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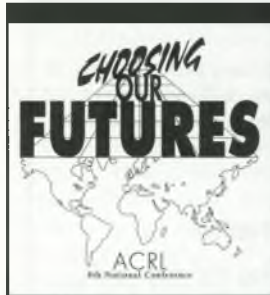
Penn Library launches digital imaging project

The University of Pennsylvania Library has formed the Center for Electronic Text and Image (CETI) to increase the accessibility of original resources unique to Penn. Paul H. Mosher, vice-provost and director of libraries, said, "CETI is an electronic research collection created to support scholarship both at Penn and among the academic community at large." Examples of what is currently available in CETI are photographs of Indian temple art, early editions of Shakespeare plays, women's diaries (mainly from the 19th century), and fragments from the Cairo Genizah documenting six centuries of

Jewish culture. Visit the CETI Web site at <http://www.library.upenn.edu/etext/>.

New Jersey residents benefit from reciprocal agreement

Under a reciprocal agreement between the Wayne Public Library and William Paterson College (WPC), both located in Wayne, New Jersey, Wayne residents over the age of 18 may now borrow books and other circulating materials from WPC's Sarah Byrd Askew Library. The new agreement will provide Wayne residents with access to the more than 300,000 books, 13,000 audiovisual items, 1,300 periodical titles, and a 36-station electronic reference center. WPC students, faculty, and staff are now eligible to obtain library cards from the Wayne Public Library.



Noted author Cornel West to keynote Nashville conference

Cornel West, noted author, philosopher, and professor of religion and Afro-American studies

at Harvard University, will keynote ACRL's 8th National Conference in Nashville, "Choosing Our Futures," April 11-14, 1997. West will speak on race matters immediately following the opening Exhibits Reception on Friday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m.

"monumental eclipse of hope, the unprecedented collapse of meaning, and the incredible disregard for human (especially black) life." For West, the L.A. riots were not a solely economic or moral problem. "They are the consequence of a lethal linkage of economic decline, cultural decay, and political lethargy in American life."

West is the author of nine books including the two-volume *Beyond Eurocentrism and Multiculturalism, Breaking Bread*, and the 1993 *New York Times* bestseller, *Race Matters*.

ACRL expects 2,500 academic librarians to attend the three-day conference which will feature more than 200 exhibits and 135 program sessions. Full- and half-day preconferences on topics such as fundraising, digitizing collections, and library buildings for the future will be offered on April 11, 1997. Registration materials will be mailed to all ACRL members this fall. To request registration materials e-mail Darlena Davis at ddavis@ala.org or phone (800) 545-2433 ext. 2519. ■



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Cornel West

For West, philosophy isn't an abstract discipline, it's a "polemical weapon that attempts to transform linguistic, social, cultural, and political tradition to increase the scope of individual development and democratic actions." His work—influenced by traditions as diverse as the Baptist Church, American transcendentalism and literature, the Black Panthers, and European philosophy—seeks to revive the best of liberalism, populism, and democratic socialism.

In his address, West will confront the



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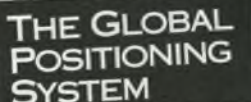
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