Florida Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance, and Driver Education) for changing four times within one year! With four title changes in one year, where else but in the Fog City can we recognize a title that gives us so much obfuscation in so little time?!

The Most Politically Correct Title Change of the Year Award belongs to: Human quest (St. Petersburg, Fla.: 1996), which dropped Churchman’s from its title because a reader protested: "Why The Churchman's human quest? That leaves out a lot of good people". We are so relieved that this reader didn’t think HUMAN quest objectionable and insisted on calling it HuPERSON quest!

The Least Affordable Title Change of the Year Award is earned by: Air dress (Canoa Park, Calif.: 1996), changed from Air dress affordable flying. This change was all caused by the fact that the publisher actually THOUGHT flying was AFFORDABLE!?

The Most Unfriendly Title Change of the Year has to be: Friendly street reader, for its two title changes in four issues. With Friendly Street like this, who needs a Mean Street?

The Keep Your Hands to Yourself Award has a hands-down winner in Gettina results for the hands-on manager, which used to be Supervisory management. We think management should just stick to supervising.

The Mummy Award is preserved for Preservation (Washington, D.C.), for changing from Historic preservation (Washington, D.C.). It would help if they took their own advice and preserve their title first.

The At Least They Got Their T’s and Q’s Right Award is won by TQS review, for changing from TQS news, TQS, TQS currents, and TQ news. With initials like this, who cares about the rest of the title?

The Spice of Life Award goes to: Variety’s on production, formerly On production and post-production. After all, Variety is the spice of life, no?

The Who Cares? Award is shared by Alternatives journal (Peterborough, Ont.) (was: Alternatives (Waterloo, Ont.)) and Digital system report (was: Digital systems journal) for their absolutely trivial and content-free change in title.

The Big Mama Snake in the Grass Award is won by none other than ALA Washington news for dropping “letter” from its former title ALA Washington newsletter. Is the letter in the mail, or did they shred it?

In the snake pit of this year’s nominations are also three baby snakes. The Seven Year Itch Award is for AALL spectrum, formerly: American Association of Law Libraries newsletter (1989); American Association of Law Libraries. Newsletter, 1976-1989; and American Association of Law Libraries newsletter, 1970-1976. The AALL seems possessed with a continuing scratch since it keeps coming around every seven years, just like the fabled itch.


The Karen Muller Made Us Do It Award goes to: RUSA newsletter, changed from RASD newsletter, due to the name change of the division.

This year, we also grant a special Best NON-Title Change Award, nominated by Regina Reynolds, to: Trail and timberline which has existed since 1918 and whose only “change” is replacing “and” with “&” in the title.

Among the few entries sent to us for strange numbering or designation problems, we’d like to share this gem with you.

Nancy Gibbs of North Carolina State University got an interesting reply from the publisher of Global real estate news when she inquired why it had no chronology:

“The International Real Estate Institute does not put the ‘Global Real Estate News’ in chronological order. IREI feels that the information in our newsletters will always be just as important as the day it was published. Therefore, by putting them in chronological order, people would not read the older issues and miss out on a great deal of important information. It has been brought to my attention that most libraries use their date stamp to help them track of when each issue came out. Perhaps this method would also be helpful to the North Carolina State University.”

Respectfully submitted by your ALCTS-SS Worst Serials Title Change of the Year Award Committee:
Selina Lin (Chair), Linda Horiuchi, John Radencich & Susan Williams

Give the Student Grant Award application to your favorite prospective serialist — the complete form is at the end of this issue!
A TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM SERIALS GROUP
Ladd Brown — Commissioned by Beverly Geer Butler

"It was twenty years ago today
The "Queen's Serialists" got together to say
If we have to work in all this poop,
We may as well form a group
Their clothes are often out of style
But they're guaranteed to raise the smile
So may I introduce to you,
The act you've known for all these years
The United Kingdom Serials Group

You're the United Kingdom Serials Group
From cities, from villages, from towns
You're the United Kingdom Serials Group
Will Wakeling has your fifty pounds

It's wonderful to be here
It's certainly a thrill
They tell me Belhaven's Best
Is good if you get a chill

...Getting back to serials, now

The reason we're all here
Yes, it's the serials; not the food
And certainly not the beer

In paper and print we are immersed
Yet it never stays the same
Frequencies and title changes
Whether or not to claim

Move over, Mr Gutenberg
Make room for the e-journal
Will it be our bread-and-butter?
Or is it just infernal?

I really don't want to stop the show
But I thought you might like to know
We salute you, fellow Serialists
We really feel a bond

We salute you, UKSG
From your friends across the pond!"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
January 9-15, 1998
American Library Association
Mid-winter meeting
New Orleans, LA

March 2-4, 1998
Computers in Libraries 1998
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Washington, DC

March 30 - April 1, 1998
United Kingdom Serials Group
Annual conference
University of Exeter

May 14-15, 1998
Spring Meeting, Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians
Plaza Hotel and Convention Center
Bowling Green, KY

May 14-17, 1998
Feather River Institute
Feather River, CA

May 22-27, 1998
Medical Libraries Association Annual Conference
Philadelphia, PA

June 3-5, 1998
Society for Scholarly Publishing Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA

June 6-11, 1998
Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting
Indianapolis, IN

June 17-21, 1998
Canadian Library Association
53rd Annual Conference
Victoria, British Columbia

June 18-21, 1998
13th NASIG Conference
University of Colorado, Boulder
Boulder, Colorado

June 25-July 2, 1998
ALA Annual Conference
Washington, DC

July 11-16, 1998
American Association of Law Libraries
Annual Meeting
Anaheim, CA

October 26-29, 1998
American Society for Information Science
Annual Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA
APPLICATION FOR THE 1998 NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT

Please type or print (black or blue ink only).

Name of applicant_____________________________________________________________

Citizenship status_____________________________________________________________

Mailing address (as of 04/98)_____________________________________________________

Phone number_______________________________________________________________

email address_______________________________________________________________

Name & address of ALA-accredited library school you are attending:

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Date (mo/yr) of anticipated graduation___________________________________________

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Beginning date of employment__________________ Full or part-time?________________

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What are your professional career goals?

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What course work will you take, or have you taken, that will prepare you for a career in some aspect of serials work?

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State briefly your reasons for wanting to attend the NASIG conference.

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Where did you hear about the NASIG student grant, e.g., listserv, library school, journal publication, a NASIG member? Please be specific.

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The applicant's faculty sponsor or library supervisor must complete the attached reference questionnaire. It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the committee chair receives the application and reference questionnaire by the indicated deadline.
Name, title, and telephone number(s) of sponsoring faculty member or current library supervisor who may be contacted:

Name (please type or print): 

Title: 

Work phone: 

email: 

Signature of sponsor: 

Date 

I understand that if chosen as a student grant recipient, at the time of accepting the grant offer, I shall not be employed in a position requiring an ALA-accredited degree, on leave from such a position, nor have accepted such a position.

Signature of applicant: 

Date 

Note: Do not include any extra documentation, e.g., resume, transcript, or letters of recommendation. They will not be reviewed.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 1998

The completed application and reference questions must be received by the committee chair (address below) by February 15, 1998.

Debbie Sibley
Deputy Director
The Lamar Soutter Library
University of Massachusetts Medical Center
Worcester, MA 01655
Phone: 508-856-2435
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REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE
REGARDING APPLICANT FOR 1998 NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT

Please type or print (black or blue ink only).

___________________________________________(name of applicant) has applied for a grant to attend the 1998 NASIG conference.
Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please answer the following questions about the applicant.

Note: Do not include any extra documentation, e.g., resume, transcript, or letters of recommendation. They will not be reviewed.

ALA-accredited library school applicant is attending:

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Rank the applicant in terms of:

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(a) quality of work? 5 4 3 2 1
(b) dependability? 5 4 3 2 1
(c) initiative? 5 4 3 2 1

From your perspective, what are the applicant's basic strengths and weaknesses?

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How do you think the applicant would benefit from the conference?
How would he/she utilize this experience in the course of his/her professional development?

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What do you perceive to be the applicant's potential in contributing to the profession?

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How would you describe the applicant's relationship with his/her peers?

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Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the applicant that may be relevant to the purpose of the grant (i.e., encouraging students in the direction of some aspect of serials work)?

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Name and title of faculty sponsor / library supervisor:

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January 1, 1998

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