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• Chicago, Illinois. For those of you who may not see The American Archivist (published by the Society of American Archivists) regularly, the latest issue, Spring 1990 (vol. 53, no. 2) is a Special Preservation Issue, edited by Anne R. Kenney, Cornell University. Particularly useful are the "Checklist of Standards Applicable to the Preservation of Archives and Manuscripts" and the review essays on "Literature on the Preservation of Non-Paper Materials" and "Audiovisual Resources on Preservation Topics."

• Atlanta, Georgia. The SOLINET Preservation Program has announced the publication of "Choosing and Working with a Conservator" by Jan Paris. This new pamphlet offers sound, broadly applicable guidelines to help institutions and patrons choose the right person or service center, then explains how the client and conservator work together to get the desired results. Single copies may be purchased for $10 prepaid, check payable to SOLINET. Reduced rates are available for multiple copies. Copies may be ordered by mail, SOLINET Preservation Program, 400 Colony Square, Plaza Level, Atlanta, GA 30361-6301 or by fax, (404) 892-7879. For additional information, call SOLINET at (800) 999-8558.

• Washington, D.C. The conference, Preservation of Library and Archival Material, jointly sponsored by the Association of Physical Plant Administrators and the Commission on Preservation and Access, attracted one hundred and two librarians, physical plant personnel, and architects. The conference was designed to foster better working relationships among participant groups in order to improve environmental conditions of library and archives material. The APPA is planning to issue a publication from this conference, which will include the text of the keynote address given by Dr. Billy E. Frye, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of Emory University. For more details contact: Steve Glazner, Director of Communications, APPA, 1446 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3492.

• Washington, D.C. A report on the National Conference on the Development of Statewide Preservation Programs held March 1-3, 1989, at the Library of Congress is available, while supplies last, for $15.00 from the Commission on Preservation and Access. The report was edited by Carolyn Clark Morrow, Harvard’s Malloy-Rabinowitz Preservation Librarian, to be a practical tool for states interested in developing preservation plans. Send a check made payable to “Commission on Preservation and Access” to Trish Cece, Communications Assistant, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 313, Washington, DC 20036-2117.

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State Library Services will support the development of comprehensive preservation plans for the libraries, archives, historical societies, and museums in Maine and Rhode Island.

NEH also provides grants for scientific research undertaken to improve preservation technology and procedures. A grant of $279,012 to the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York will support a project to develop improved archival storage techniques and new methods for detecting the deterioration of microfilm.