

ICI announces "A prize for a plan"

Information Conservation, Inc. (ICI), has announced it will again offer a competition for \$3,000 worth of its conservation services. Any library or archives in the U. S. may enter by submitting a proposal utilizing the paper treatment, boxing, encapsulation, repairing, or rebinding services performed by ICI. Three preservation professionals will evaluate the proposals and the winning author will receive \$200 in cash, in addition to the \$3,000 in services for the winning institution. All entries must be received no later than November 30, 1992, by Don Etherington, ICI, 6204 Corporate Park Dr., Brown Summit, NC 27214. Additional information may be obtained by calling (919) 375-1202.

CIC publishes report on mass deacidification

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), a consortium of 12 major research universities in the Midwest, has published *Mass Deacidification: A Report to the Library Directors*. Developed to help CIC library administrators evaluate some of the issues involved in mass deacidification, the report contains information which might be useful to others. Copies of the report cost \$15 and are available from CIC, 302 E. John St., Suite 1705, Champaign, IL 61820.

CENTRO begins assessment project

The Central New York Library Resources Council (CENTRO) began a grant-funded project in August to conduct preservation needs assessment surveys in ten Central New York institutions. The surveys will take four months and rely heavily on the use of CALIPR, an automated assessment software program. The soft-

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ware will permit institutions without sophisticated preservation expertise to develop realistic preservation plans based on local needs and resources. Barclay Ogden, head of the Conservation Department at the University of California at Berkeley, will act as project consultant and Martha Hanson, head of the Conservation Department at Syracuse University, will provide additional expertise.

The ten participating institutions represent various types of libraries or archives and the survey results are expected to provide valuable data on the preservation needs of central New York. For more information contact: Jeannette Smithee, Project Manager, Central New York Preservation Needs Assessment Project at (315) 478-6080 or CENTRO@vax.cs.hcsyr.edu.

AMIGOS puts preservation on Fall Conference agenda

AMIGOS Preservation Service will be responsible for several activities at the AMIGOS Fall 1992 Conference in Dallas. On November 18 it will sponsor a full-day preconference on "Preservation Environments for Libraries and Archives," and during meetings on November 19-20 it will report on the results of the AMIGOS needs assessment surveys and facilitate a discussion of individual libraries' roles in the national preservation plan. For more information contact Tom Clareson, AMIGOS Preservation Service Manager, at 1-(800) 843-8482.

New product: Rescube

ProText is marketing a new container for shipping and freeze-drying water-damaged library materials. "Rescube" is a lightweight, reusable carton made of corrugated high-density polyethylene able to withstand temperatures from -60 degrees to 160 degrees F. When assembled, the carton completely encloses up to one cubic foot of material; when disassembled, it folds flat for storage. Introductory prices start at \$6.30 each, with volume discounts available. For more information contact: Linda Nainis, ProText, 3515 Leland St., Bethesda, MD 20815. ■