

UC San Diego develops staff training program

Julie Page, preservation librarian, and George Soete, associate university librarian for collections, have developed a new staff preservation orientation program at the University of California, San Diego. The program focuses on the responsibilities of library staff for preservation of the collections and builds basic skills. In addition to the training, responsibility for appropriate handling of library materials has been incorporated in all library staff job descriptions. Slightly modified training sessions have been given to library custodians and physical plant administrators and are planned for campus police. Page and Soete have found the program particularly effective and are available at (619) 534-1234 to answer questions about it.

Schrock provides free preservation information

Nancy Carlson Schrock, an independent conservator and consultant in Winchester, Massachusetts, may now be contacted on Thursdays and Fridays to answer librarians' preservation questions free-of-charge. The phone number for this Preservation Information Hotline, funded by Gaylord Bros., is 1-800-428-3631.

CPA supports EROMM Project

The Commission on Preservation and Access has been recognized by the Bibliothèque Nationale as an official partner in the preparatory phase of a pilot project to create EROMM, a machine-readable European register of microfilm masters. During the pilot phase, data from



the British Library (Great Britain), the Bibliothèque Nationale (France), the Biblioteca Nacional (Portugal), and the Staats-und Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen (Germany) will be used to create a UNIMARC-based file. This file is expected to be compatible with the minimum data requirements for an international register of microform masters currently under development. The

EROMM project was initiated by the 12-member Commission of the European Communities, which will supply 60 percent of the first year's funding. The CPA will supply the remaining 40 percent, using funds from its Mellon Foundation grant for international activities.

NEDCC receives NEH grant

The Field Service Program of the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts, has received a \$889,000 grant from the Division of Preservation and Access of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant will support several new Field Service Program initiatives including a series of preservation training workshops and a program to provide information and training in statewide preservation planning. In addition, the grant will provide support for existing Field Service Program activities in the New England and the Mid-Atlantic states. These activities include subsidized preservation surveys, provision of a free telephone reference service to answer questions about preservation, conservation, and disasters, and publications of technical leaflets. For more information contact: Karen Motylewski, Director of Field Service, NEDCC, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810; (508) 470-1010.

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