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## *The President's Corner / Roger Presley*

Although we are still in a transitional state, the new Executive Officers and Board members are adjusting well to their responsibilities and the organization is very busy. The Executive Board will meet in Charleston, South Carolina on November 11th and 12th, following the Charleston Conference. Since the Executive Board only meets twice a year (at ALA Midwinter and at NASIG's annual conference), we felt that it would be good to get together at least one other time within the year. This meeting should facilitate the Board's transition as well as give us a chance to plan and discuss NASIG's programs and activities.

One of the main items to be discussed at this meeting is the conference at Brock University next June. We will be firming up the conference program and working on the logistics of having the conference in Canada. We are still soliciting panel, paper and workshop proposals for the Brock Conference. If you have ideas for such, please submit them to Teresa Malinowski as soon as possible. Her address is:

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I will be flying to Brock University on October 17th to meet with Esther Sleep and to visit the Brock campus. The Conference Local Arrangements Committee is meeting on the 18th, and I will have a chance to meet with the Committee to see how the plans for the conference are progressing. Also, flying to Brock with me will be Russell Wade, President of Travel by Russell. We are negotiating with the company and with various airlines for special discount airfares to next year's conference. Ms. Wade will also be meeting with the Local Arrangements Committee and with local ground transportation companies to arrange transportation from the Buffalo and Toronto airports to St. Catharines.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a "Nominations for Candidates" form for our 1990/91 elections. We have two officer vacancies and three Executive Board member vacancies. Please send your nominations to any member of the Nominations Committee by December 15, 1989. The names and addresses of the committee members are on the back of the nominations form.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of our Executive Board if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas regarding NASIG. My address is as follows and also please note my corrected EMAIL address.

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT / *Ann Vidor***

NASIG's finances are now successfully being recorded on a new software program, thanks to Tina Feick's expertise with both the software and NASIG's finances. Joan Luke, Georgia State University, has been appointed to the Finance Committee. She was already familiar with the software and will be assisting me with the monthly financial statements which are sent to Executive Board members. The new bank accounts have been set up at an Atlanta bank and membership renewal forms were sent out at the beginning of October.

Please contact me if you did not receive a renewal form; if you were holding a reimbursement voucher form during the transition period; or if you have other questions regarding financial matters.

Effective October 2, 1989 I assumed the responsibilities of Head, Catalog Dept., Emory University. My new work number is: 404-727-6833. Please continue to use my home address for written correspondence: 1981 Innwood Road, Atlanta, GA 30329.

## **FROM THE COMMITTEES**

### **Committee on Liaison Relations / *Christie R. Degener, Chair***

ALA and CLA have named new liaison appointees to NASIG, and the Library Binding Institute has joined the group of professional organizations with officially established NASIG liaisons.

The new ALA-NASIG liaison, appointed by RTSD's Serials Section, is Joyce McDonough (University of Louisville). Joyce has worked at the University in a variety of positions and currently serves as Head of Acquisitions at Ekstrom Library. She has been an ALA member since 1976 and is presently a member of the Serials Section's Policy and Research Committee. Joyce has been a member of NASIG since its second year and will serve a two-year stint as ALA-NASIG Liaison (July 1989-June 1991).

Our new CLA-NASIG liaison is Wayne Jones (National Library of Canada), appointed by CLA's Serials Interest Group. Wayne is Head of the Serials Cataloguing Section at NLC and recently reported on the organization and workflow of NLC's serials units at CLA's 1989 Annual Conference ( a report of this conference was featured in the last issue of *The NASIG Newsletter*). Wayne has just been elected Convenor of CLA's Serials Interest Group and will be working with other SIG members to promote NASIG's 1990 Conference at Brock University.

Sally Grauer, Executive Director of the Library Binding Institute, has been named as the LBI-NASIG Liaison. Sally has been with the Library Binding Institute for almost six years, and a member of NASIG from the beginning. The role of liaison with library organizations is not a new one for Sally; she has chaired the Library Binding Discussion Group for ALA/PLMS (Preservation of Library Materials Section) since its inception. NASIG members are particularly encouraged to send Sally article ideas for the Institute's publication, *The New Library Scene*.

All three liaisons welcome article ideas, news items, meeting reports or announcements, and concerns of interest to NASIG members and members of the other organization they represent. They can be reached at the following addresses and phone numbers:

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Finally, I wish to express sincere appreciation to the two people who graciously served as our previous ALA and CLA liaisons: Marlene Sue Heroux (Librarian, Rolls Royce, Atlanta, Ga.) and Susan Collins (Ward Chipman Library, University of New Brunswick, Saint John, N.B.).

#### **JOB PLACEMENT COMMITTEE / Marla Edelman**

As an adjunct function of NASIG's Job Placement Committee we will be publishing job advertisements here in *The NASIG Newsletter*. Prospective employers should continue to send job advertisements to:

NASIG Job Placement Service  
c/o Marla Edelman  
3800 Walker Avenue  
Greensboro, NC 27403

The fee remains at \$5 per job and for this the employer receives placement forms from our files of prospective applicants and has the job advertised in our newsletter which is sent to all NASIG members. Please DO NOT send job listings to the newsletter editor for this will only serve to delay the process.

## **Continuing Education Committee / Bonnie Postlethwaite**

The Continuing Education Committee met briefly in Claremont where brief updates from the subcommittees and task forces were given. It was also announced at that time that Marcia Tuttle was stepping down as chair of this Committee and Bonnie Postlethwaite had agreed to become the Chairperson. In the course of the summer this transition has taken place. We all thank Marcia for all of her hard work in organizing the Continuing Education Committee and seeing that several beneficial programs have been started.

### *Task Force to Develop a Serials Information Program for Library Schools*

Buzzy Basch, Chair of this task force, reported that they have held two workshops to date. The first was at the University of Pittsburgh with John Tagler (Elsevier), Marcia Tuttle (University of North Carolina), and Buzzy serving as panelists. The second workshop was held at Rosary College with John Tagler, Mary Case (Northwestern University) and Buzzy as panelists. Two more workshops are currently being planned--one on the East Coast and one on the West Coast. As these develop we will have more information for you in upcoming newsletters.

### *Speakers' Bureau*

Geraldine Williams, Northern Kentucky University, has been heading the Speakers' Bureau which has a file of available half- and full-day workshops as well as individual talks. To date, we have 13 people on file who are willing and available to speak. Everyone we have on file has received a confirmation letter and we appreciate all of the volunteers. If you are interested in registering as a speaker, please complete and return to Geraldine Williams the NASIG Speakers' Bureau Form which is reprinted in this newsletter issue. It should be pointed out that the NASIG Speakers' Bureau was mentioned in the *Serials Librarian*, 60, #3-4. We will have further information in the next newsletter on how to use the Speakers' Bureau if you are putting together a program.

## **NEWS FROM VENDORS:**

### **New Service Available from B.H. Blackwell**

B.H. Blackwell has announced a new service for its Periodicals customers in North America, Australasia, and the United Kingdom. Libraries can now order journals and claim missing issues electronically from Oxford through ALANET, ILANET, or LANET, the library services available through the Dialcom network.

Libraries can access the appropriate pre-formatted order and claim screens on ALANET, ILANET or LANET via their local Dialcom service point. All transactions are processed daily and automatic acknowledgments are sent for all orders and claims.

B.H. Blackwell already supports ALANET and ILANET links to libraries in America and Australasia. The recent addition of the LANET network makes Blackwell's the first vendor to provide this service in the United Kingdom and the first to provide it on all three electronic networks.

*Chris Beckett*  
*Customer Product Manager*

## **AUGUST IN AUSTRALIA: OR, INTO EACH CHAPEL HILL SUMMER, SOME WINTER MUST FALL / *Marcia Tuttle***

Last November I noticed an envelope in my mail from Bennett-EBSCO, a subscription agency in Australia. Some two hours later I opened the letter and found an invitation from the Australian Serials Special Interest Group (ASSIG, comparable to NASIG in North America) to address a seminar in Adelaide in August. I let out a whoop and showed the letter to everybody. This group was offering to pay me to come to Australia! All I had to do was to give two talks on one Sunday.

I accepted by return mail, then came to work the next morning, and FAXed a copy of my letter to Sydney. In February the "game plan" arrived: four cities, coast to coast, in ten days! Expenses paid! From that day until July, it seemed that every time I made some plan with my travel agent, the next morning a FAX was on my desk rearranging the itinerary. First, ASSIG inserted a week of free time. I immediately reserved this for the "Red Centre" and a train trip to Perth on the West Coast, my next stop. Then they added Brisbane as a fifth city. then they dropped Perth (and thus my train trip). Finally, at the last minute, I was asked to find time for Canberra. Then it was done and the Los Angeles to Sydney 15-hour nonstop flight loomed ahead.

My first stop was in Adelaide and after a good night's sleep, I met Patty Baigent (from Bennett-EBSCO and Secretary of ASSIG) and Mary Anne Kennan (from the University of New South Wales and Convenor of ASSIG), for lunch at a restaurant featuring "American sandwiches." I wondered which America as I enjoyed my prawn salad sandwich and chips.

I had heard that Melbourne was a city where one could experience all four seasons in one day. Adelaide is the same way. Most of the time the weather was cold and windy, but often the warm sun would come out and dry things. Dressed in my totally inappropriate clothing, I went to the ASSIG seminar entitled "Serials Management: The Macro and the Micro Scene." The organizing committee had been worried about attendance up to a few days beforehand, but approximately 115 persons attended the meeting which was held at the South Australian Institute of Technology. They all wondered why I hadn't realized it would be cold. It was winter and we were on the south coast.

I was the keynote speaker, giving first the micro view, "How We Try To Do It Good," concentrating on inadequate staffing, lack of automation, the impact of rising journal prices, and our efforts to provide physical and bibliographical access. It was apparent from the discussion period and subsequent conversations that in the automation of serials functions, my library is far behind many Australian libraries. They did enjoy some of the horror stories I had to tell, and one person said she was glad that at least one library was as manual as hers. It is possible that size is a factor here, supporting my theory that large libraries are the most difficult to automate.

Following coffee, two special librarians, Rosemary McLauchlan (Commonwealth Bank Research Library) and Nyree Diggins (Lever & Kitchen: Rexona Information Services Department) gave different perspectives on the topic "Serials Automation in Two Special Libraries." Rosemary's library had adopted an existing system developed for the Queensland Parliamentary Library and she spoke about the pros and cons of automating in this way. Speed and cost took

precedence over flexibility and customization. Nyree's library developed its own system, exactly as she wanted, because she went over the systems person's head to "the boss." She doesn't necessarily recommend this method, but it was effective.

The final morning speaker was Evelyn Woodberry, from Bond University, a new institution and the only private university in Australia. Eve's topic was "Serials in the Computer Age: The Bond University Experience." She had had to develop a library collection before the university opened and before all of the faculty had been hired. One of her objectives was to overcome the handicap of Australia's isolation. She selected two vendors for serials consolidation programs where the vendor collects, checks in, and claims materials and then (in the case of the European vendor) air freights them to Bond. The domestic vendor is in the same city and is able to deliver the serials easily. The Bond program was the first such experience for the Australian vendor but it appears to be a success.

After lunch I gave my second talk, "Issues in Serials Management: the American Perspective," in which I concentrated on prices and access, two of the morning's topics, but this time on a national level. I spoke about the ARL Serials Pricing Report and the various responses to it in the U.S. Most of the audience had not heard of the report and were happy to have copies of the Overview and Summary that Jeff Gardner had sent for them. Other topics were pricing studies, the international publisher, the *Newsletter of Serials Pricing Issues*, networking, new journal formats, and efforts to facilitate bibliographic and physical access to knowledge appearing in journals.

Edith Heinrich was next, speaking on "The Serials Balancing Act: The Case of a Scientific and Technological Special Library." Working for the Defence Science and Technology Organisation in Salisbury, South Australia, is often a frustrating exercise in trying to balance needs and resources. Unlike the U.S., defense in Australia is not heavily funded.

The day's final speaker was Dr. Toby Burrows, of the University of Western Australia, on "What is the Future for Serials Collections in Australian University Libraries." Almost apologetically, he offered a somewhat pessimistic view of the future, with no place for the serials specialist librarian. In this talk and in the general discussion at the close of the seminar the recent Australian government decision to consolidate "colleges of advanced education" (similar to our community colleges or technical institutes) and universities generated much comment and was a decided factor in Toby's pessimism.

After a day to explore Adelaide, I flew to Canberra, the Australian national capital, (via Sydney; always, via Sydney!) where I was met at the airport, escorted, and entertained by Dale Chatwin of the National Library and Nerida Hart of the Parliamentary Library. After lunch Nerida and I spent the afternoon at Parliament House, touring the newly-opened building and visiting the Parliamentary Library. The focal point of the city and part of the Griffin's original plan, the building occupies a hill with much of the construction underground. A controversial \$4,000,000 flagpole tops the structure. Parliamentary House was designed by Mitchell/Giurgula of Philadelphia, the same firm that designed the Davis Library where I work, but there is slight resemblance. The architects had carte blanche in Canberra and

produced a spectacular center of Australian government. The Parliamentary Library serves the same function as the Library of Congress' Congressional Reference Service, and it incorporates the latest electronic technology into its work.

Running late, I missed most of my tour of the National Library of Australia and I did not get to meet its administrators. I did visit with the serials librarian and talked about mutual problems: pricing, subscription agents, automated systems. The National Library serves as the supply point for ADONIS in Australia, and I expressed a desire to see the operation. We didn't have the time, which was just as well because even demonstrating the system requires payment of royalties!

At 5 p.m. a group of librarians gathered in the National Library's conference room for wine and cheese and my talk. ASSIG had asked me to update and expand my article, "The Serials Manager's Obligation," for the four talks outside Adelaide, and this was the first presentation.

After a week's holiday in Alice Springs and the Red Centre, Pearl Champion, serials librarian at the University of Melbourne, and her husband met me at the airport to ease my transition back into "normal" Australia. Famous for vicious and changeable weather, Melbourne (pronounced "Melbun") was almost mild and sunny. Pearl had arranged an afternoon seminar with my "Obligations" talk and responses from a publisher, vendor, and a librarian giving the Australian perspective. The publisher from Blackwell Scientific was ill and Pearl related his thoughts. Both the librarian (Pearl) and the vendor (Joy Sheehan from Tait Bookshop) were excellent in presenting the details of the professional relationships from the Australian viewpoint. In addition, Joy described the trouble and expense caused the subscription agent by title changes. The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology has a library school and several of its students asked good questions and had some creative, though not always practical, solutions to our problems.

The Sydney day-long seminar consisted of my talk followed by Paul Wilkins, University of New South Wales Library, who responded from the Australian perspective. The serials manager's role in Australia is complicated by additional constraints, which he called "brute facts."

The first of these facts is the "tyranny of distance," which has implications in daily activities, especially supplying and claiming. Australian libraries must wait or pay for air service. Some publishers will not guarantee delivery to the "Indian subcontinent," apparently including Australia. The 90-day claiming limit is unrealistic. Librarians need to pursue guaranteed supply. Subscription agents' "issue banks" are useful in filling some gaps. Paul complained about long waits for proceedings (for example, the Charleston Conference!) and recommended that ASSIG fly a representative to that meeting. I got the impression that he would be the first to volunteer!

The second fact is the "distribution of world publishing." The University of New South Wales receives only 4.83 per cent of its journals from Australia. Forty-three percent are from the U.S., 26 percent from the UK, and 25.5 percent from the Netherlands. The 1985 devaluation caused a significant loss to the Australian dollar against the deutsch Mark and the guilder. The library had to cancel titles unique in Australia. Paul's experience in cancelling was that the average cost of a cancelled title was \$60, while the average subscription price was \$169. Libraries thus cancel "little" titles and keep "big" ones.

The "escalation of serial prices" was the third "brute fact." This issue was tops on the list of concerns on the ASSIG foundation questionnaire. The library is a market. The serials manager's obligation is to make sure the library and its users get value for money. Australia needs to do "performance indicator" studies for journals (e.g., citation studies, "price per" studies). The support of Australian academics is necessary. Should we charge for the use of our journals?

Finally, Paul said that the Australian library market does not have as much clout as the U.S. market. Things I mentioned in my talk such as the London seminars do not benefit, but hurt Australian libraries.

Dr. Christine Henderson, University Librarian, University of New South Wales, spoke on the topic "Rationalization in Higher Education," concentrating on the effects of the government's order to amalgamate the various types of educational institutions.

Following lunch Dale Chatwin, National Library of Australia, and Marianne Ibrahim, University of New South Wales, shared the presentations, "The Retrospective Conversion of Serials in ABN: Two Research Libraries' Experiences." The ABN is the Australian Bibliographic Network, counterpart to our OCLC. In brief, the National Library does the original cataloging and the other libraries use those records. The final speaker was Christine Lindsay, University of New South Wales Library, on "Performance Measures in Libraries--What's It All About?" Performance measures appear to be much more an issue in Australia and the United Kingdom than in the U.S. Christine gave guidelines for evaluating performance that cannot be quantified.

The wrap-up panel discussion sparked lively give and take with the audience. There was concern about *Excerpta Medica's* CD-ROM requirement that libraries sign a form accepting liability for any misuse of the information (errors, fraud, etc.). Also there is the problem of electronic indexing information reaching the Australian library long before the journals arrive themselves. Electronic access to indexing information has increased the use of serials and the number of questions at the reference desk. One person wondered when the CD-ROM collection will get so large it breaks down.

Afterwards, the speakers toured the new New South Wales State Library and the old building, the Mitchell Library, now a beautiful special collections building. A serials clerk demonstrated the URICA system and told us that the staff did not use many of its features because they were so awkward. I was impressed by the disaster-preparedness. Bins, similar to garbage cans, were placed on each stack floor and filled with plastic sheeting and other materials for use in emergencies.

For so young a group, ASSIG is an impressive organization and organization is undoubtedly the reason why. With members and potential members concentrated in the cities along the coasts, strong decentralized organization is essential. A committee member represents each state, and regional committees in the cities organize ASSIG functions in the area. There has been no national conference yet, such as NASIG and the UKSG have, because of the cost of travel over the great distances. The success of the Adelaide seminar is making them think about a national conference.

The *ASSIG Newsletter* is a very fine publication, appearing three times a year. Editor Pearl Champion told me about some of the start-up hassles they

have had, particularly with printers. Because there is no annual meeting with proceedings, the newsletter prints not only news, but also talks given at the regional meetings. In this respect, it is more than a newsletter. I can see the *ASSIG Newsletter* growing up into a full-fledged journal, although there is concern about overlap with Haworth Press' new *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Serials Librarianship*.

ASSIG has strong membership support from subscription agents and librarians but it has very few publisher members or potential members. This group, unfortunately, will never be able to have the give-and-take among all parties involved with library serials, because the publishers do not come to Australia (a rare exception was Jolanda von Hagen from Springer-Verlag, New York). More American and European publishers have exclusive distributors in Australia than in the U.S. It is a temptation for the agents and the librarians to get together and blame publishers for all their problems, just the way the Americans did before the publishers entered the scene. I wish I had an answer.

Australia has unique problems with library serials and monographs. (Someone showed me a monograph with a U.S. price and an Australian price, significantly higher). Distance and isolation compound everything. The Australian dollar has fallen recently against European currencies, but it has fallen farther than the U.S. dollar. The use of exclusive distributors raises the subscription price. Add to this postage charges and the greater need for air mail delivery of journals and newspapers. Imagine bibliographic access to journal contents weeks or months before your issues arrive. The serials that are published in Australia tend to be university or government sponsored. For those of us who have problems with CSIRO, I heard a few sighs from Australian librarians as well. And yet, people I talked with have a good grasp of their problems and have creative ideas for dealing with them. I learned a lot from our discussions.

Finally, ASSIG would very much like to have a "Tuttle's Tour" or just a group of North American librarians come to the ALIA (Australian Library and Information Association; formerly, Library Association of Australia) meeting in Perth in October 1990. If anybody is interested (and can spare about \$3,000) let's talk about that train trip from Adelaide to Perth, across the Nullarbor Plain. October is Spring in Australia, equivalent to our April, and Perth is reputed to be a lovely city.

I am very grateful to ASSIG and the various state acquisitions groups who sponsored my visit to their country. I also want to thank again the subscription agents and publishers who gave financial support for the trip.

#### **REMINDER TO SERIALS CATALOGUERS / Marilyn Geller**

Please send documentation of cataloguing problems and questions to Marilyn Geller; MIT Libraries; 77 Massachusetts Avenue; Cambridge, Mass. 02139. If you send these items in before the conference, we can have handouts for our informal cataloguer's discussion during the conference. Thanks!

## A "DO NOT CLAIM" ALERT

In the process of paying for our renewals, we received the following notice from the editor and publisher of *Chinese Science* published at the University of Pennsylvania:

*...We currently publish about once a year, but we make no undertaking to maintain a given frequency, since our primary concern is the quality of the essays we publish.*

*We do not charge libraries more than individuals. In return, we ask you not to take our small staff's time away from editorial tasks for needless administration. We answer claims against published issues without charge, but only the first claim against an unpublished issue is free. For subsequent claims we charge a fee of \$20, deducted from the balance of your subscription. The fee will rise on 1 January 1990 to \$25.*

Serials librarians without money to spend on claiming may want to mark their records for this title if they subscribe. If you would like to comment on this policy through the newsletter, your comments are welcome. If you would like to drop a note to the publisher the address is:

CHINESE SCIENCE  
N. Sivin, Editor and Publisher  
1 Smith Hall  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6310

By the way, we have already found out that we at the University of Pennsylvania Libraries are not exempt from this policy.

*Lenore Wilkas*

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARIES:

### Tennessee Union List of Serials

The Tennessee Union List of Serials ends its third year of existence in September 1989 with 60 libraries (academic, public, and private sector) from across the state participating. The second edition of the Union List was published and distributed in June 1989. New editions appear every six months, with updated online access available daily on OCLC. The proposal for the 1989-1990 project year is now being readied for presentation to the Tennessee State Library and Archives, grantor of the project funds. Next year's proposal includes addition of 5-10 libraries and emphasis on entering holdings information on participating libraries' dead titles. (The current Union List contains information for only currently received and previous titles.)

## **ASERL MICROFILMING PROJECT / Beth Holley**

The University of Alabama Libraries is one of twelve institutions selected to participate in the ASERL (Association of Southeastern Research Libraries) Preservation Microfilming Project. Items to be filmed support scholarly research in the humanities with emphasis on Latin America and the Southeastern United States. ASERL in conjunction with SOLINET, which will coordinate the microfilming and provide a variety of support services, is seeking funding through the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The University of Alabama will provide Louisiana pamphlets from the T.P. Thompson Collection of 15,000 books and pamphlets purchased by the University of Alabama in 1938 from the estate of the late T.P. Thompson of New Orleans, Louisiana. Thompson, a native of Montgomery, Alabama collected primary and secondary sources that documented the history and literature of the area encompassed by the Louisiana Purchase. His primary focus was on Louisiana, particularly the city of New Orleans. Part of the collection is documented in a *Bibliography of Louisiana Books and Pamphlets in the T.P. Thompson Collection of the University of Alabama Library*, compiled by Donald E. Thompson, University of Alabama Press, 1947.

Pamphlets from this collection were catalogued with funds from a Title II C grant in 1978. Since that time, interlibrary loan requests for them have increased immensely. Due to the fragile nature of the materials, photocopy requests, originating from institutions all over the country, are no longer filled. For the most part this collection is unique to the University of Alabama; thus, its preservation, as offered by this project, is very important.

If funding for the project is secured through the National Endowment for the Humanities, SOLINET will prepare the materials for filming, contract with filming agencies, provide bibliographic control, and set quality standards. The other ASERL institutions and the collections that will be filmed are: College of William and Mary, U.S. History; Duke University, Andean pamphlets; Emory University, Georgiana; Georgia State University, Georgiana; State Library of Florida, Florida promotional pamphlets and travel accounts; Tulane University, Central American and Mexican material; University of Florida, Brazilian collection; University of Georgia, Georgiana; University of Miami, Cuban materials; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Latin American literature; University of Virginia, U.S. rural development, Virginiana, and Thomas Jefferson collections.

## **FARTHER AFIELD? / John Riddick**

Since its inception NASIG has meant networking. In the main, the ties of publisher, vendor, and librarian have been established and are beginning to take on growth and strength. NASIG's Fifth Annual Conference at Brock University will encourage additional ties between American and Canadian members. Likewise, it is probable that in future years alliances with our Mexican friends will be forged with a conference locale in America's Southwest. Although the suggestion of continental insularity may appear somewhat startling, should we not presume a broader vision encompassing the unique events of our current history as they impact on our world of the serials information chain?

Every third or fourth generation faces the challenge of living through cataclysmic change. For some, it was the Bubonic Plague, for others it was the French Revolution, and for us the twentieth century's version of the Thirty Years War. Either with the greater speed of historical development or, more likely, our shortened vision, the recent political changes in Russia, Poland, Hungary and East Germany portend the development of an intellectual freedom which, in time, may explode across our serials world with a plethora of new serial publications particularly devoted to social and cultural themes so long considered dangerous and thus well bottled up. Do we not as publisher, vendor, or librarian wish to encourage this growth and flow of expression and acceptance of our own? How better could we do this than carefully constructed NASIG programs looking farther afield to our friends of Eastern and Central Europe and, yes, when and where possible to those potential NASIG'ers of the Peoples Republic of China who have also expressed the restless spirit of freedom with a particularly intense emphasis on freedom of the press.

The concept of "program" has such a dry, dessicated, and papery sense and will until we accept that programs are people. Accepting that premise, why should we not put forward NASIG members as possible ambassadors to the aforementioned regions to articulate the concepts of communication and where possible, cooperation and understanding amongst a new and growing set of serials constituencies? Likewise, just as our dear friends of the United Kingdom Serials Group participate fully in our organization, why not inculcate from the start as possible, the participation of our fellow serialists on matters of our mutual professional interest.

Push to the nay-sayers---energy, cunningly derived funding, and imagination could carry the day and bring an amazing richness of new knowledge and understanding to the North American Serials Interest Group, and perhaps we could share our native wine of freedom with new friends.

*John Riddick, a Past-President of NASIG, is Head of Acquisitions at the Central Michigan Library.*

## **NASIG DIRECTORY ----- AT LAST!**

Enclosed with this newsletter is the first directory of NASIG members. It is not as complete as we had hoped, but it is a beginning.

All members, except those who expressly requested to be omitted, are included. Because not everyone returned the form devised for gathering directory information, some entries are more complete than others. The forms were not perfect, and even though we tried to verify and clarify some things, there were still problem areas. Most notable was electronic mail. Since we did not ask for specification of type of mail, we received several addresses that we could not categorize. In most cases, the database would accommodate only one E-mail address, so we usually selected the first one given. We apologize if it was not your primary one.

Because we know problems exist, we included a correction form at the back of the directory. Please take time to examine your entry and, if necessary, return the form, so that any erroneous information will be corrected and the integrity of the database can be maintained.

Special thanks and recognition belong to Sarah Robinson of Blackwell's who did all of the inputting. What a job! Also a debt of gratitude is owed to Mari Stoddard, Outreach and User Education Librarian at the Medical Center Library, Vanderbilt University, and to Eddie Elmore at the Desk Top Publishing Center, Vanderbilt University, for their expert assistance. The directory committee--David Anderson, Jean Callaghan, and Cindy Hepfer--worked very hard: first, to define parameters for the directory and second, to proof read and approve formats.

We hope that you will find this directory helpful, and we reiterate the Executive Board's decision that this directory is for membership purposes only. It shall not be used for solicitation purposes.

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*President, NASIG*

*Judith Rieke*  
*Chair, Directory Subcommittee*

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# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

## VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY JEAN AND ALEXANDER HEARD LIBRARY MEDICAL CENTER LIBRARY

**POSITION:** Serials Librarian

**AVAILABLE:** 1 September 1989

**DESCRIPTION:** Reporting to the Assistant Director for Technical Services in the Medical Center Library, this position supervises a staff of three and is responsible for all activities associated with the acquisition, cataloging, and binding of a collection of some 2,000 current titles. All functions are managed through the serials component of the local NOTIS network (ACORN). The Serials Librarian also advises the Assistant Director on collections development, policy and procedure, budgeting, and other projects, as they relate to serials. Other duties and responsibilities, as appropriate may be assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Master's degree in Library Science from a program accredited by the American Library Association, or an acceptable equivalent. One or two years' relevant experience in serials or other technical services work, preferably in a medical library; supervisory experience and familiarity with NOTIS, OCLC and MeSH are desirable.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Vanderbilt University consists of ten schools and colleges with an enrollment of over 9,000. The University is served by the Jean and Heard Alexander Library, a library system with a collection of 1.7 million volumes and a staff of 235 persons. The system is highly automated, using a local adaptation of NOTIS, and is an independent member of OCLC. The Medical Center Library contains over 150,000 volumes and has a staff of 35. It serves a medical school, a nursing school, a teaching hospital and a variety of health science programs. It is a participant in the nationwide Regional Medical Library Program. Vanderbilt is located in Nashville, Tennessee, a major business and educational center in the Mid-South with a population of over one million in the metropolitan statistical area.

**COMPENSATION:** Salary negotiable (minimum \$25,000). Insured benefits and leave policies are those applicable to exempt employees of Vanderbilt University, including TIAA/CREF annuity plans.

**APPLICATIONS:** To ensure first consideration, applications should be received by 15 October 1989. Send letter of application and resume, with names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references, to:

Gail Workman  
Library Personnel Officer  
103 Jesup Psychology Building  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, TN 37203

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Head, Cataloging Dept.**

Qualified candidates will have a MLS, from an ALA accredited library school, five years' progressively responsible technical services experience in a university or large research library. Thorough knowledge of contemporary cataloging standards and guidelines, the MARC formats, and procedures related to a major bibliographic on-line utility (e.g. OCLC, RLIN). Ability to work with foreign language materials. Minimum three years supervisory experience to include strong oral and written communication skills. Minimum salary \$28,000 dependent on experience and qualifications.

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Qualified candidates will have a MLS, from an ALA accredited library school, thorough knowledge of contemporary cataloging standards and guidelines, the MARC formats, and procedures related to a major bibliographic on-line utility (e.g. OCLC, RLIN). Ability to work with foreign language materials. Requires thorough knowledge of Japanese, familiarity with other Far Eastern languages (Chinese and Korean) desirable. Minimum salary \$20,400 dependent on experience and qualifications.

### **Cataloger**

Qualified candidates will have a MLS, from an accredited library school, thorough knowledge of contemporary cataloging standards and guidelines, the MARC formats, and procedures related to a major bibliographic on-line utility (e.g., OCLC, RLIN). Ability to work with foreign language materials. Minimum salary \$20,400 dependent on experience and qualifications.

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**TOPIC(S):**

**FEES (IF ANY):**

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**NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP  
NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES**

The North American Serials Interest Group is seeking nominations for candidates for Officers and Executive Board members who will be elected in Spring 1990 to serve two-year terms. Names submitted for nomination will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee and every effort will be made to ensure representation of the various constituencies which comprise NASIG. Nominations may be made by and for NASIG members only.

Please submit your recommendations using this form to any member of the 1989/1990 Nominations Committee. A list of the Committee members appears on the reverse side of this form. Nominations made by telephone, telefacsimile, electronic mail and face-to-face conversations will also be accepted.

The NASIG Nominations Committee appreciates all input in seeking the most qualified members to lead our organization. Thank you for your interest and recommendations!

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS: DECEMBER 15, 1989**

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