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FROM THE CHAIR

Steve Rogers, Ohio State University

MAGERT lost two esteemed colleagues and friends this past summer. On July 26th Mark Crotteau died in Boise, Idaho after a one-year battle with cancer. Then a month later we received the sad news that Jo Davidson passed away on August 25th in Athens, Georgia, also from cancer.

At the time of his death, Mark was the head of cataloging at the Boise State University Library. He was also the treasurer of MAGERT, and was continuing to serve as the cataloging editor of *base line*, a position he had held since 1996. As cataloging editor, Mark had a gift for bringing clarity and structure to his reports of MAGERT's cataloging meetings, presenting the discussions and decisions from these meetings in a concise and understandable way, even for the non-cataloger.



Jo, who officially retired in March of 2002, was the former head of nonbook cataloging and principal non-book cataloger at the University of Georgia Libraries. For many years she was an active, dedicated, and influential member of the MAGERT Cataloging Committee. Jo was a wise and devoted librarian, always willing to share her map cataloging expertise and knowledge with others. She was always upbeat and projected a positive and optimistic outlook, even as she fought her own battle with cancer.

The deaths of these two fine individuals is a true loss for our community, as it is, of course, for their respective families. Mark and Jo were both active and conscientious professionals who devoted themselves to their careers as librarians and made significant contributions to the world of map librarianship. They will be sorely missed. 

FROM THE EDITOR

Mark Thomas, Duke University

In this issue of *base line* we conclude our coverage of the ALA Annual Conference in Toronto with the General Membership Meeting minutes and some clarifications regarding the recipient of the 2003 MAGERT Honors Award, Dorothy McGarry. Also, the remainder of the reports from the May meeting of the Cartographic Users Advisory Council (CUAC) are in this issue.

I also want to bring to your attention that advertising is available in *base line*. Rates are shown on page 26. Early issues of *base line* did include some advertis-

ing, but it fell by the wayside when our journal *Meridian*, which accepted advertising, was being published. Now that publication of *Meridian* is suspended, we would like to give vendors the opportunity to use *base line* to publicize their goods and services to those in the map library world. 

The story in the August issue of base line regarding Dorothy McGarry receiving the 2003 MAGERT Honors Award in Toronto was not the final draft and included several errors. In particular, Ms. McGarry was never chair of the Geography and Map Division of SLA and was the delegate to IFLA representing SLA, not just representing its G&M Division. The editor apologizes for these errors.

For the record, the corrected version read at the reception is printed below.

DOROTHY McGARRY RECEIVES 2003 MAGERT HONORS AWARD

K Remarks by Mark Thomas, Chair of MAGERT's Honors Award Committee, at the MAGERT welcome reception in Toronto on June 20, 2003.

The Map and Geography Round Table of the American Library Association is proud to present its Honors Award for 2003 to Dorothy McGarry. The award recognizes lifetime achievement and contributions to map and geography librarianship. Her contributions, though, go far beyond this. She plays a vital role in the world of cataloging and of librarianship in general, as well as in representing librarianship to the larger academic world.

Ms. McGarry, a Librarian Emerita at UCLA since her formal retirement in 1993, still serves there part-time at the Science & Engineering Library. Prior to her retirement from UCLA, she served from 1976 to 1993 as the Head

of the Cataloging Division of the Physical Sciences and Technology Libraries, for which she had been a cataloger since beginning her career at UCLA in 1971. Also, she served as Acting Head of UCLA's Geology-Geophysics Library for part of 1976. Ms. McGarry earned both her Bachelor's in Anthropology and her MLS degree at UCLA (although some 22 years apart!).

To say she has been active in numerous library professional organizations is an understatement: SLA, IFLA, ALA, WAML, GSIS, ASIS and many of their divisions, sections, and chapters. Even though formally retiring in 1993, for the last ten years she has continued to share her time and knowledge with the

profession at the same high level of participation.

Within ALA, Ms. McGarry has been on the ALCTS Board of Directors; Chair of the Cataloging and Classification Section of ALCTS; and has chaired a number of committees and task forces, within ALA units. I should also add that she is a member of MAGERT's Cataloging and Classification Committee. She has been a member of the SLA Board of Directors and Chair of its Bylaws Committee and its Committee on Cataloging; representative of the Geography and Map Division on the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials; Chair of SLA's Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics Division and of the Science-Technology Division; and President of the Southern California Chapter. For WAML, she has been Treasurer and a member of the Bylaws Committee.

Ms. McGarry has been active for years in the Geoscience Information Society (GSIS), especially working with issues surrounding field trip guidebooks and as a member of the International Initiatives Committee. She has been on the Coordinating Board of IFLA's Division of Bibliographic Control, served as chair and then secretary of the IFLA Section on Classification and Indexing, as a member of the Standing Committee of the Section on Cataloging, and as a member of the ISBD Review Group, the working group that developed the ISBD for Serials and Other Continuing Resources, and the working group that is working on a revision to the ISBD for Cartographic Materials. She was also a member of the IFLA Study

Group on the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records.

Also serving as an ambassador for the profession in organizations outside of library and information science, she has lent her expertise on the American Geological Institute's Vocabulary Task Force since the 4th edition of the Geo-Ref Thesaurus and consulted on mapping GeoRef fields into the USMARC format. She has also served on the Library Committee of the American Mathematical Society.

Ms. McGarry is on the editorial board of *Cataloging and Classification Quarterly*. Libraries Unlimited in 2001 published a book she co-edited, *Seymour Lubetzky: Writings on the Classical Art of Cataloging*. She has also co-edited an IFLA satellite meeting proceedings, *Subject Indexing: Principles and Practices in the 90's*.

Awards that she has previously been presented include the SLA John Cotton Dana Award; induction as a Fellow of the Special Libraries Association and into the SLA Hall of Fame; Outstanding Member Award (twice) for the LA Chapter of ASIS; PAM Achievement Award from SLA's Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics Division; and the Billie Connor Award for continuous and outstanding service in SLA's Southern California Chapter.

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2003 MAGERT Honors Award to Dorothy McGarry.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

ALA Annual Conference, Toronto

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chair

Mary McInroy

Mary believes the conference went well. Attendance at the programs was good.

Vice Chair/Chair Elect

Steve Rogers

No report other than the next conference will be in San Diego.

Past Chair

Mark Thomas

Part of the duties of the Past Chair is to review the MAGERT Organization Manual. Mark has started reviewing the manual and has started to draft changes to the manual. He will continue to review and will bring proposed changes before the Executive Board.

Secretary

Susan Moore

No report.

Treasurer

Mary McInroy for Mark Crotteau

Through the end of April, MAGERT's total revenues for the fiscal year were approximately \$6,900, and total direct expenses were approximately \$3,300. About two-thirds of the \$3,300 expense was related to printing and distributing *base line*. The carryover balance, while a little less than last year's at approximately \$13,700, is in line with what it has been for the past three years. Taken as a whole, MAGERT's finances are in line with its budget for this fiscal year.

On Monday afternoon Mark met with our ALA liaison and a representative of the Budget Analysis and Review Committee. There is official concern about our steadily decreasing budget line. There were several suggestions given to increase our bottom line. Further discussion will take place under New Business at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cataloging and Classification

Susan Moore for Nancy Kandoian

The CCC met on Sunday, June 22, 2003 with 19 people present. Unfortunately, our long-time chair, Barbara Story, had recently resigned as chair because she is not longer working with maps at the Library of Congress. There was an expression of regret at

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losing her as chair and appreciation for Barb's leading the committee since 1995 or 1996. Nancy Kandoian convened the meeting at her request. We went over the committee membership; new members are Betsy Eggleston and Carolyn Kadri. Besides Barbara Story's resignation from the committee, Scott McEathron has asked to be rotated off the committee as his new position does not entail cataloging maps. Our usual reports from liaisons were presented. There was no report from the Library of Congress this conference. Nancy presented a draft of a possible discussion paper for MARBI for the committee's consideration concerning field 752. The committee voted to proceed with a revised draft which will be presented to the membership for a vote via e-mail prior to presentation to the MARC Network Development Office. We discussed the content of committee reports in *base line* versus more detailed minutes of the meeting for committee members. Mark will continue to take notes on the meeting for both purposes, with the report in *base line* more abbreviated than the full minutes.

Constitution and Bylaws

Mary Larsgaard

No report.

Education

David Allen

Members present: David Allen, Mary McNroy, John Olson, Jeff Gibbens, T. Wangyal Shawa

The meeting began with a discussion of the draft Web page prepared by *base line* 24(5): 8

Joy Suh, which is a list of Web sites of MAGERT members arranged by members' names. At issue was how the page should be arranged and if it should be indexed in some way. After much discussion it was decided that the page should consist, at least initially, of a simple list of sites arranged by institution name. David Allen agreed to revise the page.

David Allen announced that he would be resigning as committee chair as soon as a replacement can be found. Mary McNroy agreed to look for a new chair, and to issue a call for volunteers at the general membership meeting.

There was some discussion about the project proposed at the last Midwinter meeting to conduct a study of the ways in which libraries are dealing with issues arising from the decentralization of services relating to maps. The project was originally to have begun with a survey of selected libraries. Since no one volunteered to head this project, it was decided that the best approach would be to work with the results of the survey being conducted for the new MAGERT directory of U.S. map collections. It was agreed that we should request that several additional questions relating to decentralization of services be added to the survey questionnaire.

There was some discussion of possible future committee activities. It was agreed that it would be worthwhile to pursue the possibility of holding programs at future ALA conferences dealing with subjects of interest to beginning or part-time map librarians (fundamentals of cataloging, basic collection development, getting started with GIS, finding maps on the Internet).

GeoTech

John Olson for Wangyal Shawa

Wangyal Shawa opened meeting with greetings to all and the nineteen people in attendance introduced themselves.

People were reminded of the announcement sent to MAPS-L and GOCDOL-L about a Data Licensing Survey requesting information about what the impacts are to libraries. The hope is that everyone will respond to the survey so information can be used to present to NRC.

The afternoon program "Providing Access to Geographic Data" was briefly discussed.

Agenda items:

1. Consortial Data Sharing

What are the issues for groups within the University community to share non-copyrighted data through consortial agreements. Should or could it be an ILL model or an on-line downloading model?

- Issues to overcome. Planning of the model, metadata creation, searching capabilities, access issues.
- Free access or consortial purchase. Act as a Union Catalog.
- Write a proposal with a vision and structure as to how it will work.
- Sharing of historical digitizing, should work with CUAC and other agencies. (We're talking Raster images here)
- License vs. non-licensed data
- Where are the funding sources?: USGS, etc.

- Union Catalog model or OCLC for searching capabilities. Need to gain access to misc. data (home grown data) for cataloging.
- Look at XML for creating records in different formats, FGDC, MARC, Dbase, etc. for crosswalks.

2. Program for Orlando

Proposed topics were:

- Aim program for Part-time GIS librarians
- Beginning GIS/MAP Librarianship
- Imagery/scanning: how to do it?
- Levels of service with GIS

The meeting ended with everyone describing what types of GIS services each has at their institution.

Honors

Mark Thomas

The MAGERT award was awarded to Dorothy McGarry.

Membership

Lorre Smith

The committee met on Sunday afternoon. There were four people present. There was some discussion about the booth set-up for Orlando and what hand-outs should be at the booth. The brochure supply may be dwindling to the point where more reproductions should be done. Steve Rogers has the master file for the handouts.

This year, Mary McInroy organized the reception and the field trip and dinner and that may be done in the future

as a cooperative venture between the Membership Committee chair and the Round Table chair. The social events idea of having more and smaller events did not take off and may or may not be implemented in the future.

MAGERT currently has 398 members (up from 388 in 2002). There are 336 personal members, 61 institutional members, and 1 corporate member.

There were several ideas to pass on to the incoming chair (Carolyn Kadri). These included announcing new issues of *base line* on MAPS-L, using the sign-up sheets to target non-member attendees to encourage them to join, promote the meetings and committees to the area the meetings will be held in, and encouraging posting presentations on the Web.

There is a need for some new members on the committee.

Nominations

Mark Thomas

Susan Moore was elected Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Betsy Eggleston was elected Secretary.

Program Planning

Steve Rogers (Orlando) and Susan Moore (Chicago)

There are plans for three possible programs for Orlando. One would be on geospatial data access tentatively titled "Geospatial data: the next

frontier." Another possible program focused on finding and using maps tentatively titled "I need a map on ... : providing maps and other geographic information." The third program is "Florida geography: people, places, and palm trees."

There are also three possibilities for programs for Chicago. GeoTech may want to do a program. Collection development in map collections seems to be of interest. Another possibility is a panel discussion on the guidelines for map collections. The guidelines or standards were written back when there were more separate map collections. The panel could discuss whether new guidelines are needed and if they are, what form should they take. If people have ideas or possible speakers, please contact Susan Moore at susan.moore@uni.edu.

Publications

Steve Rogers

The Publications Committee met twice in Toronto, once on Saturday and again on Monday morning. Seven people attended each meeting.

Mark Thomas, editor of *base line*, reported that *base line* has been coming out on schedule and thanked the contributing editors Mark Crotteau, Fred Musto and Wangyal Shawa as well as all others who contribute regularly to *base line*.

Peter Linberger, *base line* subscription manager, said subscription requests

and payments were normal, and noted that most *base line* subscriptions from non-MAGERT members come from institutional subscriptions. There are about 60 of this type currently.

The committee talked about the potential of selling advertising space in *base line*. A British publisher may be the first group in some time to place an ad in *base line*.

It was noted that David Allen revised and updated a section of "Helpful Hints for Small Map Collections" for the Toronto Annual Conference. His two-sided handout, entitled "Helpful Hints for the Paperless Map Librarian," will be distributed at the MAGERT booth and at each of the programs in Toronto. Thank you, David.

The committee also discussed the Web site, which appears to be in fine shape. The committee praised Melissa Lamont, MAGERT Web master, for her diligence in keeping the Web site up-to-date and informative.

Rogers gave a brief report on the calendar year 2002 sales of MAGERT publications, based on figures supplied from Jim Coombs of the Maps Library at Southwest Missouri State University and MAGERT publications distribution manager. The figures showed that there is continued demand for "Cartographic Citations: a Style Guide," "Index to the LC "G" Schedule," and "Mapping the TransMississippi West." Individual issues of both *base line* and *Meridian* continue to be requested as well.

The committee devoted a significant amount of time to discussing the planned revision of the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*. Rogers reported that Scarecrow Press has expressed an interest in publishing the Guide and has prepared a draft contract to be signed by editor Chris Thiry and Mary Ghikas of ALA staff. The committee went over the Web survey and made numerous suggestions and comments about the questions included in the survey. Many of these suggestions were intended to clarify the questions and to eliminate any confusion on behalf of the individual filling out the survey form. These suggestions will be forwarded to the editor. It was also strongly proposed that the editor develop a set of written guidelines to be followed by the regional editors as they contact libraries that don't initially submit a survey form. And, as before, the call goes out to individuals willing to serve as a regional editors: please contact Chris at cthiry@mines.edu

Finally, the committee discussed the status of other MAGERT publications currently under development.

REPORTS FROM DISCUSSION GROUPS

ALCTS/MAGERT Discussion Group on Map Cataloging Scott McEathron

The group met Sunday morning with 15 people in attendance. Several issues were discussed, including the

April *base line* issue that had an article on searching for Canadian map records that several attendees found very helpful. Rebecca Lubas from MIT is the incoming discussion group leader.

**Federal Spatial Information
Discussion Group**
Wangyal Shawa

There were about twenty people in attendance. Most of the discussion centered on the CUAC meeting (the full minutes of which are available in the August issue of *base line*). There was also a speaker giving an excellent overview of federal Canadian data sources and Canadian data distribution.

**Research Libraries Collection
Management Group**
Mary McInroy for Karl Longstreth

Services consolidation was a major topic of conversation. Outsourcing and digitization programs were also discussed. Once again, there were a couple people who misread the program and came not expecting a discussion on maps.

**Small Map Collections
Discussion Group**
Brenda Mathenia

The group met but there was no report.

GIS Discussion Group
Wangyal Shawa

Included as part of the GeoTech Committee report.

**REPORTS FROM
REPRESENTATIVES AND
LIAISONS**

ALA Education Assembly
David Allen

No report.

**ACRL Rare Books and
Manuscripts Section**
Nancy Kandoian

Their BSC continues to work on the revision of their DCRM(B) and the progress is evident at their web site (<http://www.rbms.nd.edu/>)

Nancy only got to their MARC for Special Collections Discussion Group meeting this time where they discussed classification systems used in rare books collections; the extent to which libraries record source and price information for rare books in bibliographic records or item records; and the use of relator terms in added and main entries.

The next RBMC pre-conference will be held in New Haven, Conn., hosted by Special Collections at Yale University Library. They do not always have their pre-conferences at the same site as the annual meeting.

“Guidelines regarding thefts in libraries” were approved by ACRL and ALA in January 2003 and were published in the June 2003 issue of C&RL News.

**ALCTS-CCS Committee on
Cataloging: Description and
Access**

Elizabeth Mangan

CC:DA again met twice during the annual conference in Toronto. The majority of the time at the first meeting was spent reviewing the results of the Spring JSC meeting. The topic of a third edition of *AACR (AACR3)* was discussed. The new edition would incorporate the work of the Consistency Task Force and FRBR terminology. The Committee of Principles has been asked to consider hiring an editor to work on this new edition, which is expected to take a minimum of three years to prepare.

Work continues on reviewing the rules for consistency among the chapters of part I and collapsing similar rules into chapter 1. This task force is also incorporating FRBR terminology in the rule change proposals. Proposals for areas 2, 3, 4, and 6 have been completed and will be forwarded to the JSC for their consideration at the Fall meeting in Brisbane, Australia.

The Task Force on an Appendix of Major and Minor Changes has completed its work and the document, no longer to be an appendix to *AACR*, should be published as a stand-alone publication in the near future. The working title of the publication is *Differences Between, Changes Within: Guidelines on When to Create a New Record*.

Don Chatham of ALA Publications

informed the committee that the 2003 amendments package should be available in late July and that *Cartographic Materials: A Manual of Interpretation of AACR2* should be available in early Fall. The 2003 AACR2 amendments package will contain approximately 100 pages and will include a completely new index. The projected cost will be approximately \$19.00.

The initial report of the joint ALA/BL task force on the reconceptualization of chapter 9 was reviewed and discussed. This task force is looking at how chapter 9 should be defined as only a content chapter, thus moving information on electronic carriers into all the appropriate chapters in Part I.

The new chair of CC:DA is our own Mary Larsgaard.

**AACCCM
Elizabeth Mangan for Mary
Larsgaard**

The book is at ALA Publishing. There have been two passes of review with one more to go. Publication is expected for early to mid-September in a loose-leaf format with a binder. The intent is to keep the manual up to date. (It is now available from ALA!) Negotiations to get the manual as part of *Cataloger's Desktop* are ongoing.

**CCISA
Karl Longstreth**

No report.

CUAC

Wangyal Shawa

The full minutes are in the August issue of *base line* [written reports from agencies are elsewhere in this issue—ed.].

COSML

HelenJane Armstrong

HelenJane would have suggested that the formal liaison relationship be dropped. However, since ALA will be meeting in Orlando in 2004, she will contact the executive boards of COSML and SEDAAG to see if they wish to do something for the annual conference.

Freedom to Read Foundation

Susan Moore will be the new liaison for this group.

GODORT

A member reported that they had a program on national treasures that was very interesting. They had a successful reception and a profitable pre-conference.

GODORT Committee on Rare and Endangered Government Documents

David Allen

No report.

IFLA

Karl Longstreth and Melissa Lamont

Melissa will be attending the meeting in Berlin.

LC Geography and Map Division

Barbara Story took a new position elsewhere in the Library. A new liaison will have to be made by the Chief of the Division.

MARBI

Susan Moore

MARBI met once on Saturday morning. The chief proposal concerning cartographic materials concerned adding a subfield †q to field 352 (Digital Graphic Representation) that would allow recording the format in which the digital image is stored. This passed. The MARC Development Office has put the latest edition of “Understanding MARC bibliographic: machine-readable cataloging” at <http://www.loc.gov/marc/umb/> and the new edition of “Understanding MARC authorities” will also be put on the Web.

NACIS

Dan Seldin

The North American Cartographic Information Society has not met since Midwinter. The next meeting will be in Jacksonville, Florida October 8-11, 2003.

NEMO

David Allen for Patrick McGlamery

The conference was held in Boston. It wasn't well publicized but there were a number of good presentations. Pat McGlamery is the incoming Captain NEMO.

NIMA

Sally Boskin for Lynn Tobin

There are plans afoot to change the name of the agency. Stay tuned for further developments.

USGS

Dan Cavanaugh

No report.

WAML

Kathy Rankin for Greg Armento

WAML met the last week of March at Stanford. One of the program was on the digitization of materials from the summer geological field schools. The next meeting will be in September in Santa Cruz. Meetings for 2004 are set for Chico in the spring and Seattle in the fall. Plans for meetings in 2005 are for Sacramento in spring and Fairbanks in the fall.

SLA Geography and Map Division

Alice C. Hudson

The Honors Award went to Betsy Mangan, retired from the Library of Congress.

NEW BUSINESS

Interest in and desired program and

outcomes of a "Map Libraries in Transition" conference

The concerns and thoughts of the group were: it sounds good; need a specific topic; needs good, neutral, and central location; and a specific goal is needed. People felt there would need to be outcomes. At this stage, the general sense is that MAGERT is interested.

Money

There is a concern about the steady decline in the MAGERT balance sheet. One suggestion from ALA is a dues increase and in Executive Board II we thought a slight increase of three dollars. Also in Executive Board II, we suggested increasing the cost of *base line* to non-members to \$20. Dues increases will need to be voted on by the membership. Another possibility includes only putting part of *base line* up on the web but this will be further discussed. Other ideas include accepting advertising on the web site (depending on ALA and Woods Hole Institute policies), accepting advertising in *base line*, and selling T-shirts again.

It was moved and seconded that the dues increase be put to a vote of the membership, pending checking the Bylaws for the procedures. Further discussion will take place at Midwinter.

Schedule rearrangement

Several people have asked that the schedule be rearranged to have the meetings finish up on Monday, especially for the Midwinter meeting. It was suggested that there not be

a General Membership meeting at Midwinter. When MAGERT first started, there wasn't a General Membership meeting at Midwinter. The question was raised whether we need to have the General Membership meeting after all the programs are over. It was suggested that the summarization of what occurred at the meetings be done through *base line* and the reports of the secretary. It was suggested sending a message to MAPS-L asking if people would attend the General Membership meeting if the meeting did not include summaries of what happened at the conference. It may be difficult to move the General Membership meeting since it can't conflict with any other MAGERT committee meeting or program. The Chair and Vice/Chair will investigate options for scheduling.

Steve Rogers, who will be chair of MAGERT for the coming year. Mary McInroy was thanked with a round of applause for her work as chair.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Moore,
Secretary

Mary McInroy passed the gavel to



Steve Rogers, incoming Chair of MAGERT, accepts the stand-in for the ceremonial gavel from Mary McInroy, outgoing Chair, at the end of the General Membership Meeting.

CARTOGRAPHIC USERS ADVISORY COUNCIL (CUAC)

2003 Annual Agencies Meeting

May 1 & 2, 2003

K *Continued from the previous issue of base line.*

AGENCY REPORTS SUBMITTED VIA PROXY

U.S. Board on Geographic Names
Roger Payne, Executive Secretary
(via email)

The Secretary reported that the Board of Geographic Names (BGN) is in the process of beta testing a new version of their Geographic Names Information Service (GNIS) website. Two states are testing the changes—Delaware and Florida. After the website's redesign, among the new features will be a spatially enabled component. In the next year, the Board will release and activate the redesigned database, and release a new, enhanced user Internet webpage and interface for GNIS. The Board's new disc product includes GNIS data almost in its entirety, and can be displayed using LANDVIEW V (a product produced by a Federal consortium); the disc is presently marketed by the Bureau of the Census. It is \$99, and is in DVD format.

Although there was some mention of blocking certain categories of names in GNIS due to 9/11, an analysis later determined that would not be necessary.

The upgrading of the names in GNIS (Phase II) is complete or in progress for all but four States—New York, Kentucky, Alaska, and Michigan. Phase III will likely be scrapped because it has

been overtaken by events: namely support for the local and state vertical data integration in support of The National Map and homeland security. Phase II will be completed.

There have been no major changes in procedure or policy regarding how the Board decides on name changes.

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U.S. Forest Service

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I. The Forest Service recently held its second Geospatial Conference in Colorado Springs, Co. There were over 250 attendees from the Federal Government, State and County representatives, State Foresters, and many others. The event was co-sponsored by Colorado State University and The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. The conference program and presentations are available by contacting David George, the Forest Service Geospatial Conference Program Chair, at .

II. The Forest Service continues to collaborate with the US Geological Survey (USGS) in its National Map Initiative. We are pleased to report that the Forest Service is participating in building the National Map, using Forest Service data for two focus areas: Colorado

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Springs/San Isabel National Forest and Albuquerque/Cibola National Forest.

III. Last year the Forest Service reported on the focused effort Forest Service has placed on our participation in the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC). We are continuing to be engaged in the varied, fast paced efforts of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) through the FGDC, to coordinate mapping and geospatial data collection and related activities among Federal Agencies. There has been a lot of effort this year, by the FGDC to engage participation among states, local governments, tribes, academia and other entities. OMB and FGDC are developing a means to measure and monitor our adherence to standards in order to hold us accountable for compliance.

IV. The President's Council on Excellence in Government has keyed in on Electronic Government (E-Gov/ the Internet) as the way to improve efficiency in doing business. 24 e-government initiatives were identified, including Geospatial One-Stop. On December 17, 2002, the President signed the E-Government Act. President Bush states that this legislation "builds upon my Administration's expanding E-Government initiative by ensuring strong leadership of the information technology activities of Federal agencies, a comprehensive framework for information security standards and programs, and uniform safeguards to protect the confidentiality of information provided by the public for statistical purposes. The Act will also assist in expanding the use of the Internet and computer resources in order to deliver Government

services, consistent with the reform principles I outlined on July 10, 2002, for a citizen-centered, results-oriented, and market-based Government."

The Forest Service has been very involved in Geospatial One-Stop, as we continue our efforts to provide standard geospatial data, which is documented with FGDC compliant metadata. We know have our Forest Service Geodata Clearinghouse up and on-line. The Geodata Clearinghouse can be viewed at . It is currently being upgraded to provide ESRI ArcIMS data with FGDC compliant metadata. The upgrade should be complete by October 2003.

To learn more about Electronic Government and Geospatial One Stop, see and .

The Forest Service is also involved with Recreation One Stop another of the 24 Presidential E-Gov initiatives. The effort will provide the public with a one stop 'portal' to recreational opportunities and will be supported with Internet mapping services.

V. The Forest Service continues to collaborate with the USGS in the sale of our Forest Visitor Maps and other specialty products through their on-line services and vendor network. This enables us to provide better public service. The program has been operational for 2 years and we have seen our map sales have increased as a result.

VI. Since September 11, the Forest Service has focused efforts on Homeland Security.

A. The Deputy Manager from our

Geospatial Service and Technology Center, Barry Napier, has accepted a 15-month detail to the Interagency Geospatial Preparedness Team, located at the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Other members of the team are from USGS and the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. We also have a representative (Susan DeLost from our Washington Office, Engineering Staff) to the FGDC Homeland Security Working Group.

B. Efforts are focused on defining geospatial data that is critical for disaster preparedness and for first response in the event of a crisis. A Standard and agreed upon Critical Infrastructure Layer for Homeland Security is being developed.

C. Forest Service experience with fire-related disaster response has been valuable.

D. Forest Service and other USDA Agencies were involved in the efforts to recover debris from the Colombia Shuttle. Remote Sensing and Global Positioning System data and technology were utilized.

VII. The Forest Service suffered an extremely severe fire season in 2002. Congress did not allocate additional funds to cover the excessive costs of fighting fires last year. Money was 'borrowed' from other program areas to cover costs. Our Geospatial Service and Technology Center suffered from this 'Fire Borrowing.' The Single Edition Quadrangle Mapping Program, in which we produce 1:24,000 topographic quadrangle maps over National

Forest System Lands, has suffered. We were unable to meet our production goal of 600 maps. We are trying to make up the shortfall this year, but it is not certain if we will meet this goal. If we have another bad fire season, we may go through another round of borrowing.

VIII. Our budgets have not been increased, and all of the geospatial initiatives have increases, so our dollars are spread very thin. This has also affected our production schedule.

IX. Another OMB initiative, "Competitive Sourcing," which involves efforts to stream line and improve efficiency, has also had an impact. Various program areas are being studied to determine the best way to improve efficiency. Unfortunately, the task of studying programs is costly and takes time form other work. To learn more about competitive sourcing see .

X. Chris Thiry asked for a Point of Contact at the map printer who does the beautiful work on our Forest Visitor Maps and other maps. The Printer is Williams and Heinz Map Corporation, 8119 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. The Point of Contact is Mr. Mark Budd, at 1-800-338-6228.

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NEW MAPS AND BOOKS

NEW MAPS

Power Outage

Those in the Northeast who were affected by the power outage of last August may be more interested than most in the *Northeast & Midwest Transmission System Map*, a large 30 x 45" sheet that identifies power plants and their operators, capacities, major substations, and the territories of various utility companies. Produced by ENERmap, the map, as all such energy maps seem to be, is quite expensive at \$295 (\$325 laminated).

For coverage of the entire country, ENERmap's *2002 U. S. Power System Map* locates power plants and capacities, transmission lines, and all types of utilities and their service territories on a huge shaded relief 42 x 80" sheet. It's a great map, but also hideously expensive at \$495 (\$525 laminated). The company also produces the *2003 Canadian Power System Map*, with similar features and in both French and English, for \$425. Other interesting and expensive maps relating to the coal industry are also available. Their website also has an online map of the notorious "Lake Erie Loop" which seems to have been the source of all the trouble. The maps are available from Omni Resources or direct from (<http://www.enermap.com>)

Down Under

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As we all know, 2003 is the "International Year of Freshwater" (saltwater to follow in 2004 no doubt). To celebrate, the Australian firm Earth Systems, with the support of a number of environmental organizations, has produced *The Australian Water Map*, an impressive 35 x 51" poster that brings together a wide range of water-related data into a single resource. The map identifies such things as water recycling and treatment initiatives, polluted rivers and lakes, "extreme water events," threatened species, wetlands, major irrigation districts, hydroelectric power sites, etc. Surrounding the map are over 50 charts and tables covering such topics as rainfall, biodiversity, water quality, and water treatment and reuse. The map sells for US\$50 at (<http://www.earthsystems.com.au>).

In 2000 Earth Systems released a similar product, the *Environment Map of Australia*, which highlights such features as environmental "blackspots," protected areas, biodiversity refuge sites, and even predator-proof fences. Examples of some of the many tables and charts on the sheet include "Land Cover Change in Australia 1788-1988," "Endangered Australian Mammals," and "Use of 'Green' Products in Australian Households." The *Environment Map* is priced at US\$40. Both items synthesize a huge amount of information in a very creative manner, and would be nice additions to any map collection.

Since we're in the vicinity, I might as well mention another new product from the land down under: the *Australian Wall Map* from Meridian Productions.

The attractive 40 x 34," 1:4.75M-scale map uses terrain and bathymetric shading and includes such features as new land classifications (which the publisher claims are not shown on other maps of the country), tourist road names for major highways, and an index for every locality listed on the map. It's available flat or folded for AU\$10.95, or laminated for AU\$22.95. Keep in the spirit and order one from Maps Downunder, a good online source for Australian maps (<http://www.mapsdownunder.com.au>).

Odds and Ends

New from ITMB are two maps of African nations. Their *Mali Travel Reference Map* is done at a 1:2.4M scale and sells for \$8.95. (The only other readily available map of that country is the French IGN product, issued in 1993 at a 1:2M scale on a 43 x 36" sheet, which retails for \$12.95.) ITMB's 3rd edition of their 1:800k *Uganda* map is termed "a major update" with the addition of more than 100 villages and current road information. The publisher notes that "Symbolically, the scale of this map deliberately duplicates the number of Ugandans slaughtered by Amin and his underlings during eight years of horror in the late 1960s/early 70s."

Other new ITMB maps include two entries into the overcrowded European field, a two-sided Italy at 1:800K for \$8.95, and a detailed city map of Venice at 1:4,500 for \$7.95. If you're starting a collection from scratch, Omni Resources has put the entire ITMB list on their website in their "Especially

for Libraries" section, and is offering a complete set at 20% off retail. (<http://www.omnimap.com>)

Another new addition to Omni's discounted map sets offered to libraries is an "International Road Map Set" containing what they consider the "best road maps" for 166 countries (and "populated dependencies") from a wide variety of publishers. While the total price is not listed on Omni's website, the entire set sells for 20% off their regular individual prices. Obviously it's not cheap, even with the discount, but this might be a quick first step for someone trying to create a map collection in a small public or secondary school library or at a commercial firm.

If you didn't have a chance to remove the insert from the May 2003 issue of *National Geographic*, you can still add the *Mt. Everest 50th Anniversary Map* to your collection.

On one side of the 47 x 30" sheet is a striking panorama of Everest, showing the ascent paths of Sir Edmund Hillary in 1953, James Whittaker in 1963, and the Chinese expedition of 1960. On the reverse is a map of Sagarmatha National Park in Nepal, which includes Mt. Everest, with information about the Sherpas as well some of the usual interesting NG graphics. It's available for \$17.99 at the National Geographic Map Store (<http://shop.nationalgeographic.com>)

I have a fondness for pictorial maps of historical topics, but the quality of such publications varies greatly. A good example of the genre is the new *John Wilkes Booth Escape Route* map from Thomas Publications. This interesting

piece traces the route taken by Booth and his pursuers after the assassination of Lincoln. Lots of historical information is succinctly and clearly presented on a compact 11x20" four-fold sheet. It's a bargain at only \$4.95. The publisher also produces some nice reproductions of historical maps, mainly on Civil War topics. (<http://www.thomas-publications.com>)

A somewhat less successful example of the pictorial map is the new *Lower Manhattan; A History Map* from Ephemera Press, publishers of the CultureMap series which focuses on specific New York City neighborhoods. Perhaps because they were more narrowly conceived, previous examples such as the *Harlem Renaissance* and the *East Village* maps were more interesting. The *Lower Manhattan* map, illustrated by Tony Millionaire, tries to be current (with several 9/11 references) and yet cover the whole history of the city with a very selective choice of topics. Still, it's a nice collectible for New Yorkers and fans of pictorial maps. It's available folded in an 18 x 24" size for \$7.95, or as an unfolded 24 x 30" poster for \$14.95. (<http://www.ephemerapress.com>)

NEW BOOKS

The Mapmaker's Quest: Depicting New Worlds in Renaissance Europe. David Buisseret. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003. 227 p. \$35 (ISBN: 019210053X).

I don't think I've ever used the phrase "elegant little book" in a review, but this work probably merits that description. *base line* 24(5): 22

Buisseret, a noted cartographic historian, arranges six chapters around the broad theme of "why there were so few maps in Europe in 1400, and yet so many by 1650." Briefly surveying such topics as the influence of ancient Greece and Rome; cartography among the ruling elites of the 15th to 17th centuries; maps of the discovery period; and maps drawn during the Military Revolution of 1500-1800, the chapters, while distinct, together provide an excellent summary of cartographic development in early modern Europe. A very good bibliography, keyed to each chapter, completes the work. The book has an unusual 6 x 9" oblong format, and is nicely illustrated with a number of black and white reproductions and a few color plates. For some reason, the smallish size of the map illustrations doesn't seem as detrimental as might be expected, perhaps because of the page orientation and the high quality of the images. This a wonderful book, appropriate for all map collections and, if you're thinking ahead to the holidays, a great gift for the map lover.

Smithsonian Atlas of the Amazon.

Michael Goulding, et al. Washington: Smithsonian Books, 2003. 255 p. \$39.95 (ISBN: 1588341356).

This is a terrific atlas that delivers much more than its title might indicate. It deals with the entire Amazon basin, a huge area encompassing many rivers and a large part of the South American continent. Most of the 14 chapters focus on one of the rivers, while a few deal with related topics, such as the impact of human activities in the area. The book is beautifully designed, with wonderful maps and photographs, and a

fascinating text. The writing is scholarly, but very clear and accessible to all audiences. Full of interesting facts (e.g., all the water used by New York City in a year only equals 2 hours of the Amazon's discharge) and much information on a number of subjects, from ecology to anthropology to hydrology, it's the kind of atlas that makes for great reading as well as having important reference value. Run, do not walk, to your library vendor or bookstore and get a copy for your collection.

Penguin Atlas of Women in the World.

Joni Seager. New York: Penguin Books, 2003. pbk., 128 p. \$20 (ISBN: 0142002410).

This is the third "Completely Revised and Updated" edition of a work first published in 1986 as *Women in the World*, and in 1997 as *State of Women in the World Atlas*. Divided into seven broad categories (e.g. Families; Birthrights; Work), some 40 topics are covered in 2-page spreads featuring a variety of colorful, creative, and for the most part clear graphics, including maps, charts, and graphs. Most of the topics are to be expected in a work of this sort, such as domestic violence, contraception, maternal mortality, wages, education, and women in government, with a few unusual (to this reviewer) subjects added, such as "son preference." A 15-page section of comparative "World Tables" is also included. The author doesn't try to hide her feminist perspective, but the information is current and the sources well-documented. Not necessarily for the map collection, but suitable for any general reference collection.

Terrain Analysis of Afghanistan.

Minneapolis: East View Cartographic, 2003. 390 p. \$295 (ISBN: 0974297305).

Our library has purchased a number of the Russian military topographic maps for areas where other mapping is difficult to obtain, including a set of the 1:200K topos for Afghanistan. The Afghanistan series has a more recent publication date than most other countries; almost all of the sheets are dated in the mid-1980s, obviously reflective of the Russian occupation during that decade. The maps are great as maps go, but of limited usefulness if you don't read Russian. They also include a great deal of printed matter on the reverse of each sheet. I was always curious as to what was being described on those maps, and now I know, thanks to this recent publication from East View Cartographic. (<http://www.cartographic.com>)

Terrain Analysis of Afghanistan basically translates the text on each of the 128 sheets in the 200K series. The information contains details on all of the populated places within each quadrangle, including such things as building characteristics, water resources, housing, etc. Road conditions are also described in great detail, as are topography and soil conditions, rivers, vegetation, and climate. Each entry in the book includes a thumbnail image of the topo sheet, an index map showing the location of that particular quadrangle within the country, and a color soil map showing the local soil conditions. A comprehensive index of geographic names completes the work. (Sample pages can be seen on East View's website.) There's a great

deal of information here that seemingly would be difficult if not impossible to obtain elsewhere, and is potentially of great use to any agency or individual involved in that country. Naturally all this comes at a considerable cost. \$295 is the “library sale price,” while those poor peasants in the commercial sector have to ante up \$495. (And if you can afford the book but don’t have the topos, you can pick up a set from Omni for \$1500.)

American Geographers, 1784-1812: A Bio-Bibliographical Guide. Ben A. Smith and James W. Vining. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2003. 312 p. \$79 (ISBN: 0313323364).

This listing of early American geographers necessarily casts a wide net, including individuals “who produced materials or engaged in activities that we might today attribute to the work of a geographer or one who was intent on spreading geographic knowledge.” Over 300 names made the cut, including authors and publishers of geographical texts, cartographers, and surveyors. Some of the names are familiar, e.g. John Melish, Henry Tanner, Mathew Carey, while many more are rather obscure. Each entry usually includes at least several paragraphs of biographical information, followed by what seem to be representative, if not complete, lists of publications.

The amount of biographical data included appears related to the authors’ interest in the individual, and perhaps also to availability of other sources. Susanna Rowson (1792-1824), a British and later American actress, novelist, and author of a couple of geography

textbooks gets three pages of coverage, while Jedidiah Morse, “The Father of American Geography,” barely gets a page. A section of influential “Non-American Geographers” is included, as well as an interesting index by “Geographers’ Vocation/Avocation,” indicating that it was pretty hard to make a living in those days if you just called yourself a geographer. This useful reference work is appropriate for most larger geography and map collections.

Reprint Heaven

Martino Publishing, a Connecticut based publisher of reprints of scholarly bibliographies and other reference works, including about 20 titles dealing with cartography, maintains such a low profile that I sometimes wonder if they really want to sell their books. Until very recently, they did not even have a website (that I could find), something almost unheard of these days. In any case a website has surfaced, containing at least a listing of their titles.

Among the newer additions to their catalog is a facsimile reprint of Louis Karpinski’s *Bibliography of the Printed Maps of Michigan, 1804-1880*, with 104 pages of maps following the 500-plus pages of text. Originally issued in 1931, the reprint sells for \$110. Other recent titles include Gabriel Gravier’s scarce *La Cartographie De Madagascar*, originally published in 1896, and E. Uricoechea’s *Mapoteca Columbiana*, an 1860 publication especially useful for maps of Central and South America, for \$50.

Some perhaps more familiar works

include reprints of Carl Wheat's *Maps of the California Gold Region, 1848-1857* for \$125, Clara LeGear's *List of Geographical Atlases in the Library of Congress*, a 5-volume set for \$350, and Henry Wagner's *Cartography of the Northwest Coast of America to the Year 1800*, 2 volumes in one, for \$125.

These are works that belong in any serious cartographic reference collection. The reprints are admittedly expensive, and the quality of the map reproductions is often questionable, but the originals are usually difficult to find at any price. If you want a more user-friendly ordering experience, as well as a good description of each title, try the Oak Knoll Books site, where an advanced search by publisher and "maps" will bring up all the relevant Martino publications (<http://www.oakknoll.com>).

Briefly Noted

Benchmark Maps has become noted for their award-winning series of state road atlases. The latest addition is the 2003 *Nevada Road & Recreation Atlas*, which features the usual careful attention to road details as well as their beautiful trademark shaded relief "landscape maps." It's a bargain at \$19.95. Other atlases in the series cover Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon, and Utah.

(<http://www.benchmarkmaps.com>)

If you're not a regular peruser of the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, you might want to track down the May 2003 issue. It contains several items about the Geography and Map Divi-

sion, including a cover story on their recent acquisition of the archives of the Hammond World Atlas Corporation.

The Spring/Summer 2001 dual issue of *Cartographica*, Volume 38, Numbers 1&2, which was actually published in July 2003, is a special issue devoted to mountain cartography. The nine articles on this admittedly specialized topic range from "Mountain Cartography in Canada" and "The Mountain panorama and Its Significance in the Scottish Context," to "Avalanche Cartography" and "An Interactive Approach to Analytical Relief Shading." If your library doesn't subscribe, single issues are available from the University of Toronto Press.

Cartographica, the journal of the *Canadian Cartographic Association*, is an excellent publication, even with its delayed publication schedule. But I have to confess I seldom read it carefully if it doesn't pass the "equation test." (The EqT is a quick flip through the pages to see how many articles contain mathematical equations; if more than one or two, the entire issue gets relegated to the "browse later when nothing else to read" pile.) Needless to say, this issue passed the test.



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