

NAPA releases report on electronic databases

The National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) has released its study and report "The Archives of the Future: Archival Strategies for the Treatment of Electronic Databases." The objectives of the study were to identify the major electronic databases in federal agencies and to develop criteria for determining which databases should be transferred to the National Archives for permanent retention. The report contains 13 recommendations to the National Archives including: taking a strategic, active approach in pursuing electronic data from agencies; placing greater emphasis on developing guidelines and agreements with agencies to ensure provision of data in usable form; and developing a long-term strategy for networked access to databases held by the National Archives.

Copies of the report are available for \$10.00 plus \$3.00 shipping from the National Academy of Public Administration, 1120 G. St., Suite 850, Washington, DC 20005.

Cornell and Yale publish reports on digital technology

Cornell and Yale Universities have published reports on their respective investigations of the use of digital technologies for preservation. Cornell's report, "The Joint Study in Digital Preservation, Report: Phase I (January 1990–December 1991) Digital Capture, Paper Facsimiles, and Network Access," by Anne R. Kenney and Lynne K. Personius, describes a project undertaken with the Xerox Corporation to capture the contents of 1,000 brittle books as digital images and to produce paper facsimiles. Yale's report, "The Organizational Phase of



Project Open Book: On the Status of an Effort to Convert Microfilm to Digital Imagery, a Report of the Yale University Library to the Commission on Preservation and Access," by Donald Waters and Shari Weaver, describes a project to convert 10,000 volumes in microfilm format to digital images.

Copies of both reports are available for \$10.00 and \$5.00 respectively from the

Commission on Preservation and Access, 1400 16th Street, N.W., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20036-2217. Prepayment is required. (Commission sponsors will automatically receive these documents free of charge.)

AMIGOS publishes results of survey

AMIGOS Preservation Service has published the final report of its Preservation Needs Assessment Survey. The report, prepared by the Preservation Service with faculty of the University of North Texas, contains detailed information on preservation program status and needs in libraries and archives in the Southwest.

For free copies of the report contact Tom Clareson, AMIGOS Preservation Service Manager, AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc., 12200 Park Central Drive, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75251; 1-(800) 843-8482.

CPA distributes "Electronic Technologies and Preservation"

The Commission on Preservation and Access is also distributing transcripts of "Electronic Technologies and Preservation," Donald J. Waters's presentation to the June 1992 annual meeting of the Research Libraries Group. Waters, who is director of library and administrative systems at Yale University Library, made a number of suggestions in his speech for collaborative action to utilize new technologies in libraries.

Copies are available for \$5.00 from the Commission at the address shown above. Prepayment is required. (This document will also be supplied to commission sponsors free of charge.)

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Conference information

Many librarians have indicated a strong interest in becoming much more involved in the conferences held by other professional associations. Here, briefly, is information on three important 1993 conferences.

National Association for Chicano Studies

The National Association for Chicano Studies' (NACS) 21st Annual Conference will be held March 25-27, 1993, at San Jose State University, California. The tentative theme of the conference is "Defining Chicana and Chicano Studies." Registration, hotel, and transportation information will be available by November 1992. The deadline for papers is December 31, 1992. Please request proposal forms early from: NACS 21 Program Committee, University of California, Berkeley, Chicano Studies Program, 3404 Dwinelle Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720. NACS membership information is available from: Rusty Barcelo, NACS Treasurer, Academic Affairs, 114 Jessup Hall, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242.

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of Iowa is ideally suited for receipt of these funds." (S. Rept. 102-397)

LC & GPO. The Library of Congress and the Government Printing Office would have been severely affected by a Senate-passed amendment to the Legislative Appropriations Bill. Offered by Senators Seymour (R-Calif.) and Brown (R-Colo.), the amendment would have cut funding in the bill by 15% over three years. With help from library constituent calls to key legislators, House-Senate conferees dropped the amendment. As it is, the final LC budget will not cover all mandatory cost increases.

Postal subsidies. The postal revenue forgone funding is \$360 million short of the amount the U.S. Postal Service estimated was needed to keep preferred and nonprofit rates at current levels. However, Congress provided a one-year "fix" which means these rates will

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National Association for Ethnic Studies

The National Association for Ethnic Studies' (NAES) 1993 Conference will be held at the University of Utah, March 3-6, 1993. The conference theme is "Race, Class, and Gender." Additional conference information (a brochure will be available soon) is available from: 1993 NAES Conference, c/o Prof. Alberto Pulido, Conferences & Institutes, University of

Utah, 2174 Annex Bldg., Salt Lake City, UT 84112; phone: (801) 581-5809; fax: (810) 581-3165.

National Conference on Racial & Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education

The 6th Annual National Conference on Racial & Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education will be held in New Orleans, June 3-8, 1993. Request a conference brochure and information regarding conference presentations/proposals from: Maggie Abudu Green, Executive Director, The Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, University of Oklahoma, 555 Constitution, Norman, OK 73037-0005; phone: (405) 325-3936; fax: (405) 325-1824. ■

not increase during FY93. For the first time, a cross subsidy has commercial mailers subsidizing the difference—a very unsatisfactory and interim resolution of the annual shortfall dilemma. Appropriators called for permanent legislative reform. ■

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ACRL/NEC convenes Preservation/Conservation Interest Group

The Board of ACRL's New England Chapter has authorized creation of a Preservation/Conservation Interest Group intended to provide a forum for library preservation administrators, particularly those who have responsibility for circulating collections. The first meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 12, 1992, at the Wellesley College Library. For more information or to register for the first meeting, please contact the editor of this column. ■