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FROM THE CHAIR

Pam Hackbart-Dean

Our CPR meeting in Denver will be on Thurs. 31 Aug. 2000, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. In addition to a brief business meeting and election of officers, there will be two featured presentations. The first will be made by Naomi Nelson, Emory University, on "Fade to Black: A Model for Appraising Audio-Visual Recordings in Congressional Collections." Congressional offices often create large libraries of audio and video recordings documenting the career of their representative. Such recordings are frequently of poor quality, may not be indexed, and will be expensive for the archival repository to preserve. Few researchers have shown interest in these recordings, although that may change as the digital age progresses. Is there gold among the dross? Naomi will suggest a possible appraisal strategy in the hopes that an appraisal checklist can be produced by CPR to aid congressional offices and their repositories.

Then Carla Summers, University of Florida, and Alan Haeberle, Archivist for Sen. Connie Mack, will discuss "Objects Archives: What Do We Want from the Offices of Members of Congress?" Archival repositories have different needs when appraising and accessioning the art, plaques, framed photographs, statues, gifts, campaign ephemera, etc. that are collected by political leaders. This discussion is primarily for repositories that have no plans to recreate offices or develop large-scale professional exhibits. It will look practically at procedures and options for appraisal and accessioning for those who have the luxury of notice prior to receiving these extensive collections. Another goal will be to begin to develop together an understanding and focus on the nature of documentary evidence provided by objects in a political office. Jill Severn, University of Georgia, will serve as the moderator.

In the Feb. 2000 newsletter, I mentioned that as chair of the CPR I wrote House Administration Committee Chair William Thomas (R-CA), House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL), and Clerk of the House Jeff Trandahl regarding our opposition to the recommendation to abolish the position of House Historian. The only response I received was from my own congressman, John Linder (R-GA), who felt the House Historian's position was redundant and unnecessary.

In the same vein, I once again wrote the Legislative Resource Center (LRC). They were reorganizing the center,

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS

William H. Davis, Center for Legislative Archives (NARA), reports the following:

The Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress met on Mon. 12 June 2000 in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Room of the U. S. Capitol building, with Gary Sisco, Sec. of the Senate as chair. Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House, and John Carlin, Archivist of the United States, both participated in the meeting.

For the majority of the meeting, Karen Paul, Senate Archivist, led a discussion inviting comments on the draft of the *Third Year Report of the Advisory Committee to the United States Congress*. The discussion focused on the contents of an executive summary that would include the recommendations of the committee to the congressional leadership. The executive summary, for the first time in this venue, will include recommendations relevant to the preservation of members' papers, highlighting criteria for members who wish to preserve their collections and donate them to repositories when they depart congressional service. The report will also have a discussion of model political and public policy documentation programs and related costs.

The last segment of the meeting consisted of a presentation by L. Reynolds Cahoon, NARA Assistant Archivist for Human Resources and Information Services. He gave an overview of the National Archives Electronic Records Archives Project, which is an effort to preserve and make accessible electronic records in an on-line system designed to reflect the organization of the records into collections. It is also designed to allow for adaptability to successive waves of new technologies.

The author thanks Karen Paul, Richard McCulley, and Lisa Thacker for their contributions to this article.

The NCC Update also reports:

Gary Sisco highlighted the progress being made in the planning of the proposed Capitol Visitors Center, a three-floor underground museum on the east side of the Capitol scheduled to open in 2005.

While there was no formal discussion on the hiring of a House Historian, indications are that the Legislative Resources Center is moving ahead and interviewing candidates to fill three positions recently advertised: an archival specialist; a research assistant; and a manager of historical services.

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK) announced his intention to build a permanent library for his collection. No final decisions have been made, but Stevens wants his papers, currently stored at NARA's records center in Suitland, MD, to be held by the **University of Alaska** in Anchorage. The materials will probably be housed in a privately financed wing of a new library complex. Stevens said one potential site for his collection is the proposed public policy library on the Anchorage campus. The university has asked the state for \$30 million, to be added to approximately \$10 million from the senator. But Stevens said that private money would pay for the space for his personal papers.

Stevens has served in the Senate since Dec. 1968, when Gov. Walter Hickel appointed him to fill a vacant seat. During his tenure, he has been a force in shaping most of the major laws affecting Alaska, including the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, federal fisheries programs, the Alaska pipeline authorization act, and the 1980 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

Five years ago Stevens added an archivist to his staff to begin organizing all of his public service paraphernalia, which now occupies approximately 2800 c. f. of space at Suitland. It is one of the largest collections of congressional papers at the archives, and is growing about 10 percent a year.

*David Whitney, Scripps-McClatchy Western Service
(taken from the Rocky Mountain News)*

The papers of Rep. James F. Byrnes (D-SC) at **Clemson University** are currently undergoing substantial rearrangement, reprocessing, and redescription. The project is expected to continue through the end of 2002, with portions of the collection accessible on the web. Because parts of the collection will be closed at various times throughout the duration of the project, prospective researchers should contact us to make the appropriate arrangements.

Melissa L. Finley

The Special Collections Department of the Ina Dillard Russell Library, **Georgia College and State University** is receiving the senatorial papers of Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-GA), who recently passed away. The archives had already received 150 l. f. of documents from his eight years in office. It also maintains Coverdell's papers from his directorship of the Peace Corps.

Sen. Coverdell was born on Jan. 20, 1939, in Des Moines, IA. He received a B.S. in journalism from the University of Missouri in 1961. He served in the army and in 1964 moved to Atlanta to help found Coverdell & Co. Inc., an insurance marketing business. He was elected to the

Georgia State Senate in 1970, becoming senate minority leader in 1974, a position he held until resigning in 1989. That year Pres. George Bush named him director of the Peace Corps. In Sept. 1991 he resigned to run for the U. S. Senate, and he won election in 1992. He was chair of the Agriculture Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion and sec. to the Senate Republican Conference. He was in line to become chair of that committee at the end of 2000. He was also named chair for the Senate Republican Task Force on Education. Coverdell had a cerebral hemorrhage on July 15 and died in Atlanta on the 18th. At the time of his death, he was the fourth ranking Republican senator.

Val Nye

The congressional papers of Rep. Guy A. Vander Jagt (R-MI), 1967-92, will soon be open to the public. Under the direction of the Joint Archives of Holland at **Hope College**, Sallie Garrett, an M.L.I.S. candidate from the University of Texas, is processing the final leg of the collection. At the end of the summer, the congressman's legislative, departmental, and general correspondence files will be completed. These records encompass the bulk of the collection and reveal Vander Jagt's interactions with his constituents, lobbyists, and fellow congressmen on a wide variety of issues during his 26-year tenure in the House of Representatives. The influence and guidance of Vander Jagt's administrative assistant, James Sparling, is also well documented, and provides a wealth of information on the inner-workings of the congressional office. Records relating to Indian gill net fishing, Michigan railroads, hazardous waste, cross-lake (Great Lakes) transportation, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Teledyne military contracts, and Ninth District development are rich with controversy and the nuances of politics. For further information about the project, write Geoffrey Reynolds, Collections Archivist, P.O. Box 9000, Hope College, Holland, MI 49422-9000 or send e-mail to reynoldsg@hope.edu.

Geoffrey D. Reynolds

On 26 May 2000, the **Lyndon B. Johnson Library** released recordings and transcripts of Pres. Johnson's telephone conversations dating Jan. - Mar. 1965. These recordings cover the first three months of Johnson's new term, and in them he discusses plans for his inauguration; his legislative agenda, including landmark education, voting rights, Medicare, and poverty bills; and appointments within his new administration, particularly that of sec. of the treasury. During these months, he dealt

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with crises at home and abroad: violence in Alabama during the Selma voting rights campaign; the murder of civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo; and bombings of U.S. facilities at Pleiku, South Vietnam, and the U.S. embassy in Saigon. The recordings include conversations with former Presidents Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower, Rep. Gerald Ford (R-MI), Martin Luther King, Jr., Jacqueline Kennedy, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY), Sen. Richard Russell (D-GA), Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, Gov. George Wallace, Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-IL), Sec. of Defense Robert McNamara, and Amb. Henry Cabot Lodge.

There are approximately 28 hours of recorded conversations from this time period: five hours for Jan., six for Feb., and seventeen for Mar. Detailed information about individual conversations is available in the library's reading room and on the library's web site (<http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu>).

Researchers may either listen to the recordings in the reading room or purchase copies of individual tapes at a cost of \$6.00 per tape, plus shipping. The cost of the set of 27 tapes is \$162.00, plus shipping and Texas sales tax where applicable.

Copies of transcripts of those conversations that were transcribed by the president's staff may also be purchased at a cost of 20 cents per page by mail or 10 cents per page if ordered in the reading room. Researchers should be cautioned that the transcripts are not always reliable and should never be used without being checked against the actual recordings.

Regina Greenwell

This fall, the Dole Archive at the **University of Kansas** (KU) will launch a three-year initiative to process the papers of Sen. Robert Dole (R-KS). In addition to the Dole Archivist, the processing team will consist of two project archivists, two assistants, and a corps of student assistants, with year one hires being half the full complement. The team will be assembled in Sept. 2000 under the aegis of the Kansas Collection at KU's Kenneth Spencer Research Library.

Bryan Culp will provide a brief update of the Dole Papers Project and the soon-to-be-constructed facility to house the Dole Papers at the CPR meeting in Denver. He thanks Pamela Hackbart-Dean for the opportunity to address colleagues on the Dole papers project.

Bryan Culp

North Central College in Naperville, IL, is in the midst of processing the papers of Rep. Harris W. Fawell (R-IL). Fawell served from 1985-1998 as representative of the state's 13th Congressional District, which encompasses DuPage County, as well as portions of Cook, Will, and Kane counties. The papers reflect his membership on the committees relating to labor, education, healthcare, and

science. They are closed until processing is completed on the 230 l. f. collection.

Kimberly Butler

The Carl Albert Center at the **University of Oklahoma** has displayed a number of exhibits since the first of the year. Shown on campus, these displays have focused on women and Congress, commemorated an important American leader, and highlighted some of the lesser known materials in the collections.

Spurring these exhibits has been the center's 20th anniversary. In 1979 the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma established the center to promote instruction and scholarship related to the U. S. Congress. It serves as a living tribute to the ideals, leadership, and accomplishments of Carl Albert (D-OK), 46th Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Unfortunately during this anniversary year, Speaker Albert passed away on Feb. 4, after many years of poor health. To honor him and his accomplishments, the center's Congressional Archives mounted an exhibit of photographs and memorabilia as a review of his life. The display takes viewers from Albert's birth in a coal mining camp in 1908, through his participation in a national oratorical contest in 1927, through his Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University during the 1930s, through his service in the army during World War II, and through his congressional career from 1947 to 1977, and service as majority whip, majority leader, and Speaker. The exhibit was displayed in the university's Oklahoma Memorial Union and Bizzell Memorial Library. It is currently on view at the university's Visitor Center.

In conjunction with a conference held in Apr., the archives mounted an exhibit highlighting the impact that women have made upon the U. S. Congress. Titled "Climbing Capitol Hill . . . and Staying," the exhibit depicts several women who have changed and are changing the national legislature.

Drawing on the collections of a number of different repositories, including the Library of Congress and the Schlesinger Library, the center's archivists have presented photographs, sheet music, campaign buttons, cartoons, and pamphlet covers to show the myriad ways in which women have made a difference. A large array of issues carries the mark of women's involvement, including abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, equal pay, education, care of the elderly, prohibition, protection of the mentally and physically challenged, child welfare, birth control, health care, sexual harassment, and drug enforcement. Among the women depicted are Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, leaders of the suffrage movement; Edith Nourse Rogers, the longest-serving woman in Congress; Maggie Kuhn, founder of the Gray

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Panthers; and Margaret Chase Smith, challenger of the formidable Joseph McCarthy. The center has displayed the exhibit in its own facilities as well as a classroom building.

In a more whimsical vein, student assistants created two small exhibits featuring antique cards found in some of the congressional collections. At Easter, they displayed Easter cards dating from the early decades of the twentieth century. During the summer, they have presented postcards dating 1900-1950 and sent from exotic locations.

For more information about these exhibits, please contact the Carl Albert Center Congressional Archives at (405) 325-5401 or kosmerick@ou.edu.

Todd Kosmerick

Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) has donated papers from his 18-year career in the U. S. Senate to the **Rutgers University Libraries' Special Collections and University Archives**. "We are extremely honored and proud that Sen. Lautenberg has chosen Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, as the repository for these very important papers," said University Pres. Francis L. Lawrence at a recent donation ceremony.

The 2000 c. f. collection contains a wealth of material relating to the senator's career and the wide range of projects and legislation in which he was involved. It includes correspondence, speeches, photographs and memorabilia. Library staff will examine, catalog and preserve the items, placing them in acid-free folders and boxes. It is anticipated that an oral history of the senator will be recorded and transcribed. The massive project will take at least two years of full-time work by a professional archivist and assistants. Students, scholars and the public will be able to access the papers after they are processed and housed in the Rutgers University Libraries Annex on the Busch campus. Researchers will be able to access the papers in the Special Collections and University Archives reading room of the Alexander Library on the College Avenue campus. Researchers will also be able to order photocopies of materials in the collection. The papers will be loaned only for exhibitions.

Lautenberg has served in the U.S. Senate since 1982. During his three terms, he has established a reputation as a staunch protector of the health, safety, and security of the nation's families. He authored laws establishing 21 as the national legal drinking age, banning smoking on airplanes, and prohibiting anyone convicted of domestic violence to own a gun. A strong environmental leader, Lautenberg also helped write the superfund clean air and safe drinking water acts, and authored the nation's first right to know program. As ranking Democratic member of the Budget Committee, he coauthored the Balanced Budget Agreement of 1997 that helped produce the first balanced budget since 1969. At the donation ceremony, Lawrence praised the senator for his longtime support of Rutgers and advocacy for higher education in general.

Lautenberg was born in Paterson, NJ, to immigrant parents. After graduating from high school, he enlisted and served in the Army Signal Corps in Europe during World War II. After the war, he attended Columbia University and graduated with a degree in economics in 1949. He helped found a payroll services company, Automatic Data Processing (ADP), which is now one of the largest computing services companies in the world, employing almost 33,000 people. Lautenberg was serving as chair and CEO of the company when he was elected to the Senate. Rutgers' Special Collections and University Archives also house the papers of other members of Congress, including William Hughes (D-NJ), James Howard (D-NJ), Bernard Dwyer (D-NJ), Jim Florio (D-NJ), Edward J. Patten (D-NJ), Millicent Fenwick (R-NJ), and Dean Gallo (R-NJ).

Ron Becker

NOTICE

Karen Paul of the Senate Historical Office hopes to document two items in the *Third Report of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress*. She is interested in compiling a list of institutions that include documentation of contemporary political collections as within their defined collecting goals. Second, she hopes to compile a list of on-line finding aids to congressional collections. Please contact her at karen_paul@sec.senate.gov.

HISTORICAL SERVICES AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The *NCC Update* carried the following notice:

The 16 Apr. 2000 *Washington Post* job section listed three positions available at the House's Legislative Resource Center. All three related are to historical services and appeared under the category of "Library." In 1995 the House established a Legislative Resource Center and merged the functions of Records and Registration, the House Library, the House Document Room, and the Office of the Historian. The center has not had a professional historian on the staff for the last five years and has not had a professional archivist for almost two years. When the 106th Congress convened in Jan. 1999, the House of Representatives recodified and passed a revised version of its standing rules and retained the provision for the "Office of the Historian." Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House, told the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress last Dec. that he recognized the important services that had previously been provided by the Historical Office and that he hoped to expand the historical functions of the Legislative Resource Center.

CANDIDATES FOR CPR OFFICE

The election will be held during CPR's annual meeting at SAA in Denver, on 31 Aug. 2000.

Vice Chair/Chair Elect (one to be elected):

1. *Glenda B. Stevens* - Glenda Stevens holds the position of senior archivist at the Mary Coats Burnett Library, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX. She has been employed there since 1990. She serves as a resource person in her institution, her community, and regions beyond on archival matters. Glenda participates in a local Metroplex Archivists group. She is a member of SSA, appearing on the program at an annual meeting and serving as chair of the Nominating Committee. She is a Certified Archivist. Glenda has been a member of SAA since 1990. She has been a program participant at the annual meeting, sharing her experience with the management of a congressional collection, the Jim Wright Papers. She is completing her service on CPR's Steering Committee. She is a graduate of the Preservation Management Workshop. She has successively served as member, cochair, and chair of the Education Committee of SAA's Preservation Section. Glenda holds an M.A. in history from Southwest Missouri State University. She has completed additional course work at Tulane University in history and the University of North Texas in library and information science, and she has taken numerous workshops.

2. *Todd J. Kosmerick* - Todd Kosmerick has been assistant curator at the Carl Albert Center Congressional Archives, University of Oklahoma, since 1995. During 1992-1995 he was an archivist there. Previously, he worked as an archivist at The George Meany Memorial Archives in Silver Spring, MD. He holds an A.B. from the University of Michigan and an M.A. and an M.L.S. from the University of Maryland. Todd has published articles and reviews in professional newsletters and journals, including the *Southwestern Archivist* and the *Western Historical Quarterly*. He is coeditor of the *International Biographical Directory of National Archivists, Documentalists, and Librarians*, 2nd ed. (Lanham, Md. : Scarecrow Press, 2000). He has been a member of CPR since 1992 and editor of the *CPR NEWSLETTER* for the past three years. He has presented papers and chaired sessions at the annual meetings of SSA, SAA, and the Oklahoma Historical Society. He served on SSA's Nominating Committee in 1996-1997 and on its Publications Committee since 1999.

Steering Committee (Two to be elected):

1. *Raimund E. Goerler* - Rai Goerler is professor and university archivist at The Ohio State University, and he oversees a department of five archivists and support staff who have responsibilities for university history, the John Glenn Archives, and the Byrd Polar Archival Program. The

Glenn Archives consists of two archivists, student support, and the massive (ca. 2000 c. f.) documentation of Glenn's careers as military pilot, astronaut, businessman and U.S. senator. Rai holds a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University, an M.L.S. from Kent State University, and a B.A. from SUNY at Buffalo. He is the author of *To the Pole: The Diary and Notebook of Richard E. Byrd, 1925-1927*, as well as articles in *The American Archivist*, *Archival Issues*, and *The Ohio Archivist*. He has served as vice chair of SAA's University Archives Section (1991-93) and chair of its Nominating Committee (1994). He has also been a member of the Program Committee (1992) and the Committee on Institutional Evaluation and Development (1994-97). In the Society of Ohio Archivists, he has been president (1984-86), secretary/treasurer, and member of council. He is currently treasurer for MAC.

2. *L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin* - Rebecca Johnson Melvin received an M.L.I.S. from the University of Michigan in 1988, with a concentration in archival management. Since then, she has been employed at the Special Collections, University of Delaware Library, first as project archivist (1988-1990), then as manuscripts librarian (1990-present). She has been a member of MARAC since 1988, and she has been chair of the Delaware caucus, as well as a member of the steering committee and several local arrangements and program committees. Rebecca has been a member of SAA since 1989, and she edited the *CPR Newsletter* during 1994-1997. She has belonged to ALA since 1986. She has cochaired the Manuscripts and Other Formats Discussion Group of the ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section since 1990. From 1996 to 1998, she belonged to the steering committee of ALCTS Preservation and Reformatting Section.

3. *Jill Severn* - Jill Severn is the processing archivist for the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies at the University of Georgia. She has held this position since May 2000. Prior to this she had been assistant processing archivist since Feb. 1997. Before embarking on a career in archives, she worked as a project curator at McKissick Museum in SC. She earned a B.A. from Mount Holyoke College, with a major in history. She also earned a master's degree in history at the University of Georgia and a certificate of Graduate Study in Museum Management at the University of South Carolina. Jill has been a member of ACA since Nov. 1999. She has been a member of CPR since 1998 and SAA since 1999. She is active in the Society of Georgia Archivists and currently serves as cochair of membership and as a member of the annual meeting planning committee.

4. *Ben Rogers* - Ben Rogers has been collections manager for the Baylor (University) Collections of Political Materials (BCPM) since 1991. BCPM, located in the Poage

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Legislative Library Center, is a research facility that collects archival records and personal papers relating to the political history of the U. S. and central TX.

As collections manager, Ben directs day-to-day operations of the library, processes congressional collections, provides public and reference services, hires and supervises student assistants, produces annual reports, and prepares web pages for all collections. Ben has also developed a comprehensive collection development policy for the BCPM.

A native of Charleston, SC, he received his B.S. degree in history from the College of Charleston. After graduation, he joined the army and was sent to Vietnam at the height of the war. He served three years in Vietnam, Thailand, Japan and Taiwan as a Vietnamese translator.

During the 1970s, he attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he obtained his Master of Church Music in 1975 and Master of Divinity in 1979. He worked in the archives at the seminary and, after graduation, stayed as archivist and rare book librarian for the next 10 years.

In recent years, he continued his education at the University of North Texas in Denton, where he earned his Master of Science in Information Science in 1994. Ben's professional organizations include SSA and SAA. He was in *Who's Who in the South and Southwest* in 1997-98.



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and we were pleased to notice they were adding a professional archival position to handle the official records of the House and to advise members regarding the disposition of their office papers. Once again, I issued an invitation for the LRC to designate this professional archivist to serve as an ex-officio member of the CPR steering committee. I received no response to my letter.

On a more positive note, this has been a very active year for the roundtable. There are several people who have been extremely helpful in countless ways over the past year, including Cynthia Pease Miller, Glenda Stevens, Jeff Suchanek, and Brian Williams. Karyl Winn, Burt Altman, and Claudia Anderson could always be counted on to provide thoughtful ideas and suggestions. Thank you to Rebecca Johnson Melvin for continuing to serve as the CPR webmaster and keeping the information on the site current. Todd Kosmerick has been an energetic and conscientious newsletter editor for the roundtable for the past three years. He is stepping down as editor, and we appreciate his invaluable service and look forward to his further contributions to the roundtable.

Stepping up to the call of duty are Elizabeth Scott (South Dakota State University) and Alan Haeberle. They will serve as coeditors of the newsletter. Thank you both for agreeing to take on this valuable mission.

It has been my pleasure to work with such a dedicated, energetic and enthusiastic group of colleagues—a most rewarding four years for me. I encourage each of you to take the opportunity to become more active in the roundtable. See you in Denver!

SESSION OF INTEREST AT SAA

CPR members attending the SAA meeting in Denver will be interested in session 19SF, "Assessing Preservation Needs: The Congressional Papers Roundtable 1999 Survey." The session will be held on Thurs. 31 Aug. 2000, 3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., just prior to CPR's annual business meeting. Session chair Paul Conway will provide the context for collaborative preservation needs assessment, and speaker Mark Greene will review the findings of the study, outline the implications for archival practice, and engage the audience in a discussion of ways in which to follow up.

REACTION AGAINST PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL CUT IN PRINTING OF DOCUMENTS

The *NCC Update* reported:

In an 11 May 2000 letter to Rep. Charles Taylor (R-NC), chair of the House Subcommittee on Legislative Appropriations, Michael DiMario, public printer and head of GPO, presented a detailed and compelling case of the negative impact of the subcommittee's recommendation of a 25 percent cut for GPO. DiMario concluded that the cuts will mean the elimination of public access to a significant body of government information. The cuts will have, he said, a devastating effect on the Depository Library Program, ending public access to numerous critically important government information products including most congressional hearings. He strongly urged the House appropriations subcommittee to reconsider their funding recommendations. Additional information on this issue is available at the ALA web site (<http://www.ala.org/washoff>).

CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

Next year's SAA annual meeting will be held 27 Aug. - 2 Sept. 2001, in Washington, DC. The deadline for program proposals for this meeting is 6 Oct. 2000. The Washington meeting is traditionally well attended, with a good audience and potentially more of participants.

The CPR Program Committee for next year is Cynthia Miller, Burt Altman, Karyl Winn, and the incoming vice chair/chair elect (to be elected at the 2000 meeting).

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Please send any ideas and suggestions to one of us. While we welcome fully developed proposals, we also are willing to build a program proposal from your ideas and suggestions for topics and speakers. CPR also looks to cosponsor sessions with other sections and roundtables.

CPR has been very successful in having its program proposals accepted by SAA's Program Committee. Let us hear from you as we look forward together to a stimulating meeting in 2001.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Alan Haerberle, archivist for Sen. Connie Mack, has joined CPR. He will be making a presentation at the annual meeting in Aug.

Mark Greene, former CPR chair, left the Minnesota Historical Society to become head of Access Services for the Henry Ford Museum Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan. His current e-mail address is MarkGr@hfmvgv.org.

Pam Hackbart-Dean, current CPR chair, has left the University of Georgia's Russell Library for a position at the Special Collections Department, William Russell Pullen Library, Georgia State University, 100 Decatur St., SE, 8th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303-3202. She can now be contacted at (404) 651-2477 (tel.), (404) 651-4314 (fax), and libphd@langate.gsu.edu (e-mail).

After seven years at Carnegie Mellon University Libraries, Edward A. Galloway has resigned his position as Heinz Archivist to become coordinator of the Digital Research Library within the University of Pittsburgh's Library System. He writes, "I will head the DRL department which supports the teaching and research

mission of the university through the creation and maintenance of web accessible digital research collections. Although I will miss working with congressional papers and am leaving the HELIOS project behind, I am looking forward to the many new challenges this job will present." After 1 Aug. 2000, he can be contacted at Digital Research Library, University of Pittsburgh, University Library System, G-20 Hillman Library, Pittsburgh, PA 15260; (412) 648-7765 (tel.); edwardg@pitt.edu (e-mail).

A FAREWELL FROM THE EDITOR Todd Kosmerick

As editor of the *CPR Newsletter*, I have appreciated all of the help that you gave me during the past three years. I am gratified by the amount of news that you contributed, and it has truly made the newsletter a useful tool. You have proven that the *CPR Newsletter* is the voice of the membership. Thank you so much!

The new editors are Elizabeth Scott of South Dakota State University and Alan Haerberle of Sen. Connie Mack's office. Alan will be attending SAA in Denver and taking minutes during CPR's business meeting. Make sure you say "hello" to him. He can be contacted at Alan_Haerberle@mack.senate.gov. Elizabeth is unable to attend the conference, but she will be working on the next newsletter and maintaining the membership list. Contact her if you have any news that you would like placed in the next issue, if you would like to join CPR, or if you need to update postal and e-mail addresses. Elizabeth Scott: Briggs Library, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD 57007; elizabeth_scott@sdstate.edu.





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