

Commission publishes annual report

The 1992/93 *Annual Report of the Commission on Preservation and Access*, in addition to documenting accomplishments and listing publications, committees, task forces, board members, and staff, also includes a short essay by Commission President Patricia Battin. The essay, "From Preservation to Access—Paradigm for the Future," presents Battin's vision of preservation in the virtual library with the thesis that "in the digital world, preservation is access, and access is preservation."

Copies of the report are available free (while supplies last) from Sonny Koerner, The Commission on Preservation and Access, 1400 16th Street, N.W., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20036-2217; (202) 939-3400. (Commission sponsors receive copies of all commission publications automatically.)

AMIGOS distributes information on A/V preservation

The AMIGOS Preservation Service (APS) is offering copies of handouts distributed at the May 1993 American Library Association Institute, "The Magnetic Media Challenge: Preservation of Audio Tape & Videotape in Libraries and Archives." The handouts include two bibliographies, storage and handling recommendations, disaster preparedness guidelines, sample documentation data sheets, and some vendor-supplied materials. APS is also distributing a handout titled "Preservation Basics and Standards for Audio & Video Tapes," which was developed by its Field Services Officer Ann Massmann.

Free copies are available from Rebecca Frank, AMIGOS Preservation Service, AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc., 12200 Park Central Drive, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75251; (800) 843-8482.

AMIGOS reports on SAA annual meeting

AMIGOS Preservation Service (APS) is distributing copies of a report on the Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists (SAA),



which was held in New Orleans from September 1–5, 1993. The report, prepared by APS Field Services Officer Ann Massmann, provides a summary of activities at preservation-related sessions.

Free copies are available from Rebecca Frank (see ordering information in preceding news item).

Geoscience Information Society publishes papers on preservation

The Geoscience Information Society has published "Preserving Geoscience Imagery" as volume 23 of its Proceedings. The volume contains 19 papers on a variety of topics including digital imagery, photographic collections, preserving high-use geoscience literature, strategies for preserving personal professional photo and slide collections, federal initiatives to preserve images on laser disc, and basic preservation techniques employed at the U.S. Geological Survey Field Records and Photographic Libraries.

Copies are available for \$45.00 (prepaid) from the Geoscience Information Society, c/o American Geological Institute, 4220 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302

ALCTS bylaws fail to pass membership vote

The Executive Board of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) submitted new bylaws to a membership vote in September. The bylaws would have completely reorganized the association, eliminating the present sections and creating divisionwide interest groups and forums. ALCTS announced the results of the vote on November 1. Of the 1,546 votes cast, 35% were in favor of the bylaws and 65% were against. ■

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