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MAGERT ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

*****PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE*****
(Revision #2: -Disregard all previous editions)

June 26, 1992 -- July 1, 1992

Friday, June 26, 1992

- 4:00 p.m. -- 6:00 p.m. Round Table Orientation for Elected Officers
8:00 p.m. -- 11:00 p.m. Open house, MAGERT Suite, Savoy Hotel

Saturday, June 27, 1992

- 8:00 a.m. -- 9:00 a.m. MAGERT Executive Board I (Jim Walsh)
9:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m. GODORT Federal Documents Task Force Federal Agency Update
11:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m. Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Jenny Johnson)
Education Committee (Jim O'Donnell)
Maps in Small Libraries Task Force (Ann Sanders)
12:30 p.m. -- 2:00 p.m. New Members and Executive Board Lunch (Jim Walsh). {All are welcome}. Place to be announced.
2:00 p.m. -- 4:00 p.m. Research Libraries Acquisitions Group Task Force (Mary Larsgaard)
Publications Committee I (Peter Stark)
GODORT Federal Documents Task Force GPO Update
4:15 p.m. -- 5:45 p.m. No Conflict Time; ALA Opening General Session

Saturday, June 27, 1992, continued

5:30 p.m. -- 8:30 p.m. GODORT 20th Anniversary Reception (co-sponsored by MAGERT). Pier 42 (Dolph-Rempp sailing ship)

Sunday, June 28, 1992

8:00 a.m. -- 9:00 a.m. ALA Fun Run/Walk

9:30 a.m. -- 11:00 a.m. Cataloging and Classification Committee (Chris Kollen)
GeoTech Committee (April Carlucci)
Publications Committee II (Peter Stark)

11:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m. Cartographic Statistics Task Force (Charley Seavey)
RBMS/GODORT/MAGERT Joint Committee on Rare Documents (Jim Walsh)
Membership Committee I (Kathy Rankin)
Cartographic Users Advisory Committee (Alice Hudson)

2:00 p.m. -- 4:00 p.m. MAGERT Program #1: Maps for General Library Collections; or You can Get There from Here (April Carlucci)

4:30 p.m. -- 5:30 p.m. ALCTS/CCS/MAGERT Map Cataloging Discussion Group (Nancy Kandoian)
New Orleans/1993 Conference Planning Committee (Pat McGlamery)
Publications Committee III (Peter Stark)

Monday, June 29, 1992

8:00 a.m. -- 9:30 a.m. CIS Breakfast

9:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m. GODORT Program (co-sponsored by MAGERT): Government Information on Compact Disk

2:00 p.m. -- 5:30 p.m. MAGERT Program #2 (co-sponsored by GODORT): TIGER and 1990 Census Data; or How to Handle a Wild Cat! (Pat McGlamery)

Monday, June 29, 1992, continued

7:00 p.m. -- 10:00 p.m. MAGERT Reception, UC Berkeley Map Collection. The MAGERT Honors Award will be presented to the 1992 recipient at this reception. This reception will coincide with a GODORT Reception, which will be held in the UC Berkeley Documents Collection. (The exact time and room locations will be published in the final version of the schedule.)

8:00 p.m. -- 10:00 p.m. No Conflict Time; ALA Membership Meeting I

Tuesday, June 30, 1992

8:00 a.m. -- 9:00 a.m. MAGERT Executive Board, II (Jim Walsh)

9:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m. MAGERT General Membership Meeting I (Jim Walsh)

2:00 p.m. -- 4:00 p.m. MAGERT General Membership Meeting II (Jim Walsh)

Wednesday, July 1, 1992

6:30 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m. MAGERT Field Trip: the Fetzer Food and Wine Center (Hopland, CA) and Domaine Carneros (Tattinger Champagne; Carneros, CA) (Wendy Hassibe)

(revised: 28 February 1992)

MAP AND GEOGRAPHY ROUND TABLE FIELD TRIP 1992

Unique Wine Country Tour

Wednesday, July 1, 1992

6:30 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m.

Maximum: 48
Cost: \$18.00 (does not include lunch)
Deadline: Reservations and prepayment must be made no later than
 June 1, 1992

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Contact: Wendy Hassibe, 703-648-6887; e-mail:
whassibe@usgsresv
Checks to: Wendy Hassibe (sent to and made out to)
(receipts will be mailed prior to the Tour)

The day will begin at 6:30 a.m., where participants will be met at the *Savoy Hotel* in San Francisco. Our tour guide is Kim Hassibe, a close relative of a fellow-MAGERT member. He will be providing background on the wine country we will be seeing and also act as our Host for the scheduled stops. A custom coach (with rest rooms and air conditioning) will take us to Hopland, which is about 110 miles north of San Francisco, an estimated two hour drive, with one quick stop for coffee, etc.!

At 9:00 a.m., the group will be the guests of the Fetzer Food and Wine Center in Hopland. we will spend the morning there, with tours of the very unique wine-making facility and the diverse organic garden. This is truly the most unique Winery in the Napa Valley.

The group will then spend a couple of hours in one of the nearby towns, with time for lunch, browsing, and wonderful selections of wine, fruit, and baked goods. Details on options for lunch will be provided to participants prior to the ALA meeting.

Late in the afternoon, we will be the guests of Domaine Carneros, located in Carneros on the way back to San Francisco. It is operated by Tatinger Champagne in a truly elegant French Chateau.

The group will return to San Francisco at about 8:30 a.m., happy, exhausted, and filled with information about this very special part of California's wine country.

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Name
Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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If you will not be at the Savoy, list hotel

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VA 22092

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FROM THE CHAIR

It's the beginning of March and spring is just around the corner; at least I hope it is. The ALA Annual Conference/San Francisco is, believe it or not, also just around the corner. It is less than four months away!! I'm getting ahead of myself. More on the Annual Conference latter in this column.

The Midwinter Meetings in San Antonio went well. They were productive meetings. Much was accomplished or put into progress at the various committee, task force, and executive board meetings. Thanks to everyone for all of their hard work and dedication. That is what makes MAGERT a successful and dynamic organization. San Antonio was a little ``wet'' but the rain did not dampen anyone's spirits. I look forward to returning to San Antonio. It's a fun city with a lot to offer.

I have included a couple of requests for information in this issue of *base line*. They deal with committee/task force assignments and nominations/volunteers to represent ALA on the IFLA Section of Geography and Map Libraries. Your input on these two items is appreciated and definitely needed.

On to San Francisco!!! I may be a little biased, but the schedule, program, and activities look great for San Francisco. This is the result of hard work and planning of the members of the San Francisco Planning Committee and the local arrangements people. They deserve all of the credit. The information on the joint MAGERT/GODORT Hotel (The Savoy) appeared in the February issue of *base line*. What's new in this issue?

First, and *PLEASE NOTE*, there is a revised (and I mean revised) MAGERT schedule in this issue. This supersedes any other schedule you may have seen, including the schedule that appeared in the February issue of *base line*. A final MAGERT schedule will appear in the June issue of *base line* and hotel and room assignments will be included on the final schedule.

There will only be two programs this year, however the TIGER program is a double session. The TIGER program is preceded by a the GODORT program on CD-ROMs in the morning (see announcement in this issue), making Monday, June 29, 1992, a CD-ROM day. I have rearranged the MAGERT schedule so that no MAGERT meetings conflict with either of these programs.

Finally, information on the all-day, wine tour, scheduled for July 1, is included. It sounds great and the price is right. It should be a fun day.

I want to close by acknowledging the ``new and improved look'' of **base line**, which began with the February issue. Kudos to Nan Butkovich and Jim Coombs.

That's all from me. Enjoy!!

Jim Walsh
Chair

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

I would appreciate it if all committee chairs and task force coordinators would send a complete membership list of their committee or task force. Please include the following information for each committee/task force member: name, mailing address, telephone number, term/length of appointment, and fax number and e-mail address, if applicable. Some of you have done this already. Thanks and I appreciate it. I would like to provide the incoming chair, Pat McGlamery, with a complete and up-to-date list of committee and task force assignments. Please send the information to: Jim Walsh, O'Neill Library, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167; 617-552-3354; walshop@bcvms (bitnet), walshop@bcvms.bc.edu (internet). Thanks for your cooperation.

ALA REPRESENTATIVE TO IFLA

The ALA International Relations Committee is looking for appropriate nominations to the standing committees of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). Specifically, MAGERT needs to nominate an individual to serve on the Section of Geography and Map Libraries. The two ALA representatives currently serving on the Section of Geography and Map Libraries are: David A. Cobb (1991-1995) and Gary North (1989-1993). Gary's appointment is the one that must be filled because he cannot be reappointed to serve on the

section at this time. If you are interested, need additional information, or wish to nominate an individual, please contact: Jim Walsh, O'Neill Library, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167; 617-552-3354; walshop@bcvms (bitnet), walshop@bcvms.bc.edu (internet). I must submit a nomination to ALA Headquarters prior to the San Francisco Annual Conference. Thanks for your help.

TIGER PROGRAM AT ALA/SAN FRANCISCO

The Map and Geography Round Table (MAGERT) and the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) are co-sponsoring the program: *TIGER and 1990 Census Data; or How to Handle a Wild Cat!* It is scheduled for Monday, June 29, 1992, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (place to be announced later). The moderator will be Pat McGlamery of the University of Connecticut.

The session will open with a keynote address by a leading GIS software company executive. The keynote address will be followed by sessions on TIGER and Census data manipulation. Bob Bolin, University of Idaho, will speak on TIGER and what must be done to the TIGER/Line Files to generate Census maps. Bill Middleton, Columbia University, will address the issue of how to import 1990 Census data and produce thematic maps.

Finally, invitations will be sent to the GIS software companies who have participated in the TIGER Test Project. The plan is to get as many of these companies as possible to attend the program and demonstrate their software package and the results it produces using the TIGER/Line Files.

June 29th will be a complete day of programs on CD-ROMs. On Monday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., GODORT will be offering a program (co-sponsored by MAGERT) entitled: Government Information on CD-ROM: Making It Work for You. This program will consist of a panel of experienced government documents librarians and they will share their techniques on facilitating access to U.S. government information on CD-ROMs.

For additional information on the TIGER program, please contact: Jim Walsh, Chair--MAGERT, O'Neill Library, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167; 617-552-3354; walshop@bcvms (bitnet); walshop@bcvms.bc.edu (internet).

NEW MAPS

Europe

Deutsche Detailkarte 1:250,000. 1992. Falk-Verlag. 7. *Nordrhein-Westfalen*. ISBN 3-88445-417-X. 9.80 DM. 12. *Bayern-Sud*. ISBN 3-88445-422-6. 9.80 DM. (PH)

Soviet Republics: a political and economic overview. 15 maps on one sheet. 1991. Scales differ. 86x84 cm. Washington, DC: Office of the Geographer, US Department of State. \$12.00. Available through NTIS, 5285 Port Royal, Springfield, VA 22161-2171 (703/487-4650). Document # PB91-928102. OCLC 24490077.

Whiskey map of Scotland. Rev. ed. 1990. Scale not given. 51x42 cm. on sheet 102x77 cm. Edingurgh: Bartholomew. OCLC 23970182.

Middle East and Asia

Ancient Near East and Lands of the Bible. 1991. No scale given. 90x137 cm. Compiled by Nicholas Postgate, Trinity College, Cambridge. Sponsored by the Classical Association. Available from Routledge, Chapman & Hall, Inc., 29 West 35th St., NY, NY 10001.

Geological map of Bangladesh. 1990. 1:1,000,000. 97x113 cm. Dhaka: Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources. \$10.00 from the Survey, Bhutatta Bhaban, 153 Pioneer Rd., Segun Bagicha, Dhaka, 1000.

Indian explorers of the 19th century. 1990. 1:4,000,000. 43x80 cm. on sheet 71x91 cm. New Delhi: Survey of India. OCLC 24502343.

Mt. Everest. 1990. Scale not given. 56x50 cm. on sheet 89x62 cm. New Delhi: Survey of India. OCLC 24512347.

North America

Arizona general soil map. [1990]. 1:1,000,000. 97x61 cm. Washington, DC: US Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. OCLC 23652455.

Campgrounds of Virginia, 1990. 1990. Scale not given. 22x49 cm., on sheet 44x61 cm. Richmond, VA: Virginia Travel Council. The Council, PO Box 15067, Richmond, VA 23277. OCLC 24502961.

Chinatown, Washington, DC. [1990?] No scale given. 12x25 cm. on sheet 22x44 cm. Washington, DC: District of Columbia Government. OCLC 23216863.

Georgia traffic map, state highway system. 1990. Scale not given. 69x59 cm. folded to 23x13 cm. Atlanta: Georgia Department of Transportation. Shows "Annual average 24 hour traffic, all types of motor vehicles, based on 1989 traffic data." OCLC 23650788.

Ground-water resources of Fayette County. 1990. Scale ca 1:62,500. 83x74 cm. Columbus, OH: Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Ground Water Resources Section. OCLC 23651545.

Hudson County [New Jersey] transit guide. 1991. No scale given. 60x56 cm. folded to 21x10 cm. Michael Hertz Associates. Available from: NJ Transit Hudson River Waterfront Transportation Office, 2 Journal Square Plaza, 8th floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306. Free. (NK)

New Jersey transit guide. 1990. Scale ca. 1:19,000. 60x65 cm. folded to 21x10 cm. Reineck & Reineck. Available from: NJ Transit Hudson River Waterfront Transportation Office. Free. (NK)

Oregon golf courses general location map. 1990. Scale ca.: 1:1,000,000. 62x61 cm. folded to 24x15 cm. Portland, OR: Golf Day Productions. OCLC 23652453.

Passenger terminals, Los Angeles International Airport. 1990. Scale not given. 21x38 cm. folded to 23x10 cm. Los Angeles: Automobile Club of Southern California, 2601 Figueroa St., 90007. OCLC 23652571.

Professional baseball leagues, majors and minors. 1990. Scale ca. 1:7,000,000. 47x69 cm. Jacksonville, AL: Beavis (firm.) Includes indexes and list of Mexican leagues. OCLC 2365459.

Prospect Park and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. 2nd ed. 1990. 1:4,800. Greensward Foundation, Inc. Available from: The Prospect Park Alliance, 95 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215. \$2.50 by mail. "1st ed. was 1972. 42x55 cm." (NK)

San Francisco [Calif.]. Ed./Ausg. 1992. 1:20,000. ISBN 3-88445-291-6. Falk-Verlag. "One of the few maps of the city that shows built-up areas." Indexed. 9.80 DM. (PH)

Susquehanna River, access points in Lancaster and York counties. 1990. Scale ca. 1:164,736. 52x26 cm. on sheet 65x28 cm. Lancaster, PA: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. OCLC 24501459.

Tectonic map of Texas. 1 map of 4 sheets. 1990. 1:750,000. Austin: University of Texas at Austin, Bureau of Economic Geology. Includes accompanying text. Available from the Bureau. Austin, TX 78713 (512/471-7721). OCLC 24401134.

Update on park & ride options: Washington, DC metropolitan area. 1991. Scale ca. 1:162,000. Designed by Bowring Cartographic for the WMATA Office of Marketing. Washington: Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority. OCLC 24501601.

U.S. & Canadian portland cement plants and terminals. 1990. Scale not given. 66x99 cm. Chicago: Maclean Hunter Publishing Company. OCLC 24107232.

ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

Ellen R. Caplan of OCLC was kind enough to point out that in the column in which I listed the changes in OCLC's Update 3 which affect Map Format I missed one. She wrote that with Update 3 coding for reproductions which are cataloged according to LCRI 11.0 will now contain coding in the fixed field for the original and not the reproduction (except for the field Repr). This affects the fixed fields Ctry, Dat tp, and Dates. This means that the information for these fields should come from the body of the entry and not from the 533 field. If users need to code data for the microform, that information is contained in the 539 field. The revision pages for the Book Format which were issued in November 1991 contain instructions on this in the introduction and in the pages about the Ctry and Dates fixed fields. There is also more information in the revision on how to code the 539 field.

This may or may not affect map catalogers depending on how they catalog reproductions--whether they follow LC's Geography and Maps Division procedures or the Library of Congress Rule Interpretations. Because of this users of OCLC should be careful when searching reproductions, particularly microforms as one does not know which date has been used in the fixed field for microform reproductions or other reproductions which contain a 533 field. Therefore users should either not qualify by date when searching these types of items or should search both dates. OCLC will probably do conversions on existing records to change Ctry, Dat tp, and Dates on records with 533 fields.

The following is information from the meeting of the MAGERT Map Cataloging and Classification Committee meeting held at ALA Midwinter in San Antonio on January 26, 1992.

Susan Moore, liaison to MARBI, said that MARBI was voting that day on a format for community information. Proposal 92.4, which is to add a field to authority records to allow for subdivision, and Proposal 784, to continue using geographic subdivisions in indirect form, passed. A proposal to create a 514 field for a more intelligent contents note did not pass. Instead, the 505 field will be redefined to enable it to be used for tables of contents, and a subfield t will be added so that titles can be indexed as keywords. A subfield g will also be added to the 505 field to add other information. The Library of Congress

has also proposed that the ALA character set be expanded to include the degree sign, the symbol which indicates sections in laws, the cents sign, and several other characters. Action on this proposal was postponed until ALA's convention in June. The upside down question mark and exclamation point and the curved brackets have been added to the ALA character set. MARBI was also going to discuss a proposal to add a field for the UPC code during Midwinter. If you have comments on any of these proposals, you may send them to Susan Moore at the University of Arizona.

The Satellite Imagery Subcommittee is discussing a proposal which includes a definition of satellite imagery which would be used as a subject subdivision in parallel with the subfield Maps. Remote sensing images and Aerial photographs might also be used as subdivisions.

Betsy Mangan gave a report from the Library of Congress Geography and Maps Division. Ralph Ehrenberg is the new chief of that division. Betsy Mangan is the acting Head of Cataloging. Dick Stephenson retired on January 3rd. This division was told they have to eliminate their arrearage, which currently totals 16,000 items. They have asked for two more catalogers. Betsy is on the Standards Task Force of the Federal Geographics Data Committee.

The CC:DA Committee is still working on the guidelines for multiple versions. If the committee is allowed to exist for another six months, they will be able to get the document finished. They are also extending the definition of the edition in the glossary of AACR2 because the present definition would negate multiple versions.

The Library of Congress has been working on cataloging simplification. They have decided they will not reduce the number of access points for name headings, stop providing title added entries for alternative expressions of the title proper (such as titles containing ampersands, initials, numbers, symbols, abbreviations or symbols), simplify the choice of main entry when a text is published with its commentary, stop tracing ALL series, stop establishing corporate and geographic names used in series qualifiers, and stop making "see also" references between unnumbered series. A proposal to stop establishing names that do not have conflicts or cross references has also been thrown out. Other proposals that are still being discussed are to eliminate transcribing addresses for minor publishers in the 265 field, and to only record the ISBN that pertains to what one is cataloging. Only the price that goes with that ISBN would be recorded.

Recommendations from the Subject Subdivisions Conference are also being discussed by the Library of Congress. One proposal is "Under topical headings (as opposed to name or place headings), place, chronological, and form subdivisions shall be applied as needed and on an individual basis, based on the judgement of the cataloger as to their appropriateness to the item being cataloged. If the cataloger chooses to apply subdivisions, the subdivisions should always appear in the following order: topical, geographical, chronological, form." Whether each heading can be divided geographically or not would be stated. The Library of Congress is getting rid of many inverted subject headings. Chronological subdivisions such as --Civil War, 1861-1865 would be changed to --1861-1865 (Civil War) in order to facilitate more logical displays

in online systems. Subdivisions would be simplified. Some examples are that --Description and travel would be used under names of cities instead of --Description and --Description and travel--Views would be replaced by --Pictorial works except for maps, which can use the subdivision--Aerial views. some free-floating subdivisions under place would be eliminated. One of these subdivisions is --Public lands. Shelflisting would also be simplified.

Betsy Mangan reported on AACCCM. National forests have been moved from the name file to the subject file. Whether or not any atlas with a date such as the Mobile guides should be cataloged as a serial is being discussed. ALA is interested in publishing a new edition of AACCCM. Anyone who finds validation errors in map records on OCLC under PRISM and can't figure out why the are errors should contact Ellen Caplan at OCLC.

Please send any map cataloging new items, questions, or comments to me at my new address, which is Katherine Rankin, 3189 Brazos St., Las Vegas, NV 89109. My e-mail addresses are krankin@nevada2 (Bitnet) and krankin@nevada.edu (Internet), and my work phone number is (704) 739-3062.

NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the Map and Geography Round Table, I am happy to welcome sixteen new personal members and two new institutional members. They are:

Patricia L. Harris, Montgomery, AL
Eugene A. Lynch, Mystic, CT
Roger D. Siebert, Hayward, CA
Joseph M. Winkler, Saint Louis, MO
Alena F. Chadwick, Iowa City, IA
Linda J. Herreman, Indianapolis, IN
Elizabeth Hood, El Segundo, CA
Carol J. La Russa, Davis, CA
Hilda Marchart, Chicago, IL
Jeffrey D. Morehead, Los Angeles, CA
Barbara Weatherall, Champaign, IL
Linda Azen, Seal Beach, CA
Debra D. Lords, West Valley, UT
Linda L. Rauenbuehler, Fayetteville, NC
Curtis G. Robbins, Pittsburgh, PA
Christopher J. J. Thiry, Ann Arbor, MI
King Fahd National Library, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Lincoln Trail Libraries System, Champaign, IL

If any of you are at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA, you are welcome to attend the New Members and Executive Board Lunch, which is (tentatively) scheduled to be held from 12:30-2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 27 June

1992. The details (place, for instance) haven't been worked out; check the final MAGERT schedule in the June base line for details! (You don't have to be a new member or a member of the Executive Committee to attend; all are welcome.) Hope to see you there! (KR)

JUSTIFICATIONS FOR CATALOGING SPATIAL DATA

The following document is a result of work done by the MAGERT Map Cataloging and Classification Committee, especially Phil Hoehn and Mary Larsgaard. If anyone has any comments please submit them to: Chris Kollen, University of Arizona, Main Library, Map Collection, Tucson, AZ 85721; phone: (602) 621-4312; e-mail: kollen@arizrvax.bitnet. After comments have been received, it will be available as an open-file report.

REASONS WHY SPATIAL DATA NEEDS TO BE CATALOGED

1a. Uncataloged materials are wasteful of staff time; cataloging time is spent ONCE - reference time spent answering the same question over and over again is very expensive.

b. When spatial data is cataloged, reference questions change from very time-consuming (where are all your geologic maps of Santa Barbara?) to questions that can be answered quickly, and by inexpensive help, e.g. student assistants (where do I find all these call numbers?)

2. Improved access for patrons and staff:

a. Patrons are not mind-readers; if something does not appear in the catalog (online or hard copy), patrons will generally not know that it exists.

b. Without cataloging, there is only one access point (call number or other filing device). With cataloging, not only does one gain access via author/publisher and series (especially important for selection work then checking a

publisher's list and for geologic maps where the user frequently has a citation by author, title or series to a specific map), but also to multiple geographic areas and subjects.

c. OPACs and the utilities (e.g., OCLC's EPIC) provide access to needed maps that would be too labor-intensive and perhaps even impossible to find without cataloging. For example, one can search all maps published prior to a certain date, or all maps of a given area in a specified language (all maps of California in Spanish, for example), all maps which show mosquito distribution, all maps on a certain projection, etc.

d. Cataloged maps, particularly when records are in the Library's main catalog, have increased use as more patrons discover maps on their own - perhaps not even knowing that a map would be of assistance. This enables the institution to get its full value from the maps it has paid to acquire and house.

3. Resource sharing:

Without sharable MARC records, it is extremely difficult and expensive for institutions to learn what maps another library has. Successful cooperative collection development and interlibrary lending remain a dim hope without machine-readable records.

4. Saving patron and staff time:

a. Preparing bibliographies and lists. It is a simple matter to photocopy catalog cards, or to make a printout down load from an OPAC, that reflect the Library's holdings of maps suitable to a given user query. Without a catalog, the patron or staff member must go to all the maps (assuming they are all in the drawer or on the shelf) and laboriously copy down titles (frequently important information such as cartographer, publisher, or date is not on the maps and can only be found by consulting another institutions's catalog or another cartobibliography). Online catalogs can be searched from a variety of locations, even from patrons' homes or offices, making trip to the map collection in person unnecessary.

b. A catalog is the only reasonably efficient way to search for similar maps regardless of physical format. Most institutions have maps in at least four formats, with separate shelving locations - flat; rolled; folded; and microform. Many have an even more complex shelving structure to accommodate multiple varieties of microforms as well as remote-sensing imagery and digital data.

5. Circulation and inventory control:

Circulating uncataloged maps is a manual operation. Cataloged collections (especially if they are online) are amenable to fast and inexpensive automated circulation. In the absence of a catalog, one can never be certain what the collections is supposed to own (in only the tiniest collections is it likely that the staff has every item memorized; and if the regular staff is not present, what then?) If one goes to the appropriate part of the file and does not find needed maps, it could mean either the library does not own them, or that it does but the maps are stolen, lost, misfiled, or in use.

6. Preservation:

Rifling through maps to discover the item(s) needed wreaks havoc/untold damage on maps (which are single sheets of paper and therefore relatively fragile), but it's the only recourse in a uncataloged collection. With a catalog, much of the wear and tear is shifted to catalog cards or to a computer terminal, which are inherently tougher material than a single sheet of paper. Thus the institution's conservation costs are considerable lessened by having a cataloged collection.

BASE LINE SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Each issue of **base line** represents contributions from a lot of people. Most come on paper - which is fine, since most contributions are less than a page in length. Occasionally, however, people need to send a longer document. When that happens, I'd appreciate receiving a copy of the document on disk as well as in print copy. I can accept the following disk formats: 3 1/2" disk (720K or 1.44Mb) or 5 1/4" disk (360K ONLY!!! Double sided, double density). Software requirements are: Word 5.5 or ASCII. If you have Word 5.0 or 5.1, go ahead and send it; I may be able to use it. Always send an ASCII file! There are a couple other things that speed the process along: 1) please attach a note letting me know what files I'm supposed to use, and 2) PLEASE!!! send a print copy of the text!!!! Strange things happen to disks between the time they leave your hands and arrive in mine. If worse comes to worse, I can rekey the text, although the longer the document, the less likely I am to do it! Thanks for your help and keep all those contributions (print and electronic!) coming!

PERSONALS

Katherine Rankin's mailing address has changed to:

3189 Brazos St.
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Her telephone number and e-mail addresses remain the same. (KR)

Dan Seldin also has some address changes. (He moved his library.) His new address is:

Student Building 015
Bloomington, IN 47405
Tel.: 812/855-1108
FAX: 812/855-4919
Bitnet: Seldin@IUBACS
Internet: Seldin@UCS.Indiana.edu.

AND FROM THE EDITOR

My thanks to everyone who sent me an e-mail message regarding the arrival date of the last issue. Now, I'd like to ask everyone to do it again for this issue. When you receive this issue, please send me an e-mail message letting me know the date you received your copy. With data from two issues, I can get a better picture of the delivery situation. Thanks again!

Spring is, I think, coming to central Pennsylvania. Maybe by the time you receive this, it will have finally stopped snowing. The last snow gave the daffodils a good case of frostbite, so I guess that I wasn't the only one who thought that it was time for spring!

Elsewhere in this issue is a description of software and disk requirements for lengthy contributions to **base line**. Please double check your files before sending them; I'm a little late getting this to Jim because I had to rekey several lengthy items. (Strange things were happening to disks this time). To everyone who sent contributions, print or electronic, THANK YOU!!! I tried to get as many as possible into this issue, so I need lots of material for the next one! Keep sending them in!

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
 MAP AND GEOGRAPHY ROUND TABLE
 TREASURER'S REPORT, FY 1990/91

| | Annual Budget | Actual |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| BALANCE FORWARD | | 17,107 |
| REVENUES | | |
| Membership dues | 4,900 | 7,251 |
| Sales (Books, Pamphlets, Misc) | 1,700 | 4,250 |
| <u>base line</u> /Subscriptions | 2,000 | 2,121 |
| <u>base line</u> /Advertising | 000 | 000 |
| <u>Meridian</u> /Subscriptions | 7,000 | 6,417 |
| <u>Meridian</u> /Advertising | 4,000 | 2,801 |
| Donations, Royalties, Misc. | 300 | 350 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 19,900 | 23,188 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| <u>Administrative</u> | | |
| Travel | 700 | 840 |
| Operating | 150 | 4,847 |
| Conference/meetings | 1585 | 3,320 |
| Printing/publishing related | 0 | 1,030 |
| Inter-Unit Transfers | 400 | -139 |
| SUBTOTAL | 2,835 | 9,898 |
| <u>base line</u> | | |
| Operating | 2,500 | 1,154 |
| Printing/publishing related | 2,060 | 4,745 |
| Inter-Unit Transfers | 060 | 58 |
| SUBTOTAL | 4,620 | 5,957 |
| <u>Meridian</u> | | |
| Operating | 1,700 | 409 |
| Meetings | 000 | 270 |
| Printing/publishing related | 5,850 | 7,614 |
| Inter-Unit Transfers | 60 | 19 |
| SUBTOTAL | 7,610 | 8,312 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 15,065 | 24,167 |
| ENDING BALANCE (Aug 31, 1991) | | 16,126 |

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ALA MAGERT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

27 January 1992

Marriot Rivercenter

Jim Walsh, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Other officers present were: Julia Gelfand, Immediate Past-Chair; Pat McGlamery, Vice-chair/Chair-Elect; Suzanne Clark, Treasurer; Jenny Marie Johnson, Secretary. The minutes of the 1991 Annual Conference Executive Board meetings were approved as they appeared in the October 1991 base line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAGERT will have a "literature basket" at the Annual Conference in San Francisco.

NGDC is releasing 30-second data for PC's.

The Post Office will be releasing World War II commemorative stamp sets with maps in the center; the cost is for the ten stamps included.

There is a small block of rooms reserved at the Savoy Hotel for the Annual Conference in San Francisco.

CHAIR'S REPORT -- Jim Walsh

Thanks were extended to Mark Thomas for his work in arranging for the Menger to be the MAGERT/GODORT hotel, which worked out very well, and for his postings on Maps-L and Govdoc-L. Jim asked for input on scheduling MAGERT meetings. He attended a Friday evening of round table chairs and vice-chairs which was organized by Julia Gelfand. There will be another orientation session in San Francisco on June 26. Thirteen attended the new members breakfast; two were new members. The new members function in San Francisco will be a lunch. Jim has mailed letters of appointment to committee chairs and task force coordinators. Liaison and committee member letters will be out soon. Jim needs names and addresses of committee appointees. Jim also asked that committees consider coordinating with other committees if their activities are related and that committees consider reviewing their charges to examine whether or not the committee still needs to exist.

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT -- Pat McGlamery

Pat is looking for program ideas for the New Orleans Annual Conference (1993). Possibilities thus far are reporting on the ARL GIS literacy project

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and digitizing of the L'Enfant Plan. He also needs t-shirt ideas and a local contact.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Suzanne Clark

The Treasurer's Report reflects the transition between liaisons. This was the first year in many that MAGERT spent more than it took in. A tentative budget needs to be submitted to JoAn Segal prior to mid-February. In the past, the budget had been set by Verna, not by MAGERT. There was a considerable discussion about the credibility of budgeting and reporting, especially when reports tend to arrive quite late. All information about expenses and revenues need to be sent to Suzanne.

IMMEDIATE PAST-CHAIR -- Julia Gelfand

The **MAGERT Organization Manual** is 64-65 pages long. A quick task force of Donna Koepp, Mary Larsgaard, Jim Walsh, Jenny Marie Johnson, and Julia was formed for a final review. Jim will copy the committee descriptions and send them to committee chairs for review.

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPORTS

Cataloging and Classification -- Chris Kollen

The committee discussed the draft prepared by the subcommittee on subject subdivisions for remotely sensed imagery. Two possible subdivisions are being proposed: Satellite images and Remotely sensed images. They also discussed coding the 007 field for satellite images. Reports from Susan Moore, liaison to MARBI, and Elizabeth Mangan, LC G&M and AACCCM, liaison were discussed as were proposed cataloging modifications from the Library of Congress.

Education -- Jim O'Donnell

The committee is examining instructional units on serials cataloging for ideas on developing similar units about maps.

Geographic Information Technology -- Pat McGlamery

The committee is working on a survey of hardware and software which will be distributed through Maps-L, Govdoc-L, and **base line**. They are also looking at problems of cataloging digital data and hope to feed problems into the Cataloging and Classification Committee.

Honors/Awards -- Julia Gelfand

There will be a MAGERT award given at the MAGERT reception on Monday evening at the 1992 Annual Conference. The honoree will be told in advance to insure his/her attendance. A biographical sketch of the honoree will appear in the June **base line**. The MAGERT literature award will alternate with the MAGERT children's literature award; the literature award is scheduled to be given in 1992 and the children's award is scheduled for 1993. It is possible that these awards will not be given every year. Currently there is not a corporate sponsor; Julia is working on this.

Membership -- Katherine Rankin

The committee has been working on two projects since the Annual Conference: a mailing to those indicating interest in MAGERT at our booth last June and a mailing to the people listed in the second edition of **Guide to U.S. Map Resources**. It had been hoped to do the mailing to interested people immediately after the June conference but this was actually not possible to do until December; but this might remind people of us when they renewed their ALA memberships at the end of the year. The committee has two new members, Claire Englander (UC Berkeley) and Thomas Zogg (University of Minnesota, Duluth). Claire has volunteered to be the New Member Liaison. She will be sending out letters to new and reinstated members and surveys to those who drop their MAGERT membership. Katherine will continue to maintain the database of MAGERT members' names and addresses. At the end of December 1991, MAGERT had 430 members; last December MAGERT had 452 members. During 1991 15 new members were added (24 last year); 3 members were reinstated (5 last year); and 21 dropped their memberships (12 last year). The most common reasons given for dropping membership were no longer working with maps and can no longer afford to belong to ALA. It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously for the Membership Committee to send MAGERT ribbons to new members.

Nominations -- Julia Gelfand

Wendy Hassibe (USGS) is the nominee for vice-chair/chair-elect. Margaret Brill (Duke) and Mark Thomas (Texas A&M) are the nominees for Treasurer. MAGERT needs voter turnout! A notice will be placed in **base line** about the elections.

Program Planning-San Francisco -- Jim Walsh

The April **base line** will contain a revised schedule for the Annual Conference; the February version is no longer up to date and should be disregarded. The Sunday afternoon program (2-4pm) will be on maps for general libraries. The Monday afternoon program will be a longer than normal session (2-5:30pm) and will concentrate on TIGER. GODORT will be holding a session about government information on CD-ROM on Monday morning (9am-12:30pm). So that MAGERT members can attend this session, meetings normally scheduled for Monday morning will be held on Saturday afternoon; there will not be a program scheduled for Saturday afternoon. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that MAGERT should co-sponsor the program on CD-ROM. It was also moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that GODORT should be approached about co-sponsoring the program on TIGER. GODORT will be celebrating its 20th anniversary with a reception on the **Dolph-Rempp**, a clipper ship in dry dock at pier 42, on Sunday evening. Friday evening there will be a reception at the MAGERT suite, and there will also be a reception at University of California, Berkeley on Monday evening. The MAGERT field trip will be on July 1 to visit wineries north of San Francisco.

Publications -- Peter Stark

The committee is tightening its structure and opening lines of communication; job descriptions are being prepared for a number of positions. The committee is considering establishing a series board, which would report to the committee, to oversee the production of series such as the Occasional Papers and Circulars. **Meridian** is getting back on track; number 7, concentrating on the BGN 100th

anniversary, should be available early in the spring. **base line** has a new look with volume 13. Occasional Paper 3, the index to **Wheat**, will be available in February or March for \$35. Circular 1 on bibliographic citations will cost \$10 and is available from Kathryn Womble, distribution manager. Occasional Paper 4 on mapping the national parks will be available in February 1993; Jenny Marie Johnson is the editor and Donna Koepp is the production manager. David Cobb will be supplying the introduction; the committee hopes that the preface will be provided by someone in the National Park Service. The committee has also worked on revising the membership brochure, the publications brochure, and the **Meridian** brochure.

Research Libraries Acquisitions Group -- Chris Kollen

The group discussed replacement costs of maps. David Allen's co-operative collection development project (listing of set holdings) was also discussed briefly.

Cartographic Statistics Task Force -- Charley Seavey

The task force discussed the first annual survey which will be sent to ARL map collections soon. There may be a session at New Orleans on accurate counting and data.

Cartographic Users Advisory Committee -- Margaret Brill

CUAC will not be meeting until fall 1992. Issues being tackled include: USGS/Forest Service cooperative maps; GNIS CD-ROM availability; printing from Census CD-ROM's; FEMA floodplain maps. Margaret asked that other issues be brought to her attention.

LIAISON REPORTS

ALCTS-CCS CC:DA -- Elizabeth Mangan

The Multiple Version Task Force met on Friday afternoon and decided that the guideline document for cataloging reproductions could be completed within the next few months if CC:DA would extend the task force for another six months. None of the topics on the agenda for CC:DA are directly related to cartographic materials. The committee did vote to extend the MUL/VER task force for six months and established a task force to review and suggest modifications to the AACR2R glossary definition for "edition" since the current definition, if strictly interpreted, would negate the concept of multiple versions. CC:DA also discussed the descriptive cataloging aspects of the Library of Congress document on proposed cataloging modifications.

Library and Information Technology Association -- Pat McGlamery

Pat will be participating in the LITA conference being held in Denver in October 1992. He is organizing a program on sharing spatial data.

Library of Congress Geography and Map Division -- Elizabeth Mangan

Ralph Ehrenberg has been named chief of the division. Elizabeth Mangan has been named acting head of the Catalog unit in addition to her duties as head of the Data Preparation & Files Maintenance Unit. She has also been named to represent the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Material's secretariat which is currently located at the Library of Congress.

Richard Stephenson and Michael Bochno retired January 3, 1992. Arrearage reduction continues as the division has been instructed to clear the "inventoried" arrearage by the close of calendar 1993. The "inventoried" arrearage are those items which were identified by the Special Projects Team during 1989. The division has become active on the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) with Ralph Ehrenberg serving on the Steering Committee, Elizabeth Mangan being named to the Working Group on Standards, and Gary Fitzpatrick on a subcommittee. As the work of the various subcommittees and working groups develop, other G&M staff members may also become involved.

North East Map Organization -- Pat McGlamery

The next meeting will be at Rutgers; meetings usually have 40-50 attendees. Many NEMO members belong to neither ALS nor SLA. Susan Goodman is Capt'n.

United States Geological Survey -- Wendy Hassibe

Wendy displayed a number of new brochures and discussed recent publications. Al Watkins, formerly at the EROS Data Center, is the new National Mapping Division Chief; he is action and results oriented and is urging resolution of a number of long outstanding problems. The closure of ESIC offices was discussed as was the distribution of the GNIS on CD-ROM. The digital chart of the world will be coming out soon on four CD's; it will sell for \$200 and will include ESRI developed access software.

OLD BUSINESS

MAGERT needs to notify ALA about the dues increase which was approved at the 1991 Annual Conference so that the correct information will appear in the **ALA Organization Manual**.

The Membership Committee presented a formal proposal to send a mailing to all persons listed in the second edition of **Guide to U.S. Map Resources**; this had previously been discussed at the 1991 Annual Conference. The proposal was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Alice Hudson never received her copy of the 1990 Honors Award. Jim will talk to Brent Allison, who was chair at the time, to find a way to rectify the situation. A mechanism to standardize the production of award certificates will be proposed for the board's consideration at the 1992 Annual Conference.

The MAGERT public relations coordinator will be put on the agenda for the San Francisco meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to send Johnnie Sutherland a letter of recognition for his work in starting and managing Maps-L.

It was agreed that the MAGERT Constitution and By-Laws should always appear in **base line** after changes have been approved by the membership.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that MAGERT should send letters of recognition to Richard Stephenson and John Walter upon the occasion of their retirements and a letter of congratulation to Ralph Ehrenberg for his appointment as chief of the Geography and Map Division.

RLAG will contact the ACRL standards committee to find out how standards are formulated in hopes of finding ways to work with this committee in the future.

MAGERT needs to submit a nominee to IFLA prior to the 1992 Annual Conference; it is time to replace Gary North. Names should be sent to Jim Walsh. It is very important to fill this position and not to lose it.

A donation for the GODORT 20th anniversary celebration was discussed. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that Jim Walsh be authorized to offer up to but no more than \$500 based on GODORT needs. It was also agreed that Jim would write a letter of congratulations to GODORT.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Marie Johnson,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bart Austhof | U. of Nebraska |
| Margaret Brill | Duke U. |
| Nan Butkovich | Penn. State |
| Suzanne Clark | U. of Vermont |
| David A. Cobb | U. of Illinois |
| Charlotte Derksen | Stanford |
| Julia Gelfand | U. of California, Irvine |
| Wendy Hassibe | USGS |
| Jennie Marie Johnson | U. of Washington |
| Nancy Kandoian | NYPL |
| Chris Kollen | U. of Arizona |
| Donna Koepp | U. of Kansas |
| Melissa Lamont | U. of Virginia |
| Elizabeth Mangan | LC G&M |
| George F. McCleary, Jr. | U. of Kansas |
| Pat McGlamery | U. of Connecticut |
| Jim O'Donnell | Caltech. |
| Katherine Rankin | U. of Nevada, Las Vegas |
| Charley Seavey | U. of Arizona |
| Daniel T. Seldin | Indiana U. |
| Peter Stark | U. of Oregon |
| Paul Stout | Ball State U. |
| Mark Thomas | Texas A&M |
| Jim Walsh | Boston College |

NMRT MENTOR PROGRAM

Are you a student or new librarian planning to attend the ALA annual meeting in San Francisco this coming June? Would you like to have a mentor at the conference--someone to talk to, to help you acclimate?

Or are you a seasoned conference-goer who would like to share your experience with a student or first-time attendee?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the **Conference Mentor Project** is for you! The Minorities Recruitment Committee of NMRT is sponsoring this project to help make new attendees feel at ease at a conference whose size can often be overwhelming and intimidating.

What is a mentor, anyway? A mentor is a wise and trusting guide or counselor. In the context of ALA conferences, it is someone who can help the new librarian or library student negotiate a path amongst the numerous meetings, programs, exhibits and acronyms.

Members of the ethnic minority or underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to participate in this program.

Mentees (those being mentored) may be library science students, new librarians, first-time conference attendees, or anyone who would like to feel more comfortable attending the annual conference.

The only qualification for being a mentor is to have a sincere interest in helping someone else get the most out of the conference. This involves being a good listener, a thoughtful advisor, and a role model. Mentors should expect to meet at least once with their mentees during the conference, to answer questions, give guidance, or just to listen. This is the minimum; more contact during the conference, or even after it is over, is encouraged. Mentors can be from any ALA division or affiliate group in order to show the mentees the many opportunities for involvement in ALA.

In order to participate, just fill out the form and mail it to Laine Stambaugh, Knight Library, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403 by June 1, 1992. Mentors and mentees will be matched based on the information provided; mentors will have the responsibility of contacting mentees before the conference to arrange to get together.

APPLICATION FOR SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE MENTOR PROGRAM

The Minorities Recruitment Committee of the New Members Round Table is sponsoring a conference mentorship program at the ALA annual meeting in San Francisco. The program will match experienced conference-goers with students and others new to the profession, to help them get the most out of their conference experience. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return it by the deadline.

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:()

Fax:()

E-mail:

I would like to be a: mentor.
 mentee.

Do you consider yourself to be a member of an underrepresented group?
 Yes No

Mentors and mentees, please check the appropriate lines below to help us match you up by areas of interest.

Type of institution you are interested in or have had experience in:

Public Library Academic Library
 School Library Special Library
 Other (please specify): _____

Type of position you are interested in or have had experience in:

Public Services
 Technical Services
 Other (please specify): _____

Please return this form by June 1, 1992, to: Laine Stambaugh, Knight Library,
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1299 Tel.: 503/346-1895 Fax:
503/346-3094.

QUESTIONS ... & ANSWERS

"We would be grateful if anyone can supply information on the occurrence of the phrase "where there be dragons/beyond here be dragons/beyond this point are monsters/ here be tygers" said to appear on early maps. Our patron is searching for an older map or facsimile on which this phrase actually appears. her primary interest is in ocean areas labeled with the "dragon" phrase. So far we have been unable to locate such a map, only references to the practice of labeling some areas this way. We have tried books of quotations, books on folklore, early maps, etc. Maybe we missed it because our Latin is a little rusty.

"Thanks for your help."

[Send responses to Maureen Farrell, Cleveland Public Library Map Collection, 325 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114-1271, Tel.: 216/623-2800
Internet: gen2@library.cpl.org] (MF)

MISCELLANEOUS

Several folks have sent items that might be of interest to other cartographically-inclined people. These are:

Strum, Charles. "Have Mapmaking Experts' Market-Oriented New Owners Lost True Path?" *New York Times* (National ed.), 30 March 1992. p. A7. (Discusses the sale of General Drafting Company to Family Vacation Services.) (CE)

Gameran, Amy. "World's Most Beautiful Maps." *Wall Street Journal*, 18 February 1992, p. A17. (Discusses mapmaking at Raven Maps.) (JBP)

Churbuck, David. "Geographics." *Forbes*, 6 January 1992. p. 262-267. (Introduces GIS to business managers... takes the view that GIS systems are a tool in the competitive world of business.") (MM)

Johnson, Kevin. "'Mr. World' takes on an Atlas-sized task." **USA Today**, 21 January 1992. p. 4D. (William Fritzmeier, a.k.a. Mr. World, teaches school children about geography.) (CW)

Creason, Glen. "Wherever you go, there you are!" **Los Angeles Public Library SCAN/INFO**, v.4, no.3, December 1991, 7p. ("Basic information in short article, short bibliography and list of organizations...") (CW)

Larsgaard, Mary L. "The World in one's hands: Times Atlas of the World" p. 278-285 in Rettig, James, ed. **Distinguished Classics of Reference Publishing**. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1992. (CW)

A recent letter from Interarts states that "The unification of Germany marked the beginning of boundary changes not seen since the 1960's. Like other map companies, Interarts has been quickly updating its maps to keep up with these changes, making earlier inventory somewhat outdated. In order to keep up with the changes without losing our inventory, Interarts has found a way to recycle our old maps - into map envelopes and gift bags. These items are the first in our World Writes® series, and feature our well known world and USA maps." Both items are available in a variety of sizes and maps. If interested, contact Interarts, Ltd., 15 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138, Tel.: 617/354-4655 or Fax: 617/354-1476 for price lists and details. (AA)

BULK MAIL EXPLANATION

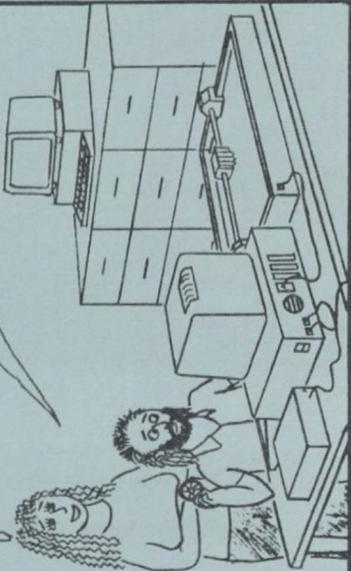
In case you're wondering why we've started sending some of the **base line** issues via bulk mail, the answer is simple; it's cheap. There is, of course, a trade-off. Most of us won't get the issues quite as fast as normal. Still, it saves MAGERT a bundle of bucks to send them bulk, so when we can, we would like to continue doing so. I'd like to ask everyone to let me know when they receive their copy of this issue. (I'm guessing that it will be around the end of April or the first part of May.) All I need is your location and the date you received it. *I'd like to emphasize that the conference issues (June and December) will be sent first class so that you can take them with you to ALA.* Thanks for your help. (Nan Butkovich/Physical Sciences Library/230 Davey Laboratory/Penn State Univ./University Park, PA 16802/Tel.: (814)865-5716/Bitnet: njb@psulias.

GREAT MOMENTS IN MAP LIBRARIANSHIP

THE CUTTING EDGE OF MAP LIBRARIANSHIP...

Do you have a map of San Diego showing households with incomes greater than \$100,000?

Well, I can create one for you. We'll access the base map on the Internet, and the housing data on CD Rom. Then my GIS software will construct the map and the plotter over here will print it.



THE FOXED EDGE OF MAP LIBRARIANSHIP...

Do you have a map of Sandy Eggo?

Yes we do... Let's see... uh where did I put it...?



JIM COOMBS 4/92