



PRESERVATION NEWS

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● **Amherst, Massachusetts.** The College Libraries Committee of the Commission on Preservation and Access conducted a survey to determine the nature and quantity of endangered materials in college libraries. A total of 44 respondents reported on 68 endangered special collections that may have national or regional significance. The collections included a surprising number of research collections of national significance that require attention soon, if they are to be preserved. The committee discussed the results of the survey with George Farr, director of the National Endowment for the Humanities' Office of Preservation, who reassured college librarians that there is no lower limit for grant applications directed to his agency. There is, however, a requirement that collections must be under "intellectual control" before they can qualify for NEH grant support. College librarians making application to the NEH Office of Preservation are encouraged to contact the Preservation Office staff for further information. New preservation grant guidelines are scheduled to be distributed soon.

● **Andover, Massachusetts.** The Northeast Document Conservation Center has produced a series of informative pamphlets on various preservation topics, including: *Microfilm and Microfiche*; *Archival Quality Storage Enclosures*; *Storage Enclosures for Photographic Prints and Negatives*; *Protecting Books with Custom-Fitted Boxes*; *Removal of Damaging Fasteners from Historic Documents*; *Hints for Preserving Family Collections*. The full preservation information packet including these titles is available for \$12.00, or single copies free of charge, from: Northeast Document Conservation Center, Field Service Office, 24 School Street, Andover, MA 01810-4099; (508) 470-1010.

● **Washington, D.C.** The Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Col-

leges (APPA) has announced the exact date of February 28-March 1, 1991, for the upcoming course on environmental conditions for libraries and archives. The one-and-a-half-day event, developed in cooperation with the Commission on Preservation and Access, will be held at the Holiday Inn, Capital Hill, in Washington, D.C. Participation is limited to 150, with the course designed for teams of librarians/archivists and plant managers from an institution, as well as individuals. A major goal is to foster more productive working relationships between librarians/archivists and plant administrators, so as to improve environmental conditions of library and archival materials. For further information on course content and registration, contact Kathy Smith, Director of Educational Programs, APPA, 1446 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3492.

● **Washington, D.C.** The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the Research Libraries Group (RLG) a \$724,814 grant to film and make widely available 25 endangered archival collections important to research in American history. This Archives Preservation Microfilming Project, the first of its kind, will last three years, during which 13 RLG members in 9 states will preserve brittle or badly deteriorated materials from collections that are significant both regionally and nationally. Combined, these materials total over 1,100 linear feet, to be captured on an estimated two million frames of microfilm. The institutions and the collections they will be filming and cataloging are: *Brigham Young University*, The Cecil B. DeMille Collection, Walter Mason Camp Paper, The Reed Smoot Collection, The Newel K. Whitney Papers; *Brown University*, The Lester Frank Ward Papers, The John Hay Papers; *Cornell University*, Jacob Gould Schurman Papers, Rail-

way Employee's Department; *Emory University*, The Harris Collections; *Stanford University Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace*, The National Republic Collection; *The New-York Historical Society*, The William Duer Papers, The Daniel Ullmann Papers; *The New York Public Library*, The Thomas Addis Emmet Collection, The Theodorus Bailey Myers Collection; *The New York State Library*, The Edwin D. Morgan Papers; *New York University*, Jewish Labor Committee, Relief and Rescue Series, New York Bureau of Labor Advice, Selected Records; *The University of Florida*, Samuel Ashe Swann Papers; *University of Michigan (Bentley Historical Library)*, Frank Murphy Papers, Charles Spencer Smith Papers;

University of Minnesota, Helen Hall Papers; *Yale University*, Harvey Cushing Papers, Eli Whitney Papers, John Trumbull Papers, George Bird Grinnell Papers.

● **Washington, D.C.** The April 1990 issue of the *Commission on Preservation and Access Newsletter* contains a brief article on the problems associated with preserving video recordings, including tips on extending their life, written by Alan Calmes, preservation officer at the National Archives and Records Commission. For copies of the article write to: Commission on Preservation and Access, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., #313, Washington, DC 20036.



JoAn Segal named ALA associate executive director for programs

JoAn S. Segal, ACRL executive director, has been appointed to the new post of ALA associate executive director for programs, effective May 21. ALA has added the position to increase attention to programs serving its members, according to ALA executive director Linda Crismond.

In her new position, Segal will supervise, coordinate, and monitor the staff and programs of all ALA divisions and offices. She will also assist and advise Crismond and deputy executive director Roger Parent in planning and implementing policies, programs, structures, and procedures for ALA and its units. She will also participate in the general administration of ALA headquarters as one of four department heads.

"JoAn brings extensive experience in association management and librarianship to this position," Crismond said. "We value her many contributions to the association and to ACRL over the past several years."

Segal has served as ACRL's executive director since 1984. Prior to that, she was executive director of the Bibliographical Center for Research in Denver. She has also held positions at the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education in Boulder, Colorado, the New York University Institute of Mathematical Sciences, and the Englewood (Colo.) Public Library.

Segal holds a doctorate in communications from the University of Colorado, an MLS from Columbia University, and a bachelor's degree in library science from Rutgers University. She is a certified association executive with the American Society of Association Executives.

The ACRL Executive Committee has begun developing a transition plan for the executive direc-

tor position. A search will begin this summer, with the closing date for applications set for September 30. More details will be announced as they are available.



ACRL President's Program at Annual Conference

President William A. Moffett's liaison theme of "Academic Libraries: Partners in Higher Education" will be the focus of this year's ACRL President's Program on Monday, June 25, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Program chair Patricia Senn Breivik, Towson State University, has designed an environment that promises to engage librarians and administrators in a dynamic exchange. Panelists James R. Mingle, executive director of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO), Piedad Robertson, president of Bunker Hill Community College, and Howard Simmons, executive director of the Commission of Higher Education, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, will respond to moderator Breivik's probes to identify major issues in higher education. Attendees will have an hour to discuss the issues and suggest library responses.

ACRL awards will be presented after the panel discussion. The program will resume with three videotapes depicting the issues of distance learning, library support for economic development, and diversity. Finally, the administrator panel will select certain of the group ideas for their response and wrap-up.