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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Connie Foster, NASIG President

Remembering

Crystal Graham. All too soon we pay tribute to another outstanding serials professional and dedicated NASIG member. Crystal was unable to attend the wonderful San Diego conference at her own institution, a conference that she helped shape through programming and local arrangements. We will also dedicate to her memory the *2000 NASIG Conference Proceedings*. Thanks to Christa Easton for gathering these remembrances contained in this issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*.

Moving ahead

with conference evaluations. During the summer the Evaluation and Assessment Committee, chaired by Diane Grover, tabulated and transcribed hundreds of evaluations from the 15th conference. June Chressanthis highlights results. We cannot emphasize too much the importance of the evaluation in refining or changing conference plans to strengthen NASIG's annual meetings. Finding varied and suitable campuses with enough volunteers, access to major transportation, and many other considerations remain challenges. Only through on-campus accommodations can we maintain an affordable conference site and program. As always, we will provide a list of area hotels should that type of lodging prove more suitable for your needs and expectations. We will try to be as explicit as possible in describing accommodations, but feel free to e-mail the Board or local conference people with specific questions as conference information becomes available this spring.

For many of you the next conference theme could be subtitled: "Return to Trinity: Class of 1991," as a "flood" of memories replays in your plans and

conversations. We hope that others will discover Trinity and San Antonio for the first time and create your own special associations, even though 75% of those responding in the evaluation have attended one or more NASIG conferences! The accommodations, scheduling, and special events should hold no huge surprises. Despite our best efforts to anticipate problems and present detailed information, we cannot project individual perceptions and expectations. It is difficult, if not impossible, to have everyone leave as happy campers, but we try our best to address the "critical mass" of comments and bask in the positive remarks about changes in the program schedule this year.

Board Business

continues. The December issue usually highlights Board business; however, the Board did not meet until

November 10-11, significantly beyond the November 1 deadline needed by Steve Savage, the *Newsletter* Editor. I will try to submit a summary on NASIG-L of significant issues and actions in early December. The fall meeting is two intense days crammed with committee reports, a campus tour (which allows the Board and Program Planning Chairs to become familiar with local arrangements before the actual conference begins), almost final program and conference plans, and special reports. Only two months later we will meet again prior to ALA Midwinter, so the challenges will be great to complete action items from the fall meeting before the midwinter meeting and still enjoy the holidays and new year! Each committee is staying active, providing updates, and honoring deadlines in a commendable fashion. Responsiveness enables the Board to stay on track for discussions and to press

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forward with new or different initiatives and resolve problems. Sometimes we must rechart a course when the stars aren't in alignment (that Jupiter-Mars thing).

Membership News

and opportunities. Soon there will be announcements on NASIG-L for opportunities to volunteer in key positions for *Proceedings* Editors, Archivist, and *Newsletter* Editorial Board. Be thinking about these positions and your particular interests, abilities, and willingness to help NASIG. Specific descriptions, desired qualifications, and contacts will be forthcoming early in the new year. Also, click on the 2001 volunteer form

(<http://www.nasig.org/members/forms/volunteer.html>) and submit it to Maggie Rioux. It's never too early to consider volunteering! Actual appointments will occur in the spring.

The membership renewals (the bright goldenrod sheet) were sent in October. This year you have the option of not receiving a print *Directory* just as the option exists for the *Newsletter*. The Database & Directory Committee is also reviewing *Directory* content and

format with an eye toward improving and streamlining. We are still very reliant on print for many of the organization's documents (*Newsletter*, *Directory*, *Proceedings*, conference handouts) despite the digital revolution which envelops us.

For the New Year

predictions anyone? We will approach 2001 with adjustments within our organizations and probably learn of additional mergers and collaborations in serials-related businesses. We will wrestle with offers from publishers for complex pricing models and special offers bundling print with online subscriptions. We will decipher license agreements, ponder value-added services, and influence purchasing decisions made by consortia instead of by individual institutions.

May 2001 be truly special for each of you and find you charting your own serials odyssey with great success and creativity!

Happy New Year!

NASIG 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2001) CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Carol Gill and Bea Caraway, CPC Co-Chairs

The Conference Planning Committee is preparing for NASIG's return to San Antonio and the Trinity University campus in May 2001. The 1991 conference is so well remembered that NASIG is repeating a location for the first time, and we want the 16th Annual Conference to be equally memorable. The conference dates will be different this year with the conference starting on Wednesday, May 23, 2001, and ending Saturday, May 27, 2001. Please keep these changes in mind when you're planning for the conference.

San Antonio is the eighth largest city in the United States but has retained its sense of history and tradition carefully blended with cosmopolitan progress. San Antonio is served by most major airlines and has good highway access from both IH-10 and IH-35. The city has always been a meeting place with the flavors and sounds of Native Americans, Old Mexico, the Republic of Texas, Germans, the Wild West, African Americans, the Deep South, and modern America. There are plenty of places to visit in San Antonio also. The Riverwalk or Paseo del Rio, in the heart of downtown, is the pride of the city with cobblestone walkways leading visitors to river-level restaurants and shops. The La Villita Historic District is one of the original settlements for Spanish soldiers and their families, and now you can wander the cobblestone streets to see artisans such as

glass blowers and weavers at work. Market Square (El Mercado) is the largest Mexican market outside of Mexico with a myriad of shops full of unique and colorful imports. We have sunshine for over 300 days a year and the average daily high temperature in May is 85; so come prepared for warm, sunny days while you're sightseeing.

The Trinity University campus is conveniently located just blocks off US Highway 281, four miles south of the San Antonio International Airport and three miles north of downtown and the Alamo. Trinity's "skyline" campus encompasses 117-acres and is famous for its red brick buildings, accented by native live oaks, well-kept grounds and sparkling fountains. Set up on a hill, the campus offers a commanding view of historic downtown San Antonio. The dorms are among the best in the country, and we think you'll be comfortable while you're at the conference. The evening events will give you a good sampling of San Antonio with Southwestern food and mariachis to open the conference. Another evening we'll bus you downtown for dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants along the Riverwalk, but we cannot guarantee a repeat of the shower that caught the 1991 conference goers while they explored the Riverwalk.

The Conference Planning Committee will continue to work on the details of the NASIG 16th Annual Conference and we'll pass along many more details

through the *NASIG Newsletter*, NASIG's Web pages and the conference brochure. We hope you'll be able to join us next May.

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Lisa A. Macklin, Mary Page, and Robb Waltner, PPC Co-Chairs

Shortly after the conference at San Diego ended this past June, we began working on the program and schedule for the 2001 conference at San Antonio. One of our first tasks was to review a compilation of comments from attendees about their San Diego experiences. With this valuable feedback from the most recent conference in mind, the committee began an online dialogue about the schedule and programs for the San Antonio meeting. The Co-Chair of the Conference Planning Committee, Bea Caraway, provided us with valuable information about the site, the available rooms and their sizes, and the distance between locations. The Committee decided to continue the more relaxed schedule enjoyed by conference goers in San Diego and also to continue the in-depth workshops this year. Poster sessions will also be included in the San Antonio conference, with a call for poster sessions going out at the end of 2000.

We received a number of excellent proposals in response to our call for papers. The proposals were distributed to the Committee during the late summer, and discussion about program possibilities began in earnest at that point. Overall, we are very pleased with the number and quality of the proposals submitted.

We are currently working on the final selection of programs for the conference, a difficult task given the

high quality of the submissions. It looks as though we will have two pre-conferences to offer NASIG attendees, and our "short list" of potential plenary speakers is very exciting.

The site at Trinity University in San Antonio is wonderful, as conference goers from the 1991 conference will remember, with many trees and a great view of the San Antonio skyline. We are confident that the program will be superb this year. Watch for the conference program announcement later this winter, which will contain all the details.

The Program Planning Committee for the NASIG 2001 Annual Conference at San Antonio consists of Co-Chairs, Lisa Macklin, Mary Page, and Robb Waltner; Board Liaison, Maggie Rioux; Consultants, Susan Davis, Cindy Hepfer, and Judy Luther, and three subcommittees. The members of the Workshops Subcommittee are June Chressanthis, Rachel Frick, Lisa Macklin, Lisa Rowilson, Allison Sleeman, Kay Teel, Robb Waltner, and Beth Weston; members of the Plenary/Concurrents Subcommittee are Kate Manuel, Mary Page, Mike Somers, Jim Stickman, and Sherry Sullivan; and members of the Poster Sessions Subcommittee are June Chressanthis, Lisa Macklin, and Robb Waltner.

NASIG 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2000) CONFERENCE EVALUATION REPORT

Lillian N. DeBlois, Diane Grover, and Fran Wilkinson

The 15TH Annual NASIG Conference in San Diego had the highest number of registrants since its initiation, tipping the scale at 735, which included 40 guests. A round of applause to the 332 respondents who completed the evaluation form. The success of future conferences depends on your feedback. The NASIG Executive Board, Program Planning and Conference Planning Committees all use this information for conference planning.

Respondents rated the overall conference in San Diego a 4.4 on a scale of 1-5, (5 being the highest) which is highest since the Boulder conference in 1998.

The largest number of participants, 58%, represented university libraries. Other libraries represented were college libraries, 8%; medical libraries, 5.7%; government, national or state libraries, 5.4%, corporate or special libraries, 5.1%; with the lowest number of attendees hailing from professional associations, .3%.

More than half, 56.2% of respondents had over 10 years experience, and 42.9% logged in at 1-5 years, followed by 32.1% with 6-14 years and only 3.3% having less than one year. First time conference participants totaled 19.6%.

Participant responsibilities ranged from serials librarian, 53.6% to president/CEO/vice president at .9%. Catalog librarian, 35.7%, acquisition librarian, 29.2% and collection development librarian, 23.5% responsibilities made up the higher percentages. The lower numbers covered processing or binding unit, reference librarian, automation/systems, training and development, customer relations, interlibrary loan, and many other areas. Many individuals marked more than one category to describe their responsibilities, which concurs with previous conferences.

The San Diego location rated a 4.8, similar to the conference in Boulder. Social events/entertainment rated a 4.65 with a range of comments from "Birch was wonderful and one of the best NASIG events" to "Needed more time at social events."

This year, the plenary and concurrent programs were rated in the same ballpark of 4 and above while the workshops ranged from a high of 4.62 to a low of 2.79. Eugenie Price and Bob Cringely elicited about the same number of comments with slightly less for the panel format. Respondents had much to say about the plenaries. Comments included: "Dynamic speaker, good for setting the tone" (Price), "He was great. Intelligent, knowledgeable and witty," and more than one requested "Invite him back" (Cringely). The panel format was well received with comments ranging from, "Great! Excellent concluding format," to "Interesting but a little slow for end of conference." Eighteen of the 30 workshops received a 4 or better with the highest score of 4.62 going to "We're Heading for the Barn

Now...," 4.58 for "Before They Throw the Switch," and 4.56 to "Catch the Preservation Wave..."

Most respondents approved of the shorter concurrent sessions, 45.9% rated them 5 and 40.9% rated them a 4. Reduced concurrent sessions (one set) also received high scores of 40.3% rating them a 5 and 33.3% rating them a 4. Shorter workshops received a 46% and a 38.4% for a rating of 5 and 4 respectively. In-depth workshops also received the high sign at 41.9% for 5 and 30.5% at 4. The newly introduced poster sessions rated a 5 for 53.1% of respondents and a 4 for 31.6%. Overall the panel format for a plenary session received a 5 by 46.7% and a 4 for 35.7%.

Future topic suggestions were many and varied, ranging from serials cataloging and more on metadata, to hands on web design.

Evaluation and Assessment Committee members produced the evaluation forms. 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.

Individual speakers may obtain their speaker evaluations from Reba Leiding on request.

Members of the Evaluation and Assessment Committee are: Diane Grover (Chair), Lillian DeBlois, Tim Hagan, Reba Leiding, Susan Markley, Catherine Nelson, Joan Stephens, Wendy Stewart, David Winchester, and Fran Wilkinson (Board Liaison).

ABOUT NASIG MEMBERS

REMEMBRANCE OF CRYSTAL GRAHAM, 1952-2000

Compiled by Christa Easton

Linda Barnhart
University of California, San Diego

Crystal Graham, 47, a librarian at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), passed away on Thursday, August 10, 2000. Her valiant battle of many years against a debilitating arthritis typified Crystal's spirit. She exemplified strength and courage, and her ability to overcome adversity was an inspiration to us all at UCSD.

Crystal was an extraordinary librarian and a giant in the field of bibliographic control. She was a strong and

articulate leader, and her vision helped inspire dramatic changes in cataloging standards. Her passion for improved bibliographic access was always framed in terms of the needs of library users; her goals always related to making materials easier to find. She will be missed as a leader, a colleague, and a friend. Some of Crystal's many accomplishments include:

- in 1998, receiving the Bowker/Ulrich's Serials Librarianship award
- in 1997, being invited to participate in the "International Conference on the Principles and Future Development of AACR" in Toronto, where her co-authored paper "Issues Related to

Seriality" stimulated a thorough reconsideration of bibliographic standards for serials

- in 1995, being invited to participate in the ALCTS Preconference "AACR 2000: The Future of the Descriptive Cataloging Rules" in Chicago
- in 1990, being asked to serve as a Visiting Program Officer for the Association of Research Libraries, charged with preparing guidelines for the creation of bibliographic records for preservation microform masters
- in 1989, being invited to participate in the Airlie House "Multiple Versions Forum" in Warrenton, VA, which led to an ideology of consolidated bibliographic records for equivalent formats.

Crystal's career in librarianship began in 1976 with a graduate assistantship to the Latin American bibliographer at Indiana University. Upon receiving both an M.A. in Latin American Studies and an M.L.S. at IU in 1977, she took a position at Cornell University as the Associate CONSER Project Director. In 1979, she moved to New York University as a serials cataloger. Crystal came to UCSD in February 1986 as a science monographs cataloger, eventually holding the position of Head, Digital Information and Serials Cataloging Team.

Crystal had a strong love of reading, ice-skating, dance, and the movies. Her husband, Neil Stuart, asks that memorial contributions be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Karen Cargille
University of California, San Diego

[Karen Cargille worked with Crystal for many years. These are her notes from Crystal's memorial service.]

Crystal was my colleague, but mostly Crystal was my friend. Like most of my very good friends Crystal was an outspoken independent thinker who seldom pulled her punches. You seldom had any doubt of where you stood with Crystal or what her opinion was on any given subject. Shades of gray were not her strong suit. With Crystal most things were black or white, right or wrong, and any project that she took on was always done completely and correctly. She had very little patience with me whenever I would advise her to just "wing" a presentation or a NASIG Workshop.

I first met Crystal back in the old days when Science & Engineering was really a branch library, located across campus at Urey Hall. Like all branch libraries we were complaining about the slow service we were getting from technical services, so Library Administration agreed to hire us a temporary cataloger, namely Crystal. Like the good service oriented professional she was, very shortly after her arrival she made an appointment to come and visit Lucy Pearson and me to find out what we wanted in the way of special treatment. We of course really didn't care much. We just wanted the stuff cataloged and on the shelf as quickly as possible. That took about two minutes and then we proceeded to try to get to know more about Crystal and, more importantly to a couple of foodies, about her chef husband Neil. Crystal went away thinking that we were definitely strange. We didn't want to talk about the important thing in life...cataloging; we just wanted to discuss food and restaurants!

Despite that shaky beginning the friendship among us grew. Crystal had a passion for both dance and for ice-skating, but as her health began to deteriorate she was hesitant to make plans to do things because "maybe she wouldn't be able to go." I made a deal with her to serve as chauffeur and dining companion for any dance concert or ice-skating event she wanted to attend and promised to get her there if she was able or find someone else to use her ticket if she was not. We spent many pleasurable evenings with this arrangement, and I seldom had to find a substitute date. Even when she really wasn't feeling very well, Crystal always wanted to keep going to things and to keep up with whatever was current in dance.

Another great time was when Crystal was given the task of preparing the dining guide for the SALALM meeting in San Diego some years back. True to form Crystal felt that she could not list a restaurant with a recommendation unless she had personally eaten there. Well this was just a perfect task for us. This time there were three of us (my husband Doug came too), and we spent several memorable months eating our way around the best restaurants in downtown San Diego. I never heard what the SALAAM people thought of her restaurant guide, but we really enjoyed ourselves doing the restaurant research.

One final story I would like to share is the story of how Crystal and Neil came to move to California. It seems that they were in their apartment in New York (she was

then at NYU), and Neil was working at The Quilted Giraffe. They decided to each make a list of places where they might like to move. It turned out that San Diego was the only city that appeared on both lists. Shortly after that little exercise, Neil found an ad for a sous chef position at the newly opened Pacifica Grill in downtown San Diego. They both quit their jobs and moved here. Shortly thereafter Crystal answered an ad for a temporary science cataloger job at UCSD, even though her experience thus far had been in serials and in Latin American Studies, and the rest is history.

I know my life is richer from having Crystal as a friend, I know the library has benefited from her keen mind in countless ways, and we will all miss her very much.

Thomas A. (Tad) Downing
U.S. Government Printing Office

I recall Crystal as being a very warm and energetic person with keen interests in cataloging and her colleagues. Crystal was generous in her praise of others and recognized people for their contributions to our profession. Crystal welcomed people of differing views to join stimulating and lively discussions.

Crystal earned the respect and esteem of colleagues for her qualities as a person and for her leadership within our community. I admired Crystal for her judgment and looked to her for encouragement and approval. Crystal's untimely passing is a real loss to many people.

Frank Sadowski
University of Rochester

I remember fondly Crystal's sense of humor, her private ALA receptions in her room for all her friends, and occasional pleasant lunches with her at ALA meetings. And, as serials people, long agreeable discussions of serials cataloging rules—she was always full of sensible, rational, practical ideas.

Jean Hirons
Library of Congress

I don't think I've ever known anyone so dedicated to serials as Crystal. She had opinions on just about every

major issue that arose. She had STRONG opinions! I can hear her exclaiming things like "But Jean, why would anyone want to do thaaat!"

I first contacted Crystal sometime in the mid 80's in regard to reproduction microforms. She was developing the ARL guidelines for preservation masters, and I was working on the CONSER guidelines with Linda Bartley. Crystal found microforms fascinating. I was less than enthralled, but very happy to have her counsel.

As time went on, I found that I consulted Crystal more and more. And then in 1995 she gave her paper "What's Wrong with AACR2: the Serials Perspective." Leave it to Crystal to come up with a term like "bibliographic hermaphrodites" for publications that are neither monograph nor serial! She made so many good points in her paper that CONSER formed a task force to continue the work. This led to our proposal for a paper at the JSC's International Conference on the Principles and Future Direction of AACR in fall 1997. Crystal and I co-wrote that paper and much of its success was due to her everyday knowledge of serials and how they should be cataloged. We had a grand time! I went to San Diego in March and we worked in her apartment, trying to figure out so many things. She liked the fact that I didn't mind throwing out ideas. I liked the fact that she came up with ideas! And then we went to Toronto and were so well received that both our heads swelled a bit, I fear.

Her parents, Eldon and Vicky, deserve a word of appreciation here. They made it possible for Crystal to go to Toronto and to many ALA meetings, the last in San Antonio. She tried going alone to a serials institute in Atlanta, where we roomed together, but it was just too difficult. Crystal told me that being in Toronto was the high point of her career and I am so thankful that she was there. We all owe her parents a big thanks for making it possible for Crystal to keep active. She loved people and she loved serials cataloging and being an active part of the community was so vital to her well-being.

I never knew Crystal when she was well. I've never failed to marvel at her resiliency and ability to focus on work when her body was letting her down so miserably and causing so much pain. I can't imagine the life she led. But she found a way to rise above it through her work and we are all the recipients of this resolve. She will be sorely missed by us all. I will remember her fondly and I know you all will too.

Judith Hopkins
University at Buffalo

[Originally posted to Autocat; reproduced with permission.]

Some of you knew Crystal Graham. Others had read her thought-provoking articles.

The following message was forwarded to me from someone who had received it from Karen Cargille at the University of California, San Diego.

"It is with great sadness that I inform you that Crystal Graham passed away earlier today [Thursday, August 10]. Crystal's husband and parents were with her. She had fought a valiant battle these many years as her health became ever more fragile. Crystal was a superb professional, wonderful colleague and dear person. We will miss her."

Crystal had suffered for many years from a severe form of rheumatoid arthritis. Last November she fell, resulting in a compound fracture of her leg. Her immune system could not fight off the resulting infection.

Despite her health problems over the past years Crystal maintained a busy professional life. In addition to her job as Head, Digital Information and Serials Cataloging Unit at UCSD, she was active in ALA where she just finished a term on the Task Force on [AACR2] Rule 0.24 of the Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access.

She was a pioneer, along with LC's Jean Hiron, in the efforts to re-define 'serial'. They co-authored the "Issues Relating to Seriality" paper delivered at the 1997 International Conference on the Principles and Future Development of AACR2 in Toronto; this paper was key in the Joint Steering Committee's decision to redefine the concept of seriality. Earlier she had been an active participant in the discussions of the treatment of Multiple Versions (MULVER) and still earlier in the work on bibliographical control of microforms. In 1998 she was the winner of the Bowker/Ulrich's Award for Serials Librarianship.

When her strength permitted she was a social person. I still remember the evening in San Francisco when she and I went to a tapas restaurant and she introduced me to the delights of this Spanish form of hors d'oeuvres.

Crystal was not yet fifty. Her early death deprives us all of the many contributions she would have made to the library profession.

Freida Rosenberg
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Crystal gave a presentation in Atlanta that inspired me to ask her to critique a chapter I had written for *Managing Serials*, Marcia Tuttle's 1996 book. While she was a tough critic, and we (of course!) had some differences of opinion, she was a wonderful correspondent. We exchanged biographies (she started off), and I saved, for my own spirit's sake, the things she said that demonstrated her love of serials as well as the energetic approach to life which for a time defied the power of her illness to destroy it. It is hard now to know that the improvement she perceived would last only a few years.

Crystal wrote, "During the lost years I was indeed employed as a Latin American studies cataloger (which is actually what I went to library school to do in the first place—I have an M.A. in Latin American studies). But the real reason those years were lost is that I got very, very sick. I have adult-onset Still's disease (an illness similar to rheumatoid arthritis), which caused me to take long stretches of disability, have several surgeries, and nearly die from a complication of a medication. Although I now use an electric scooter, I am doing much better now, and have some energy for professional activity. Coincidentally my health improved about the same time we had an opening at UCSD for Serials Librarian. I've had this job for two years now and really love it."

Judy Siehl Hill
Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library

Although I had not seen Crystal Graham for over 24 years, I wanted to share my thoughts with you.

In the fall of 1976, I was a student in the Graduate Library School (now the School of Library and Information Science) at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Crystal was in several of my library classes, including the advanced cataloging class. Even then, she was very insightful about the cataloging rules, classification schemes, and their interpretations. I can remember that we spent some time studying other classification systems. We were then asked to create one of our own and classify several objects according to the scheme. Each student had to explain the logic behind his/her system. Crystal was the one in the class that would ask the craziest, but most obvious, questions during each presentation. I think she made us think of our ideas from other perspectives than the one we had

started with. I truly enjoyed being in those classes with her.

But the thing I remember most about Crystal was her love of Latin American studies. When we met, she was working on her master's degrees in both Library Science and Latin American studies. I already had my master's degree in Spanish and had lived for a while in Spain as an undergraduate student attending the University of Madrid. Sometimes we would hold entire conversations in Spanish about whether Latin America or Spain had the best culture, history, literature, etc. It was always a treat to eat lunch with her so we could continue our discussions. I have enjoyed following her comments on Autocat for the past seven years and am deeply saddened that she has passed away.

Maggie Horn
System Administration, State University of New York

My first memory of Crystal was of her coming to me at an ALA conference decades ago when she was at NYU and I was Head of Serials Cataloging at Brown University. I believe at that time she was on the ALCTS Committee to Study Serials Cataloging—I just a face in the crowd. She waxed enthusiastic over the quality of Brown's cataloging—I was stunned.

Years later, in the early 1990's, our paths crossed again—this time more lastingly. I was at UC Davis—Crystal and I began corresponding as we tried to figure out how the Melvyl database was matching ISSN's for holdings. We jointly convened the UC serials catalogers at the ALA meeting in Los Angeles, and from there we created better conversation among the UC serials cataloging community. I eventually served on the Committee to Study Serials Cataloging while she became just a "face" in the crowd—but what a face! She and I decided to start an unofficial, rogue group of "guerilla catalogers"—bent on thinking of the user first and foremost. Her sense of humor and practicality were always present.

I feel lucky to have been asked to write a recommendation for her as she went for promotion at UCSD. She is gone from our community far too soon.

Aimee Algier
Santa Clara University

I met Crystal in 1989 at a SALALM conference. We immediately bonded over the discussion of a 246 field. It was immediately evident to me that she was not only

brilliant, but also a very kind, compassionate person. She never blew her own horn but always considered promoting those around her. She always spoke highly of all her colleagues as I spent time with her over the years at national serials workshops and NASIG. Her death is not only a great loss to the profession of serials librarianship, but also to all those who experienced her compassionate heart.

Verna Urbanski
University of North Florida

What Crystal's life meant to me has both a personal and professional side. I first got to know her at the Airlie House "Multiple Versions Forum" in 1989. Was I impressed!! She was amazingly conversant with all aspects of MARC and AACR2 and, in addition, had the clarity of thought that is so necessary to being an accomplished serials librarian. Her delicate features and lovely eyes added to her ability to focus all listeners on her pertinent comments.

As we served together on CCDA and worked on various CCDA task forces together over the years, we were fortunate to form a bond of friendship and caring that allowed her to comfort me during the long years of my husband's decline and death and for me to reciprocate with encouragement during her ups and downs.

I will always be grateful that we had time to sit together and talk at the end of a meeting at San Antonio Midwinter 2000. She was lively and sharp and, as always, wanting a condensed version of the details of my life. She told me about Neil and his latest activities and about her parents being with her in San Antonio to help out. She was so proud of them all and so accepting of their love for her. When we parted I gave her a hug and she said, "Oh, good, you know how to hug gentle."

I will miss Crystal's professional voice as we move forward with the new challenges of technical services librarianship. I will miss watching her persist against all odds and the lessons that persistence taught me. I will miss her annual Christmas letter telling of her life adventures and Neil's latest culinary escapades. And, selfishly, I will miss having one more person in the world to whom I am special.

Minna Saxe
CUNY

Most librarians will think of Crystal in terms of her work with serials. But I will also remember her for a

passion that we shared—eating in restaurants! I don't know when Crystal developed this love, but it might have something to do with the fact that her husband was a professional chef.

As a young couple in New York City, they visited many expensive and prestigious restaurants. She would often tell me about these visits, and I would listen in awe and admiration. I didn't know at the time that chefs who work at fine restaurants frequently dine at their competition. So I was always quite impressed with their choice of restaurants and selection of food.

In particular, I remember traveling back to New York from Washington, D.C. after a SISAC meeting, and Crystal telling me about some of their culinary adventures. The trip went quickly as we ate and drank whatever Amtrak had to offer at its snack bar and discussed the haute cuisine available in New York City.

But, perhaps, the most important nugget of restaurant information was told to me after Crystal's husband had moved from being a sous-chef in the five-star establishments and had become the chef at a more modest restaurant on Twenty-Third Street. Crystal told me that her husband said that whenever you eat at a less expensive restaurant, be sure to order from the listing of daily specials; that food will always be fresh! And every time I eat at a less expensive restaurant I follow their advice.

So many of you will remember Crystal as you sit at your desks and wonder how to catalog the serial in your hand. But I will always remember her as I look at a menu and seek out one of the daily specials!

Elizabeth Robinson
Library of Congress

I met Crystal in 1991 when I accepted an original cataloger job at UCSD. If I remember correctly, she was then part of my unit (Original Cataloging). Eventually there was a serials unit, which she supervised (of course) and which took on digital resources cataloging as well over the years.

Crystal used to frighten me to begin with. Because of her fierceness, tenacity, and candidness. But then I got to know her and appreciate her warmth and her great sense of humor.

It's very hard for me to fully believe she is gone, although I am relieved she is no longer going through one agonizing health episode after another.

I last saw Crystal shortly before I left California this past July for a job at the Library of Congress. I had come down to San Diego from Los Angeles (I was then at the Huntington Library) to say farewell to all my UCSD buddies. I had asked Crystal's husband, Neil, if it would be okay for me to visit her in the rehab clinic she was in after that very severe episode this past spring. He allowed, and I went up to see Crystal after lunch on campus.

She and I had a very pleasant talk for about an hour, up until one of her doctors showed up to check up on her. I thought she actually looked pretty good under the circumstances, but she kept apologizing for how she looked.

We talked about this and that, and she teasingly reprimanded me for not bringing her any hot gossip.

I won't forget her beaming smile that day. I know she felt bad then because she told me so. But she did all she could to be good company.

And she was.

Susan Davis
University at Buffalo

I first remember encountering Crystal at Serials Section Executive meetings (back when it was RTSD even) years ago when she worked at NYU and thinking "Wow! There is someone who is going places in serials. She is **somebody**."

Then she moved to California and we didn't see her anymore. I learned of her illness and mourned the loss of a true up-and-comer in our profession. But Crystal rallied and re-appeared to a packed room for the Serials Section Committee to Study Serials Cataloging meeting. Crystal was to address the group with her thoughts on seriality. It was amazing to hear her, the voice, the intelligence, her wry humor at the quirky nature of serials. She was back! Even if her body could not do what it once could, her intellectual efforts were huge. Her ideas are leading serials into and beyond the 21st century. Crystal's legacy will truly be a serial, it will continue indefinitely.

Eleanor I. Cook
Appalachian State University

It is indeed a great sorrow to hear of Crystal Graham's passing. I suspected for a long time that Crystal would

leave us prematurely even though her closest friends and associates assured me she could win the war of poor health. I didn't believe it—not because she wasn't fighting with all her might—my goodness, Crystal was quite a fighter in so many ways—but the old saying "only the good die young," really applied to Crystal.

Crystal Graham, to me, was one of the finest minds ever to contribute to the theories of cataloging. Her overarching and completely rational views on several critical concepts have been outstanding contributions, especially in the areas of serials cataloging. I "fell into" serials cataloging after library school, and was totally impressed when meeting Crystal for the first time at an ALA meeting in the early 1980's. I recall the sense of respect everyone in the room had for her—and also recall her zeal, passion and complete commitment to certain ideas. The ideas she held were ideas I naturally shared—I was in love with her practical rebellion when others were holding on to or at least, not letting go of, other, more conventional, less risky and eventually, less progressive ideas.

Yet, Crystal was totally grounded in solid theory and practice, knew what she was talking about, and was persuasive, sometimes even whimsically amusing about the concepts she promoted. Crystal's sense of humor could be delightfully wacky, often ironic, and as her health declined over the years, grim. She was uncomfortable, so it seemed, almost always, in a lot of pain most of the time, and the agony got to her in the end. But, she fought it valiantly, with elegance and dignity.

My last good memory of Crystal was at NASIG in Albuquerque (1996). She and colleague Karen Cargille had been assigned a nice handicap-accessible suite and we went to visit them there—critiquing it as we do in NASIG-style—and decided it was a hell of a lot nicer than the regular dorm rooms—Crystal thought it would do. We drank a beer in her honor—she of course could only have a few sips as it would interfere with the massive medications she was on—but she partied with us in spirit.

I was so pleased when she received the Bowker/Ulrich's award in 1998—I only wish she could have been present to receive it in person. I worried it would have to be presented posthumously, so it came just in time.

I will miss Crystal very much as a person and our profession will be less rigorous without her leadership. However, her contributions will serve us well for many years to come.

*Bessie Mayes
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center*

A few years ago, I and a few of my colleagues got together to plan the next San Diego Paraprofessional Workshop. The workshops were popular throughout the southern California region, and had been well attended. Cataloging had proven to be one of the most important sessions, and the search was on again for the best speaker. I had seen Crystal's name and comments on a cataloger's list service and suggested we contact her. We did, and Crystal consented to come. We gave her free reign to plan as she wished. This was the beginning of my affection and great respect for Crystal.

She had already impressed me with her professionalism when we spoke over the phone. This carried over into her work for the conference. I was truly impressed with the workbook she put together for the attendees, professionally printed as a keepsake. I hadn't met her and already I had learned so much about how a true professional librarian operated. I took mental notes.

Later, I was surprised to learn that she was in a wheel chair. Again I was impressed with how this apparently had not interfered with her love of teaching others and conveying that enthusiasm in her work. Needless to say, the cataloging session attendance was overflowing after the announcement that Crystal would be the leader.

Prior to this encounter, I had not realized just how much love and respect she had among people in this field throughout southern California. Even now, since her death, I see how widely her involvement in the library field has progressed over the years. This has also stunned me. You see, Crystal was very approachable and friendly, unlike some others I have encountered of her stature. I loved talking with her and her sense of humor. She was an example to me of true professionalism in every aspect of librarianship, and I considered her a friend. I have never forgotten our encounter. I never will. She died much too young and much too soon.

*Lynne Toribara
Santa Clara University*

I was extremely sorry to hear of the death of Crystal Graham. The library profession has lost one of its most brilliant minds.

I have always been, and will always be, awed by Crystal's intellect. What I remember most about her, however, is her courage and humanity.

The last time I saw Crystal was at a workshop that she had helped to organize. It was the first time I had seen her in a wheelchair. Worried, I hastened to her side. Before I could say anything, she opened the conversation with an expression of concern about a mutual friend who was in a somewhat fragile emotional state. Crystal intended to call this colleague to cheer her up. She always put others before herself. She never allowed her own physical frailties to distract or to discourage her, or to prevent her from tackling things that she felt were important.

I join with the rest of the library world in mourning the loss of Crystal Graham. We will all miss her very much.

Betty Landesman
Research Information Center, AARP

I first met Crystal when I timidly dipped my toe into the ALA "official" waters for the first time by raising my hand to volunteer as co-chair of the ALCTS Serials Section Research Libraries Discussion Group for the 1984/85 year. Crystal, who was at NYU, did the same. Although it was strictly coincidental that I then proceeded to take a job in New York, Crystal always thanked me for doing it so that our co-chair governance year would be smoother.

Crystal had been asked to work with a small group that was looking to extend the NISO standard for book ordering to accommodate serials. As she felt I was much more qualified to work on it, she gave them my name. This led to my membership on SISAC and NISO subcommittees working on standards for serials ordering and was my introduction to what became an ongoing professional interest in and commitment to standards work. I have Crystal to thank for getting me started and for continuing to encourage me. She sometimes called me the "best systems thinker" she knew—but I always felt it was the other way around. She will be sorely missed.

Julia Blixrud
Association of Research Libraries

Crystal's holiday letter was always a highlight of the season. Even though it included an update on her health situation that for some of us made us wonder how she endured all the treatments, it was the book and restaurant reviews that uplifted us. How well-read she

was; how interested she was in new ideas and in sharing them with her friends. The personal touch the letter provided inspired me often to read something she had recommended. New ideas, new cuisines. I'll miss her recommendations.

Gregory Wool
Iowa State University

I came to know Crystal about six years ago, when she contacted me to express her enthusiasm for my published research on labeled bibliographic displays and their relationship to cataloging standards, and to tell me she was citing my work in her workshop presentations. Such appreciation, especially from somebody of Crystal's acknowledged stature in the profession, was startling to me. While I like to think of this as an example of her ability to notice trends and their ramifications ahead of everyone else, such self-flattery may well be unwarranted. Beyond question, though, it demonstrates her exceptional generosity of spirit in appreciating and encouraging the work of colleagues who address professional issues.

During the next few years, she improved my forthcoming articles through close scrutiny, trenchant critique, and useful suggestions. I also enjoyed the privilege of being able to offer advance comments on some of her seminal papers. As a reader she was always challenging as well as encouraging and appreciative.

Though I did not share some of her favorite professional causes and was not the friend I could have been (the latter, by the way, has nothing to do with the former), I have always treasured her intelligence, her sense of humor, her love of life and enthusiasm for people, her physical courage, and her passion for bibliographic control and its improvement. I feel lucky just to have known her, even luckier to have experienced her friendship.

Sally Tseng
University of California, Irvine

I am deeply grieved over Crystal's death. Her passing is a great loss not only to her family but also to the library profession, especially the serials community. She was one of our most distinguished and accomplished librarians. Her nice personality and contributions to librarianship are widely recognized. Everyone who knew her will always remember her.

Although she was on her way to the heaven, she proved her life value by her outstanding academic career and contributions. She owned the greatest respect in this world by her colleagues and friends. She owned our friendship and blessings from every cataloging and serials librarians around the world. In my heart, Crystal never dies.

I want to present my warmest regards and deepest condolences to Crystal's family and her husband.

Eternal glory to Crystal! God bless you.

Karen Weaver
OCLC Public Affairs Information Service

Crystal had volunteered to help me last year along with Wayne Jones on my seminar project from the University at Albany, School of Information. I completed a paper entitled, "Cataloging Internet Resources at MIT and the UC San Diego Libraries: 2 Case Studies from the New Cataloging Frontier." I have just been informed this week that it was chosen as the winner of the ASIS Pratt-Severn Best Student Research Paper Award, which I will accept in November at the ASIS conference. It is only now, when I had hoped to share some good news with Crystal, that I have also learned of her untimely passing.

I have saved much of Crystal's correspondence with me from last spring/summer. My paper contained much of

her personal insight and vision on current cataloging issues.

Although she mentioned health problems only once or twice with me, she rarely showed any signs of poor health in our exchanges. On the contrary, she always seemed so full of energy in her ideas. The last time I had e-mailed her was sometime last year, as I recall, while I was looking for my first professional job. I had several interviews at academic libraries for cataloging positions, some at Harvard, Yale and others of which I told her about.

She gave me much encouragement and inspiration, and it was only as I read more about her and her work that I realized all that she had accomplished and was actively involved with. As we exchanged our e-mail, it seemed we had some things in common. She told me how she used to work in New York, and how her husband had gone to the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, NY, which is a few minutes from where I live. She frequently told me about San Diego and the warm climate there, and how she didn't miss the cold upstate NY winters. She talked about her work at Cornell and friends she knew at Columbia, where I had worked in cataloging for several years.

She constantly encouraged me to seek out opportunities where I could grow as a professional. She will always remain in my mind a vision of professional librarianship to strive for.

TITLE CHANGES

[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 at clm@jstor.org. 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.]

Carol Pitts Diedrichs has been appointed Acting Assistant Director for Collection Management in the Main Library of Ohio State University. In this capacity, Carol is responsible for the overall development of the Libraries' collections, allocation and monitoring of the acquisitions budget, and coordination of collection management and materials selection. This is in addition to Carol's permanent assignment as Assistant Director for Technical Services. Carol is part of an interim administrative organization in the library

that will be re-evaluated in summer of 2001. All of Carol's addresses remain the same.

From **Jane Hedberg** we have this news: "I left my position as Serials Librarian and Preservation Administrator at Wellesley College in order to become the Preservation Program Officer for the Harvard University Library in May 2000. In my new position, I am responsible for preservation education and training, disaster preparedness and environmental monitoring for

the 90+ libraries at Harvard. I also maintain the Weissman Preservation Center's in-house library and Web site (preserve.harvard.edu). Needless to say, I have plenty to do and am enjoying the change. My one regret is not seeing serials colleagues at NASIG conferences, but I am keeping my membership so I can stay in touch through the *Newsletter*. My e-mail is jane_hedberg@harvard.edu and I would welcome messages." Jane's new addresses are:

Weissman Preservation Center
Harvard University Library
Holyoke Center 821
Cambridge, MA 02138
Phone: (617) 495-8596
E-mail: jane_hedberg@harvard.edu

Marguerite E. "Maggie" Horn tells us: "Knowing the pressure which would be put on the *Newsletter* Editorial Board members to keep up tradition of having at least one member change jobs during the year, I've taken the pressure off and have left University at Albany where I was Head of Cataloging. In August, I started working for SUNY (State University of New York) System Administration as Library Implementation Specialist to help other SUNY libraries migrate to the Ex Libris integrated library system. This is only one part (but a BIG part) of the SUNYConnect Project: providing electronic resources and library catalog access to the over 60 campuses of the State University of New York. It's quite a change for me: not working in a library; not supervising staff. But I will be doing training and using my knowledge of serials and system migrations. And for once, my home address will remain the same!" Maggie's new professional addresses are:

Office of Library & Information Services
System Administration
State University Plaza
Albany, NY 12246
Phone: (518) 443-5564
Fax: (518) 443-5358
E-mail: hornma@sysadm.suny.edu

NASIG received this letter from **Esther Sleep**:

"In June 1999 I retired from my position as Head of the Serials Department in the James A. Gibson Library at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. After 39 years of working I am now enjoying the freedom to travel, to delve into old and new hobbies and to enjoy family and friends at leisure.

While saying farewell I must note that NASIG remains a unique component of my career. For me the high points will remain the Conference at Brock University and the Tenth Anniversary celebrations. All the conferences offered informative and innovative

programs that stretched the mind and allowed me to take back fresh approaches to my daily work. I'll always be thankful for the informal exchange of ideas and the encouraging support of NASIG colleagues. The openness and the willingness to share will always be appreciated. May NASIG keep up its good work and continue to prosper!!

In closing I wish the Board and all the willing volunteers all the best.

Sincerely,
Esther L. Sleep"
#1001—1237 North Shore Blvd. East
Burlington, ON L7S 2H8
E-mail: cfarrer1@home.com

Gregory Szczyrbak writes: "I earned my MSLIS from Drexel University in March 2000 and started my new position as Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor at York College's Schmidt Library. While my new duties do not specifically involve serials, I hope to stay involved in serials developments." Greg spent his student years as a Library Technician in the Periodicals Department of Millersville University Library. His new addresses are:

York College of Pennsylvania
Schmidt Library
York, PA 17405
Phone: (717) 815-1950
E-mail: gszczyrb@ycp.edu

Patricia Marie Wallace has retired from her position as Head of Serials at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Pat may now be reached at her home addresses:

3905 Paseo Del Prado
Boulder, CO 80301
Phone: (303) 440-4036
E-mail: patricia.wallace@colorado.edu

Beth Weston sends this news: "I am now the Acquisitions Unit Head in the Serial Records Section of the National Library of Medicine. Previously I was the Serials Librarian at George Washington University. At NLM I am responsible for the acquisition of print serials and for handling license agreements for electronic journals and other electronic information resources." Beth's new addresses are:

National Library of Medicine
Serial Records - TSD, 38/B1W10
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20894-6075
Phone: (301) 402-3975
Fax: (301) 402-0422
E-mail: westonb@mail.nlm.nih.gov

NASIG COMMITTEE REPORTS

NASIG CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE FALL 2000 REPORT

Priscilla Shontz & Evelyn Council, Co-Chairs

The Committee met at the Annual Conference. See <http://www.nasig.org/education/cec/> for the agenda and minutes of that meeting. This is an abbreviated version of the Fall 2000 report, which is also available on the Web site.

Descriptions of events produced, Fall 2000

EVENT: Mentor/Mentee Program, NASIG Annual Conference, San Diego, California, June 2000
COORDINATORS: Pat Loghry and Carole Bell

Pat reported, "The Co-Chairs were pleased with the outcome of the Mentor/Mentee Program and First Timers Reception this year. The 2000 Mentor Program had thirty-five first timers and forty-two mentors sign up. We had eight people who had not seen publicity but wanted to participate in the mentor program, so they were assigned to our stand-by volunteers. Based on the previous year's comments we introduced mentors and mentees at the reception by calling out the names using a microphone. In addition, our reception space was very nice and spacious, allowing for people to circulate more freely than the previous year. Comments about the reception were very favorable, with most saying that they enjoyed the food, enjoyed meeting other first timers, and felt more like a part of the group. Many evaluation respondents said that the program helped reduce anxiety and made their first conference more enjoyable. They also felt that the event was well publicized. Suggestions for improvement included larger lettering on name tags, a way for all NASIG regulars to identify first timers, clear-cut expectations for mentors, letting mentees know the expectations, assigning pairs by function and system, stressing that mentor/mentees take an early flight and be present for the reception, or making the reception at a little later time. Both mentors and mentees seemed very pleased, and many said that they would participate in the program at future conferences. The Co-Chairs have plans in the upcoming year to design a handout that would be sent to all participants. In addition, we will be working with the Local Arrangements Committee to be sure that all First-Timer registrants are sent an invitation to the reception in their packet as is noted in the Conference Planning Manual. We will also be soliciting the participation of the Executive Board as mentors at the next conference."

EVENT: En Línea, Monterrey, MX, October 2000
COORDINATOR: Lisa Furubotten

SPEAKER: Julia Gammon
TOPIC: Library Networks

After the conference, Lisa reported that only 6 people attended this workshop; she recommends that we not send a speaker to En Línea next year.

EVENT: ACRL-LA/LUC Fall Conference, Chalmett, LA (New Orleans), October 2000
COORDINATOR: Judy Irvin
SPEAKER: Tom Sanville

TOPIC: Method Out of Madness: OhioLINK's Collaborative Response
Judy reported before the meeting, "The Association of Research Libraries-Louisiana (ACRL-LA) and LOUIS Users Conference (LUC) will be presenting a fall conference October 12 and 13, 2000. The guest speaker, sponsored by NASIG, will be Tom Sanville the director of OhioLINK. He will speak about how the Ohio consortium deals with consortial purchasing of books and periodicals...."

EVENT: Holdings Standards Come of Age: A Workshop on the MARC Holdings Format, New England Library Association Conference, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 2000

COORDINATOR: Birdie MacLennan
SPEAKERS: Ruth Haas and Frieda Rosenberg
SPONSORS: New England Technical Services Librarians (NETSL), North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), NELA (New England Library Association) Academic Section

After the workshop, Birdie reported: "This presentation offered a preview of the new Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program (SCCTP) workshop that is being developed for MARC Holdings. The workshop was well attended. NASIG members received registration discounts. We counted about 90-100 participants. The presentation was interesting and engaging and evoked some lively discussion. The office at NELA is currently compiling data received from participants' evaluation forms. I'll communicate that information to NASIG once the compilations have been completed. David Miller is in the process of writing a report for the NASIG and NELA newsletters."

EVENT: Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, Peoria, IL, October 2000
COORDINATOR: Priscilla Matthews
SPEAKER: Trisha Davis

PROGRAM SPONSORS: ILA Resources and Technical Services and NASIG

PROGRAM TITLE: Licensing Realities: Practical Advice on License Agreements

Priscilla reported before the program, "This program is a hands-on approach to license agreements, which are often written in legal terminology easily misinterpreted. Yet reviewing and signing license agreements has become routine for many librarians, who often automatically agree to terms that should be discussed and understood before being accepted. Recent trends in handling license agreements will be reviewed; then workshop attendees will be given a sample license agreement and split into several small groups where sections of the agreements will be analyzed. The workshop will then reconvene and each group will present their findings."

Description of event not produced, Fall 2000

EVENT: SCCTP Cataloging Workshop at the VI Reunion of Librarians in the Yucatan, Merida, MX, October 2000

COORDINATOR: Lisa Furubotten

SPEAKERS: Lisa Furubotten, Texas A&M University; Cecilia Botero, University of Florida

TOPICS: SCCTP Serials Workshop in Spanish

Lisa reported in September, "Jose Orozco-Tenorio has informed me that there will not be SCCTP training on the Yucatan after all."

Plans for 2001

After conference, the Co-Chairs worked with committee members to assign projects for the year. Based on the Board's response to CE Task Force report, we split up the regions and other projects among committee members, trying to ensure the widest outreach possible. During the year, the CE Committee Co-Chairs will try to draft guidelines for selecting CE events. A more complete report, list of planned events, and budget proposal is available on the CEC Web site.

Assignments & Event Ideas, 2000-2001

- Northwestern US program (WLN, NELINET, Pacific Library Association) - Cathy Kellum
- Northern US program (Michigan Lib Assoc, South Dakota Lib Assoc) - Wen-ying Lu
- Northeastern US program (NETSL) - Birdie MacLennan
- Midwestern US program (OVGTSL, Minnesota, Kentucky, etc) - Laura Sill
- Southeastern US program (NC Serials Conference) - Evelyn Council

- Southern US program (Mississippi Library Conference) - Maria Collins
- Southwestern US program - Mary Williams
- Western US program (SCCTP training, California) - Pat French
- Mexican/Puerto Rican outreach (AMBAC, etc) - Lisa Furubotten
- Canadian outreach - Birdie MacLennan
- Library school outreach - Judy Irvin, Deberah England, & Birdie MacLennan
- Mentor program (San Antonio) - Carole Bell & Pat Loghry
- Non-US librarian/student conference grant (work with A&R Committee) - Elizabeth Parang
- Human Resources Directory & Website - Priscilla Shontz
- Guidelines - Evelyn Council & Priscilla Shontz

2001 event planning reports

EVENT: Special Program by Michigan Library Consortium, Lansing, MI, April 2001

COORDINATOR: Wen-ying Lu

TOPIC: E-journals

Lu proposed, "The Michigan Library Consortium (MLC) is going to do a special program on e-journals in April or May 2001. Exact time, place and speakers will be determined later this fall. MLC plans to invite 5 speakers, some of whom might be e-journals vendors, who usually do not charge to do presentations."

EVENT: Program by the Academic and Special Libraries Section of the South Dakota Library Association, May 2001

COORDINATOR: Wen-ying Lu

TOPIC: Cataloging and Managing Serials for 21st Century Library Users

Lu reported, "The Academic and Special Libraries Section of the South Dakota Library Association would like to have a program next spring (probably May 2001) that would address ..[the topic above]. They would like to invite Wendy Baia or perhaps Margaret Rioux to present a program...."

EVENT: NETSL, Fall 2001

COORDINATOR: Birdie MacLennan

EVENT: SCCTP Training, Kentucky

COORDINATOR: Laura Sill

Mexican outreach:

In October, Priscilla sent a message to NASIG-L looking for members who speak fluent Spanish and would be interested in giving presentations on serials topics at library meetings in Mexico, Puerto Rico and

Latin America. As of November 1, 2000, we have received 3 responses. Lisa Furubotten is compiling a list of Spanish-speaking NASIG members that we can draw on to speak at events or to help with our outreach to Mexico. Priscilla, Lisa and Don also currently serve on the NASIG Bilingual Task Force.

Human Resources Directory:

Priscilla has been working with Beth Toren, ECC Co-Chair, to update the CEC Web site. We have created an

online speaker profile form that unfortunately doesn't work properly yet. Laura Sill is drafting a PR announcement about the *HRD* and the online form. When the form is functional, we will send that announcement to NASIG-L and the *Newsletter*. NASIG members can then submit or update their information via the web form so that we can update the *HRD*.

NASIG AWARDS

TUTTLE AWARD RECIPIENT REPORT ON THE VISIT TO LIBRARIES IN GREAT BRITAIN

Jean Hiron, CONSER Coordinator, Library of Congress

During August and September I traveled to Great Britain to provide training, updates on AACR2 revision, and information on CONSER TO Great Britain librarians and to learn about the state of serials cataloging and control in Great Britain. I visited the national libraries of Scotland and Wales, the British Library in Boston Spa, and Cambridge University. I also attended the meeting of the Joint Steering Committee to Revise AACR.

I believe that the timing of this trip was very advantageous. The upcoming revision of AACR2 will reduce the differences in the way catalogers in North America and Britain catalog serials. With ILS's there is also an increased awareness of the importance of serials control, and most of the libraries are dealing with predictive check-in, holdings, and the need for better cataloging copy. To date, most serials cataloging has been done by the British Library. There has been discussion of sharing the serials cataloging among the legal deposit libraries, but no decision has been reached. There are currently many differences of cataloging practice, use of MARC 21 and UK MARC, and other issues that have caused restraints on sharing records. Nevertheless, serials are becoming a hot topic in a land where they have traditionally been ignored, and every conceivable topic was covered in one location or another!

I met informally with John Nicklen, Head of the Serials Unit, and other staff at the National Library of Scotland and Advocate's Library, discussing a wide range of cataloging-related topics, and hopefully laid the ground for further cooperation with CONSER and the Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program (SCCTP). NLS uses Voyager, and the staff was interested in LC's implementation. I also met with Tony Kidd from

Strathclyde University, who is working on a study to determine the feasibility of a national union catalog for Great Britain.

At the British Library I met with Paul Bunn, Cataloguing Manager, and David Barron, their ISSN director. We talked about AACR and IBSD(S) revision and discussed the possibility of the BL contributing to CONSER. This is an exciting possibility and one that will be further explored.

I spent three days at the National Library of Wales, which has joined CONSER. I provided an abbreviated version of the SCCTP Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop, CONSER training, and a review of the AACR revision and seriality to Alwyn Owen, Senior Assistant Librarian and 12 catalogers. The staff is very eager to contribute to CONSER and have expertise in all the Celtic languages, which will be of great assistance to those of us in the US.

At Cambridge University I spent one day giving SCCTP training for Cambridge staff and a second day giving a lecture for staff from Cambridge and Oxford, followed by informal discussion of electronic resources and CONSER policies. Cambridge will be implementing a new ILS in the coming year, changing over to MARC 21, and is a potential CONSER participant. Hugh Taylor, Head of Cataloguing, coordinated the visit. My lecture, "Revolution or Evolution: Bibliographic Control of Serials in the 21st Century" focused on the evolution of serials, AACR2, and the CONSER Program.

My final stop was in London for the meeting with the Joint Steering Committee on the Revision of AACR. We spent a full day on the revisions to chapter 12, and I

was really happy that I could be there to explain why we were trying to change the rules. I am quite pleased with the results and happy to report that the JSC is committed to finalizing the revision in April and publishing the chapter in 2001.

This was a wonderful trip! Everywhere I went I met very knowledgeable, gracious, and interesting people; I couldn't have asked for a better experience. I have gained a much better understanding of the state of serials cataloging in Great Britain and some of the

possibilities for the future. I hope that I've also given people a positive view of CONSER and what it is trying to accomplish through shared cataloging, training, and publication pattern exchange and that this will lead to increased cooperation. I also mentioned NASIG in every venue and what a wonderful opportunity it provides for serials catalogers, as well as those in acquisitions. I want to thank NASIG for awarding me the Marcia Tuttle Grant, which covered the costs of my travel and helped make this trip possible.

2001 NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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SCOPE OF AWARD: Recipients are expected to attend the entire conference and submit a brief written report to NASIG, which will be excerpted, for publication in the *NASIG Newsletter*. 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 earning their degrees the year of the conference. Students do not have to be NASIG members to apply, and they must not have earned their degrees earlier than the end of the school year prior to the NASIG conference. Applicants must not have attended a previous NASIG conference.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Application forms will be available after November 15, 2000, in ALA accredited library schools, through the NASIG Web site, in this issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*, and from Kay Johnson, Co-Chair, Awards and Recognition Committee. Completed applications should be sent to:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be postmarked/faxed by **January 31, 2001**. Applications postmarked/faxed after this date will not be considered.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Award recipients will be notified by March 12, 2001.

2001 HORIZON AWARD

DESCRIPTION OF AWARD: The purpose of the NASIG Horizon Award is to advance the serials profession by providing promising new serialists with

the opportunity to accelerate their knowledge and understanding of serials by networking and interacting with a wide range of dedicated professionals working in

all segments of the serials information chain. The award provides the recipient(s) with a firsthand introduction to NASIG by sponsoring attendance at the NASIG annual conference. NASIG will pay for all conference registration, housing, and travel costs. In addition, the recipient(s) will receive a year's free membership in NASIG and will be invited to serve on a NASIG committee the year following the award. A maximum of two awards will be given in 2001.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must 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** at the time of the application deadline and must not have been in a professional library or library-related position (e.g. book vendor, publisher) for more than **five years** at the time of the application deadline. Applicants must **not** have attended any previous NASIG conferences. Applicants do not have to be a member of NASIG. Preference will be given to applicants employed by a North American organization or institution, and to those

whose career goals include professional growth and development in serials.

Application forms are available through the NASIG Web site, in this issue of the *NASIG Newsletter* or from:

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Phone: (202) 885-3203
Fax: (202) 885-3226
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Completed applications should be returned to Claire Dygert as above.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 31, 2001. Applications postmarked after this date will NOT be considered. Fax submissions are acceptable.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: The award recipients shall be notified by March 12, 2001.

2001 FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY NASIG AND SISAC

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) and the Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee (SISAC) team up each year to award a \$2500 scholarship to a library science graduate student who demonstrates excellence in scholarship and the potential for accomplishment in a serials career. The purpose of the scholarship is to advance the serials profession by providing an aspiring library student who has prior serials experience with enhanced educational opportunities.

The award is named in honor of Fritz Schwartz, who was a well-known and highly respected authority on Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), the Internet, and library standards. A frequent speaker at NASIG annual conferences, his last NASIG appearance was to conduct a highly rated workshop at the 10th Conference at Duke University. He actively participated in various committees within SISAC, the National Information Standards Organization (NISO), and the International Committee on EDI for Serials (ICEDIS). At the time of his death, Fritz was Manager of Electronic Services and Standards at the Faxon Company. NASIG and SISAC are pleased to offer this scholarship in memory of

Fritz's many contributions to the library profession and to honor his energy, warmth, humor, and passion for standards.

SISAC provides a forum for professionals throughout the entire serials chain to work together in developing standardized formats with which to electronically transmit serials information. More information about SISAC is available through the Book Industry Study Group site: <http://www.bisg.org/>.

In addition to the scholarship, the recipient will also receive a Student Grant Award to attend the NASIG conference for the year in which the scholarship is granted and will receive a one-year NASIG membership.

ELIGIBILITY: At the time the scholarship is awarded, the applicant must be entering an ALA-accredited graduate library program or must have completed no more than twelve hours of academic requirements towards the graduate degree. The applicant must have serials-related work experience and a desire to pursue a

professional serials career after earning the Graduate library degree.

The following materials are required by the applicant and must be postmarked/faxed by **January 31, 2001**. (Applications postmarked/faxed after this date will not be considered):

- 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 satisfy the eligibility requirements and the purpose of 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.

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LETTERS

[Ed. note: NASIG member Katy Ginanni recently completed a tour of duty with the Peace Corps in Zimbabwe. An account of her experiences follows.]

As we were still hundreds of feet in the air, approaching Harare International Airport, I looked out the plane's window and saw big, beautiful puffs of purple. I later learned that it was the blossoms of jacaranda trees; but at that moment, I guessed that I was going to love Zimbabwe.

I was part of a Peace Corps training group of 42 people from all over the United States. We even had one young woman from Alaska and one from Hawaii! We were known as "Zim 10s" because we were the 10th group of Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) to serve in Zimbabwe. We all met for the first time at an orientation meeting in Washington, D.C. There was an afternoon of meetings, followed by a morning of vaccinations—just the first two of thirteen—and then Peace Corps staff loaded us onto a plane, and we began the long journey to Africa. Upon our arrival in Harare, we were greeted enthusiastically at the airport by the Peace Corps/Zimbabwe office staff and many of the current volunteers. The addition of the "Zim 10s" brought the number of PCVs in Zimbabwe up to about 90. In October of 1999, the Peace Corps had two main programs in Zimbabwe. One was the Education program, in which volunteers teach English, science, or

mathematics in secondary schools. All of the "Zim 10s" were in the Education program. The other program is Environmental, in which volunteers teach communities about things such as gardening, composting, irrigation, and agro-forestry techniques. Strangely, this program also includes a handful of PCVs who help with small business development.

After spending one week at a training center in Harare, we took buses to a small township known as Lower Gweru. Gweru is the fourth largest city in Zimbabwe, and Lower Gweru is about 30 kilometers away. Each volunteer was placed with a local host family, where we lived for the next eleven weeks. Living with native Zimbabweans helped facilitate our learning the local customs and languages. While English is the official language of Zimbabwe—the language in which business and government are conducted—the two main languages spoken by natives are Shona and N'Debele. N'Debele is related to Zulu, from South Africa, and it is one of the languages that has "clicks" in the middle of some words. I was very grateful that the school I would eventually go to was in an area where people speak Shona!

During the training period, we had classes every day at the Lower Gweru Mission School. It is affiliated with the Seventh Day Adventist Church, which has quite a large number of members in Zimbabwe. There are

actually very many Christians in Zimbabwe. Other churches with a large presence there are Anglican (naturally, since Zimbabwe was, beginning in the 1890s, an English colony), Roman Catholic, Latter Day Saints (Mormon), Salvation Army, Dutch Reformed, and Baptist.

Our training included language and culture sessions. We had a language class for at least one hour every day, and sometimes as long as four hours. We also had medical sessions in which we had more vaccinations, lessons on safety issues, water and food preparation, and about many of the diseases endemic to Zimbabwe—yellow fever, malaria, cholera, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS. Finally, we had “technical” sessions in which we learned about the educational system in Zimbabwe, innovative, creative ways to teach, and how to establish and develop a library in a secondary school, since many of us would be doing that.

For the final two weeks of our training period, in early December, we held a “model school” for students in the area. This gave us new teachers a chance to practice on real kids, and it gave the kids an opportunity for some extra lessons and study during their holiday term break. Can you imagine teenagers in the U.S. voluntarily giving up two weeks of Christmas holiday to go to school? Kids in Zimbabwe are very anxious to do well on the standardized examinations they must take. Because the exams are all—every subject—in English, and because they are almost impossibly difficult, many kids will take any opportunity they can get for additional study. Learning from native English-speakers was definitely a plus for them!

On December 23, 1999, we were sworn in by the United States Ambassador to Zimbabwe, the Honorable Tom McDonald, as official Peace Corps Volunteers. The Peace Corps/Zimbabwe office arranged for small groups of us to spend Christmas Day with Americans who were living in Harare. In early January, we each collected our 80 pounds of belongings (the maximum that Peace Corps allowed us to bring from home), boarded buses, and headed out for our sites in rural areas of Zimbabwe. While it was a little bit scary to be separating from each other, it was why we’d been in training for 3 months, and I think all of us were anxious to begin our assignments!

The school I was assigned to was Kazangarare Secondary School, a little over one kilometer from the

very small township of Kazangarare. The nearest town was Karoi, which is about 3 hours northwest of Harare and on the way to Lake Kariba. Kazangarare is only 55 kilometers from Karoi but the road is not tarred, so the bus ride from Karoi to Kazangarare takes about 2 hours. It was, indeed, a very remote location!

In Zimbabwe the school year follows the calendar year, so I arrived just in time for the new school year to begin. There are three terms per school year. Each term is 13 weeks long, and each term break is a little over 4 weeks long. I was assigned to teach English to two Form 1 classes. Form 1 is the equivalent of Grade 8 in the U.S., so most of my kids were around 14 years old. I taught only 2 classes – 12 periods per week – because the headmaster wanted me to have plenty of time to work on library development when the new library was finished. They had just started construction on the building in late December.

For most of the first term of school, I had a very difficult time. You might think that it was hard adjusting to the necessary privations of life as a Peace Corps Volunteer in rural Africa—no running water, no electricity, no telephone, no nearby grocery stores or movie theaters, no e-mail! But you get used to those things pretty quickly. You have to; otherwise, you go home.

One thing I had difficulty in accepting is the fact that it is perfectly okay for teachers to beat kids. In my host family, there is a young boy whose 2 front teeth were missing the first time I met him. When I saw him again, a few weeks later, the teeth were still not coming in. Later, I found out from his father that a teacher had knocked out the teeth when he hit Owen. “Were you angry?” I asked the father. “Oh, no,” he replied. “Owen is often in trouble. He misbehaves too much.” “No!” I cried. “I mean, were you angry at the teacher?” It hadn’t occurred to Owen’s parents that the teacher shouldn’t have hit him. If a teacher in the U.S. knocked out a kid’s teeth, the teacher would probably never teach again!

The complete lack of resources was also difficult to deal with. I knew that things would be bad, but they were worse than I had imagined. In one class I had 71 students and 72 in the other. For the first 5 or 6 weeks of the term, I had only 2 textbooks for all of those students. *Two!* And I couldn’t make photocopies of stories, because we didn’t have electricity, much less a photocopier! Teaching reading comprehension under those conditions was very difficult. Things did improve

slightly. Mid-way through the term the school purchased 30 textbooks for the Form 1 English classes

Despite the difficulties, I did begin to enjoy myself. Towards the end of the term, I think the students were beginning to understand my American accent. Further, I think they had realized that even though I would not beat them, there were other methods of punishment that were even more embarrassing than getting whacked in front of the class. Try making a kid stand in front of the class with his nose in a circle drawn on the blackboard for the entire class period. I guarantee he won't be so quick to act up again!

And I was making some very good friendships with both teachers and students. There was Mr. Matava, whose 3-year-old daughter, Shamiso, was a playmate of mine. He was teaching me how to play the mbira, or thumb piano. And Mr. Nharara, who was a voracious reader and came to my house every 2 or 3 days to borrow new books. And Miss Chigudu, who tried to teach me new words in Shona. And Divine, who killed a bat in my kitchen, shared his garden space with me, and wouldn't let me work with the hoe. "No, Madam Ginanni, your hands are too soft!" And Grace, who voluntarily came to do my laundry for several weeks just because I lent her the money for school fees one term. And Douglas, who was my best friend and has written to me almost every week since I left Zimbabwe.

Unfortunately, my experience in Zimbabwe ended prematurely because of the political instability that began in February, and continues still. The Peace Corps did not feel that it was safe to have volunteers in rural areas with no easy phone access, and we were all evacuated from our schools in early May. The future of the Peace Corps programs in Zimbabwe remains uncertain, although recent communications seem to indicate that some volunteers will be allowed to return, although not to their schools.

Was it a good experience? You bet! If I could turn the clock back 8 months, would I still go? Absolutely! The experience gave me a new perspective on my life here in the U.S. We are so blessed with what we have in this country, and very few of us even begin to realize how fortunate most of us are. If possible, will I go back to Zimbabwe? Yes! It is a beautiful country, and its citizens are friendly and hospitable. Because my time there was abbreviated, I saw very little of the country. I will return as soon as I can!

October 20, 2000

Dear NASIG Members,

I am writing to you to follow up with some information regarding the workshop at the 2000 conference on the "New Journal of Physics" which had to be cancelled. Dr. John Haynes, the workshop leader, could not attend due to a serious family illness. Some of you expressed interest in learning the content of his presentation. John writes that his presentation was to have been based on a paper presented at Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers International Learned Journal Seminar, London, April 1999.

I am happy to report that John's paper is freely available online in *Learned Publishing*, v. 12, Oct. 1999, p. 265-270. <http://www.alpsp.org.uk/journal.htm>. He sent an updated version of the article to the Program Planning Committee, from which I will share this interesting point.

He writes, "The appeal of a free, peer-reviewed journal has been immense. The access rate to the articles has been phenomenal—one article has received over 15,000 full-text downloads since it was published, and over 90 percent of the published articles have received over 500 full-text downloads. The journal itself is being accessed over 60,000 times a month on average." (September 2000)

John will be happy to respond to any questions or comments from NASIG members regarding his paper. His contact information is noted below.

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NASIG appreciates John's willingness to share this information with our members. We are especially happy to hear from our publisher members and conference attendees.

Regards to all,
Susan Davis, Co-Chair,
2000 Program Planning Committee (Workshops)

CALENDAR

Char Simser

[Please submit announcements for upcoming meetings, conferences, workshops and other events of interest to your NASIG colleagues to Char Simser at csimser@lib.ksu.edu]

January 12-17, 2001

American Library Association

Midwinter Meeting

Washington, District of Columbia

<http://www.ala.org/events/mw2001/>

March 15-18, 2001

Association of College and Research Libraries

10th National Conference

"Crossing the Divide"

Denver, Colorado

<http://www.ala.org/acrl/denver.html>

April 2-4, 2001

United Kingdom Serials Group (UKSG)

24th Annual Conference and Exhibition

Edinburgh, Scotland

May 16-18, 2001

Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians

(OVGTSL)

Conference

Lexington, Kentucky

Information will be posted at:

<http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/ovgtsl.html>

May 25-31, 2001

Medical Library Association

Annual Meeting

Orlando, Florida

May 23-26, 2001

North American Serials Interest Group

16th Annual Conference

"NASIG 2001: A Serials Odyssey"

San Antonio, Texas

<http://www.nasig.org/public/NASIG2001.html>

June 6-8, 2001

Society of Scholarly Publishing

Annual Meeting

San Francisco, California

Contact: Janet Fisher

E-mail: jfisher@mit.edu

June 9-14, 2001

Special Libraries Association

92nd Annual Conference

"An Information Odyssey: Seizing the Competitive

Advantage"

San Antonio, Texas

<http://www.sla.org/conf/2001conf/index.html>

June 14-20 2001

American Library Association

Annual Conference

San Francisco, California

August 16-25, 2001

International Federation of Library Associations

67th Council and General Conference

Boston, Massachusetts

[See also the *American Libraries* "Datebook" at:

<http://www.ala.org/online/datebook/datebook.html>]

The NASIG Continuing Education Committee (CEC) is looking for NASIG members who *SPEAK FLUENT SPANISH* and would be interested in giving presentations on serials topics at library meetings in *MEXICO, PUERTO RICO AND LATIN AMERICA*. If you fit this description, please send a brief bio or resumé to Priscilla Shontz at pshontz@falcon.tamucc.edu. Please contact Priscilla for more information.

ERRATA—AND APOLOGY!

The September 2000 issue of the *NASIG Newsletter* consistently used a typographical error in the report of John Cox's presentation at the 2000 NASIG Conference. 'Cox,' of John Cox Associates, was misspelled as 'Fox' in the report "Globalization, Consolidation and the Growth of the Giants: Scholarly Communication, the Individual and the Internet" ("2000 Conference Reports, Concurrent Sessions, No. 3," pp. 21-22). The *Newsletter* Editorial Board offers its sincere apologies to Mr. Cox for this error, which has been corrected in the online version of the *Newsletter*.

NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP
APPLICATION FOR THE 2001 NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT

[Please see also the article in the "NASIG Awards" section of this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

Please type or print (blue or black ink only)

Name of applicant:

Citizenship status:

Mailing address (as of 3/01):

Phone number: (_____)_____

E-mail address: _____

Name and address of ALA accredited library school you are attending:

Date (mo./yr.) of anticipated graduation:

Colleges and other institutions of higher education attended:

Name of school/major/minor/years attended/date degree awarded:

Present position (if employed):

Place of employment:

Beginning date of employment: _____

Full or part-time? _____

List any library and/or library-related work experience (other than above):

Name and address of employer/position description/dates of employment

Have you ever attended a NASIG conference? _____

What are your professional career goals, and how are serials related to those goals?

Please list the course work you have taken or will take that will prepare you for some aspect of serials work. Please explain how these courses have prepared or will prepare you for serials work.

Explain briefly how attending the NASIG conference will help you achieve your academic and/or professional goals.

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

The applicant's faculty sponsor or library supervisor must complete the attached reference questionnaire. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the Committee Chair receives the application and 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: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

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. I also acknowledge that I shall not have earned my graduate level library degree prior to spring semester 2001 and that I have never attended a NASIG conference.

Signature of applicant _____

Date: _____

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

The completed application and reference questionnaire must be received by the Committee Co-Chair (address below) postmarked no later than **JANUARY 31, 2001**:

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**Reference Questionnaire Regarding Applicant for
2001 NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT**

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

_____ (name of applicant) has applied for a grant to attend the 2001 NASIG conference. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please answer the following questions about the applicant. Thank you for your time in completing this application.

Note: Please 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:

Rank the applicant in terms of:

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

Has the applicant ever indicated a desire to pursue serials work? How would you assess her/his potential to pursue a serials career?

From your perspective, what are the applicant's basic strengths and weaknesses? How would these strengths and weaknesses affect the applicant's ability to perform serials work?

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

Describe and evaluate the applicant's potential to contribute to the profession.

Describe and evaluate the applicant's relationship with his/her peers.

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)?

Name and title of faculty sponsor/library supervisor:

Name (please type or print): _____

Title: _____

Address:

Work phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Completed application and reference questions must be received by **JANUARY 31, 2001**.

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NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP
APPLICATION FOR THE 2001 NASIG HORIZON AWARD

[Please see also the article in the "NASIG Awards" section of this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

Name:

Preferred mailing address:

E-mail address:

Employment (please describe the position(s) and state the dates for each):

*current serials position:

*previous serials position(s):

*other library position(s) and/or library-related position(s):

Education (please list all degrees; include name of institution awarding
The degree(s), name(s) of the degree(s), and date(s):

Professional activities:

Professional goals and objectives:

How did you hear about NASIG?

Are you a member of NASIG?

If not, how would a NASIG membership benefit you?

Have you attended any previous NASIG conferences?

Please describe the ways that you would expect to benefit from attending a NASIG conference:

Please write an essay discussing the 2001 NASIG Conference Theme, "NASIG 2001: A Serials Odyssey." Include in your discussion the theme's relevance to the information community, to serials work, and to your own professional goals. (note: the award recipients' essays will be published in the *NASIG Newsletter*.)

***This completed application, an up-to-date vita, and completed reference questionnaire are to be returned by **January 31, 2001**. Incomplete application packets and those postmarked after January 31, 2001 will not be considered. Fax submissions are acceptable. Please return to:

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NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP (NASIG)
2001 NASIG HORIZON AWARD REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

[Please see also the article in the "NASIG Awards" section of this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

(Use additional paper, if necessary.)

****You must have supervised the applicant for at least six (6) months. If you have not, the applicant's former supervisor should complete this questionnaire.****

Please answer the following questions as they relate to the applicant for the NASIG Horizon Award. Please return to the address below no later than **January 31, 2001**. Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.

Describe applicant's position:

How long have you supervised the applicant?

Describe the applicant's interest in and aptitude for serials:

What are the applicant's basic strengths and weaknesses?

If you are familiar with NASIG and its activities, how do you think the applicant will benefit from attendance at a NASIG conference?

How could the applicant use this experience in his/her present position?

Do you feel the applicant has long-range interest in the serials profession?

Is there any other relevant information about the applicant that you would like to share with us?

Signature:

Title:

Date:

Please return to:

Claire Dygert, Co-Chair, NASIG Awards & Recognition Committee
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NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP
**APPLICATION FOR THE 2001
FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

[Please see also the article in the "NASIG Awards" section of this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

Name (Last/First/Middle):

Current address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone/E-mail address:

To what library program(s) have you applied for admission or are you currently attending or planning to attend?:

School/Accepted?/Entry Date/Expected completion date

EDUCATION

List in chronological order all colleges, universities, and professional schools attended, with the most recent first.

Name and address of institution and major/minor

Dates attended:

Degree received:

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Dates attended:

Degree received:

EXPERIENCE

List all library, library-related, or otherwise relevant/significant jobs you have held, starting with the most recent:

Name/Address of Employer/Dates

Job Title:

Description of duties:

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OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Honors, scholarships, or prizes you have received:

Membership in honor societies and professional organizations:

Activities and interests (campus, community, other):

REFERENCES

Please provide two references from individuals who are well acquainted with your educational background, scholastic abilities, and personal character. Both references must be information specialists.

Name/Institution

Telephone:

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Telephone:

NARRATIVE

In approximately 250 words, please describe your career objectives and explain how your immediate academic plans contribute to their attainment. How are serials related to those goals?

In approximately 250 words, please describe your qualifications for this award and explain how your qualifications satisfy the eligibility requirements and purpose of the award.

Where did you hear about this scholarship? (e.g. listserv, library school, journal publication, a NASIG member?) Please be specific.

AGREEMENT

I agree that if I am awarded the Fritz award, I will complete a minimum of six credit hours of library/information science courses per semester during the academic year that the award is granted.

Signature/Date: _____

CONDITIONS

An application will not be considered unless the following conditions are met: A completed and signed application form and resume/curriculum vita is sent to the Committee Co-Chair listed below postmarked by **JANUARY 31, 2001**.

Two letters of reference, completed, signed, and sealed by the evaluators and sent to the Committee Co-Chair listed below, postmarked by **JANUARY 31, 2001**. Please send all materials to:

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**Reference Questionnaire Regarding Applicant for
2001 NASIG FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

[Please see also the article in the "NASIG Awards" section of this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) and the Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee (SISAC) is currently seeking to award a \$2500 scholarship to a library science graduate student who demonstrates excellence in scholarship and the potential for accomplishment in a serials career. The purpose of the scholarship is to advance the serials profession by providing an aspiring library student who has prior serials experience with enhanced educational opportunities. In addition, the award recipient will receive a Student Grant Award to attend the Sixteenth Annual Conference to be held at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas on May 23-26, 2001. Each year the conference is held on a different college or university campus, where the various segments of the serials community (including publishers, vendors, and librarians) meet in an informal setting to network and share information. The conference includes the presentation of papers, panels, workshops, tours, and social events.

Established in 1985, NASIG is an independent organization that promotes communication and sharing of ideas among all members of the serials information chain-anyone working with or concerned about serials. For more information about NASIG, please see the NASIG Web page at <http://nasig.org>. SISAC provides a forum for professionals throughout the entire serials chain to work together in developing standardized formats with which to electronically transmit serials information. More information about SISAC is available through the Book Industry Study Group site: <http://www.bisg.org/>.

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

_____ (name of applicant) has applied for a Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please answer the following questions about the applicant. Thank you for your time in completing this application.

Note: Please 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 or plans to attend:

Rank the applicant in terms of:

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

Describe and assess the applicant's potential to pursue a serials career and contribute to the profession.

Describe qualities you have observed in the applicant that lead you to believe that he/she possesses the potential for academic excellence in the pursuit of a library degree.

From your perspective, what are the applicant's basic strengths and weaknesses? How would these strengths and weaknesses affect the applicant's ability to perform serials work at a professional level?

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

Describe and evaluate the applicant's relationship with his/her peers.

Is there anything else you would like tell us about the applicant that may be relevant to the purpose of the scholarship (i.e., providing an aspiring library student who has prior serials experience with enhanced educational opportunities)?

Name and title of faculty sponsor/library supervisor:

Name (please type or print):

Title:

Address:

Work phone: (____)_____

E-mail:

Signature:

Date:

Completed application, resume/curriculum vita, two essays and reference questions must be received by **JANUARY 31, 2001**. Return to:

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