viding broader access to the unindexed five-volume set. A facsimile of each page will also be included for researchers who wish to compare the original to the newly edited text. The conversion of texts to CD-ROM should reduce the wear and tear on rare books and manuscripts. Proposals for using the lab are invited. Contact Faye Phillips, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU, (504) 388-6551.

Successful fundraising by parents . . .
The Parents Fund Phonothon at Rutgers raised $151,411 to support the libraries. The money, the largest amount ever raised by the Phonothon, will be used to support the book acquisitions fund.

. . . and staff
The staff at Pasadena (California) City College (PCC) donated $310,000 toward the new campus library currently under construction. "Two separate staff campaigns have been conducted," said Dr. Grover Goyne, dean of Institutional Advancement at PCC. "In the first campaign 42 staff members pledged $5,000 each." The second campaign included a challenge grant from the Berger Foundation in which they would match funds if $100,000 were raised; 100 staff members pledged $1,000 each. Between staff contributions and foundation and corporate gifts, over $1.5 million has been raised for the new library.

75,000 callers say YES
"There's no greater thing than libraries. I couldn't live without them. I go there all the time and I am never disappointed," was a sentiment given by one of the over 75,000 callers who registered their support for libraries in the "Call for America's Libraries" campaign sponsored by ALA and the Friends of Libraries USA.

Names and addresses of supporters were collected and will be presented to Congress and made available to local libraries to use as a

Librarians meet in Budapest

The fourth international conference on New Information Technology (NIT) was held in Budapest, Hungary, December 2–4, 1991. The purpose of the conferences is to equalize information sharing opportunities aimed at information professionals from both developing and developed countries, to establish a global information network on NIT subjects, and to understand the worldwide information advances.

Over 230 registered participants, representing the United States and 16 developing and developed countries from Eastern and Western European regions, participated in the two-and-a-half-day conference that was hosted and co-sponsored in Budapest by the National Szechenyi Library of Hungary. It was supported by many United States governmental agencies as well as by several library organizations and organized by Dr. Ching-chih Chen, professor and associate dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College, Boston.

The conference concentrated on the following topics: new technologies, perspectives, and disciplines; new technologies and humanities; CD-ROM publishing; library automation: the Eastern European cases; digital visual information age; neural networks: experience and potentials; new information technology in academic libraries; new information technology and users' perspective; technology and biomedical information access; communicating, sharing, and training; databases—international perspectives; classification, indexing, and union catalog; CD-ROM product reviews and CD-ROM use. The official conference language was English; however, simultaneous translations into Hungarian were available for all sessions.

The conference showed the latest NIT developments internationally and established an excellent information network among participants from the developing and developed countries. Librarians are looking forward to the next NIT conference to be held in Hong Kong at the end of August 1992.

Copies of *Proceedings of NIT '91* and *NIT CD-ROM* can be ordered from MicroUse Information, 1400 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA 02165; fax: (617) 527-0421.—*Suzanne D. Gyeszly, collection development coordinator for social sciences and preservation, Sterling C. Evans Library, Texas A&M University* ■